

# **California Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program**

#### SUMMARY

This Program provides monetary compensation (apx. \$25,000) to survivors who were sterilized in California mental institutions between 1909 to 1979; and survivors who were involuntarily sterilized in state prisons after 1979. The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) administers the Program and will accept applications until December 31, 2023.

If you, or someone you know, may have been sterilized in a state-run facility, apply to CalVCB to have your records reviewed.

### ELIGIBILITY

Two groups of people are eligible for compensation:

- Surviving individuals who were sterilized in a California state hospital, home, or mental institution between 1909 and 1979, and
- Surviving individuals who were sterilized without proper consent by the California Department of Corrections after 1979.

**Unsure if you are eligible?** Still apply. If you suspect you may have been sterilized, you can submit an application to have your records reviewed.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Call CalVCB toll-free at <u>1-800-777-9229</u> or visit <u>victims.ca.gov/fiscp</u> to download an application. Complete the application electronically or by hand, and then submit it by email, fax, or mail:

#### Email:

FISCP@victims.ca.gov

Mail: PO Box 591 Sacramento, CA 95812-0591

**Fax:** 916-491-6429

## **NEED HELP?**

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#### **CONFIDENTIALITY & BENEFITS**

Applying for compensation is completely confidential. Compensation will <u>not</u> affect your Medicaid, Social Security, Food Assistance, or other federal or state benefits. Compensation will <u>not</u> be considered income for state tax purposes or for community property, child support, restitution or a money judgment.