Present law provides that a healthcare provider must treat any patient who presents themselves for treatment as a victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense and conduct forensic medical exams and preserve any evidence obtained for law enforcement to collect.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that, upon request of a competent adult victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense, the healthcare provider that performed the forensic medical exam shall provide a reproduction of any written documentation which is in the possession of the healthcare provider resulting from the forensic medical exam of the victim.

Proposed law requires the documentation to be provided at no cost to the victim no later than 14 days after the healthcare provider receives the request or the healthcare provider completes the documentation, whichever is later.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:1216.1(G); adds R.S. 40:1216.1(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Requires the reproduction of any written documentation.

2. Specifies that the victim must be a competent adult.