SANE Telehealth Network

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What is SAFE-T?
• SANE- Sexual assault nurse examiner
• SAFE- Sexual assault forensic exam
• SAFE-T- Sexual assault forensic exam via telehealth
• Trauma informed care anytime, anywhere
• Consultation with SANE providers
• Assistance with the SAFE process
• Training and education
• Ongoing support
Why SAFE-T?
• 2,976 reported cases of sexual assault in 2019

• More than half of Missouri counties do not have local SANE availability

• Many survivors will not travel or wait for a SANE to come to them

• It’s the law
• DHSS must
  • Establish a statewide SANE telehealth network
  • Offer training and technical assistance
  • Publish a yearly report
  • Consult with stakeholders
• Survivors are entitled to an advocate during an exam
• Hospitals must offer exams within six months from the launch of the network

Who is going to perform our exams?
How does SAFE-T work?
Hub and Satellite Model

Creating a network of Support
What will hospitals need to do?
Hospital Requirements

Train Staff
Offer Forensic Exams
Report Data
Hospitals with Current 24/7 Coverage

What Option Do We Have

No Changes
Organization Hub
Become a State Hub
Hospitals with Limited Coverage

What Option Do We Have?

- No Changes
- Increase Coverage
- Become a Satellite
Hospitals with No SANE Coverage

What Option Do We Have?

Become a Satellite

Develop a Program

SANE training for Prescribers
How much space do we need?
- A safe space for survivors to wait if a room isn’t available
  - Can be a consult room
- A room to conduct exams
  - Can be any exam room
- A place to store evidence
  - A locked cabinet away from public areas
  - Will need separate storage for unused kits
- A place to store the teleSANE cart
What will DHSS be Providing?
Support Survivors

Connectivity And Consultation

Protocols, Paperwork and Equipment

Training and Nursing Support
What’s the proposed timeline?
Justice for Survivors Act Passed
This act creates the authority for the telehealth network but did not include funds to start the work.

Updates to Legislation Passed
Changes include that training must be available online and that hospitals do not need to implement requirements until DHSS establishes the network.

General Revenue Funds Appropriated
The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services received authority to begin contracts and hire a full time employee to begin the work.
DHSS will contract with pilot sites to ensure successful implementation of the statewide SANE Telehealth network.

Hospitals across the state will have access to the SANE Telehealth Network. January 2024 is a tentative timeline.

Legislation requires hospitals to provide forensic exams using the network or in-person within six months of network launch.

Information on data reporting requirements will be shared no later than network launch date.
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