

## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## **PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY**

## County Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART) Has New Billing Process, Effective September 1

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Effective September 1, agencies that refer clients to the <u>County of San Luis Obispo Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART)</u> will no longer be invoiced directly from the SART team, but instead by the Health Agency Billing team. Additionally, instead of individual invoices for each client served, agencies will receive a single monthly invoice for all the clients served that month (identified by private case numbers).

To submit claims, send to:

2180 Johnson Ave. (Attn: Health Agency Billing) San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For questions regarding the new billing process, contact either:

- Jenny Taranto, Supervising Public Health Nurse, at 805-237-3054, or
- Jessy Eilers, Health Agency Medical Biller, at 805-781-4775

## What services does SART provide?

SART helps people who have experienced sexual assault, child abuse, or neglect by providing immediate and compassionate medical exams. Forensic medical exams are available with or without law enforcement involved. The service is provided at no cost to the patient and in most cases is invoiced to the referring agency (law enforcement, Lumina Alliance, Child Welfare Services, or similar agencies). SART is available at any time at the County SART office in San Luis Obispo.

If your agency would like to connect with the team about referring survivors to SART services, please contact the SART office Monday–Friday, between 8 a.m.–5 p.m. by calling 805-781-4878.

For general information about this service, visit www.slocounty.gov/sart