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Province Announces Victims Services Update

Announcement expands access to services for victims of crime

The Government of Alberta has made [changes to victim services programs](#). These changes include:

- ◆ Access to emergency financial assistance, such as emergency support for domestic violence victims and relocation assistance for human trafficking victims
- ◆ Increase the 45-day limit on applications to two years
- ◆ Increase counselling services to \$12,000
- ◆ Provide extended medical health benefits to victims with serious injuries
- ◆ Provide additional financial supports to victims with severe injuries
- ◆ Provide victims with court attendance reimbursement
- ◆ Reimburse families of homicide victims for funeral expenses

In addition, program delivery will shift to a zonal approach that aligns with the RCMP's districts. These recent updates speak in part to RMA resolution [12-18S: Victim Services Unit Funding](#). The RMA is conducting a full review of the changes and will determine next steps.

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