

- **"Forensic laboratory"** means a publicly financed laboratory within the state that conducts forensic analysis on items of evidence that are part of or have the potential to be used in a criminal investigation. The term does not include the following laboratories:
 - (i) medical examiners and coroners;
 - (ii) educational institutions; and
 - (iii) clinical laboratories and medical facilities
- **"Patient"** means a person who consents to a sexual assault examination.
- **"Release form"** means a document provided by the hospital to the patient at the time of the sexual assault examination that gives the patient the option of authorizing, in writing, the release of the kit to law enforcement.
- **"Restricted sexual assault examination kit"** means a kit that does not have an accompanying release form signed by the patient authorizing law enforcement to submit the kit to a forensic laboratory. A health care professional shall provide the patient with information about how to convert a restricted sexual assault examination kit to unrestricted status.
- **"Sexual assault examination kit"** means a collection of evidence, including biological material, gathered from a patient by a health care professional.
- **"Submitted sexual assault examination kit"** means an unrestricted kit that has been submitted by law enforcement to a forensic laboratory.
- **"Unrestricted sexual assault examination kit"** means a kit that has an accompanying **release form** signed by the patient allowing law enforcement to submit the kit to a forensic laboratory.
- **"Unsubmitted sexual assault examination kit"** means an unrestricted kit that has not been submitted by law enforcement to a forensic laboratory.