

## FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

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ND Medicaid covers forensic services provided to children and adults who may have experienced physical or sexual abuse.

### INITIAL FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SUSPECTED PHYSICAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

The examination must be completed by an enrolled practitioner of the healing arts under their scope of practice and should be billed with the appropriate level E/M CPT® Code 99202-99215 appended with modifier 32 including one of the following ICD10-CM codes:

- T76.12xA – Child Physical Abuse, suspected, initial encounter
- Z04.72 – Encounter for examination and observation following alleged child physical abuse

### NONCOVERED SERVICES

Forensic medical examinations (acute forensic medical examination and child forensic medical examination) performed on an alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct for the purpose of gathering evidence of an alleged crime are not covered by ND Medicaid. Please see [N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-07](#) for information about reimbursement for these examinations from the ND Attorney General.

*Acute forensic medical examination* means an examination performed on an alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct for the purpose of gathering evidence of an alleged crime and is performed within ninety-six hours after the alleged crime unless good cause is shown for the delay in performing the examination. [N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-07](#)

*Child forensic medical examination* means an examination performed on an alleged child victim of criminal sexual conduct for the purpose of gathering evidence of an alleged crime. [N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-07](#)

Preliminary medical screening exam conducted in accordance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) before an acute forensic medical examination or child forensic medical examination are not covered by ND Medicaid. Please see [N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-07](#) for information about reimbursement for these examinations from the ND Attorney General.

EXCEPTION: A preliminary medical screening exam performed for a North Dakota Medicaid-eligible individual who is an alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct which

allegedly occurred in a state other than North Dakota, is billable to North Dakota Medicaid.

Please see the Rehabilitative Services policy in the General Information for Behavioral Health Services section for information related to Assessments for Alleged Abuse and /or neglect and Recommended Plan of Care (formerly known as Forensic Interview).