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DOJ/MLARS REMISSION PETITION DUE

~~2/2/2026~~ 3/31/2026

$215M **UNPRECEDENTED**
AND NOT ENOUGH

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Seized Websites

TRAFFICKING TIMEFRAME

JAN 2004 – APRIL 6, 2018
APRIL 8, 2018 – JUNE 10, 2020

IMPACTS OF TRAFFICKING

MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION OF PAST INJURIES DURING TRAFFICKING
FORWARD LOOKING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT PLANS

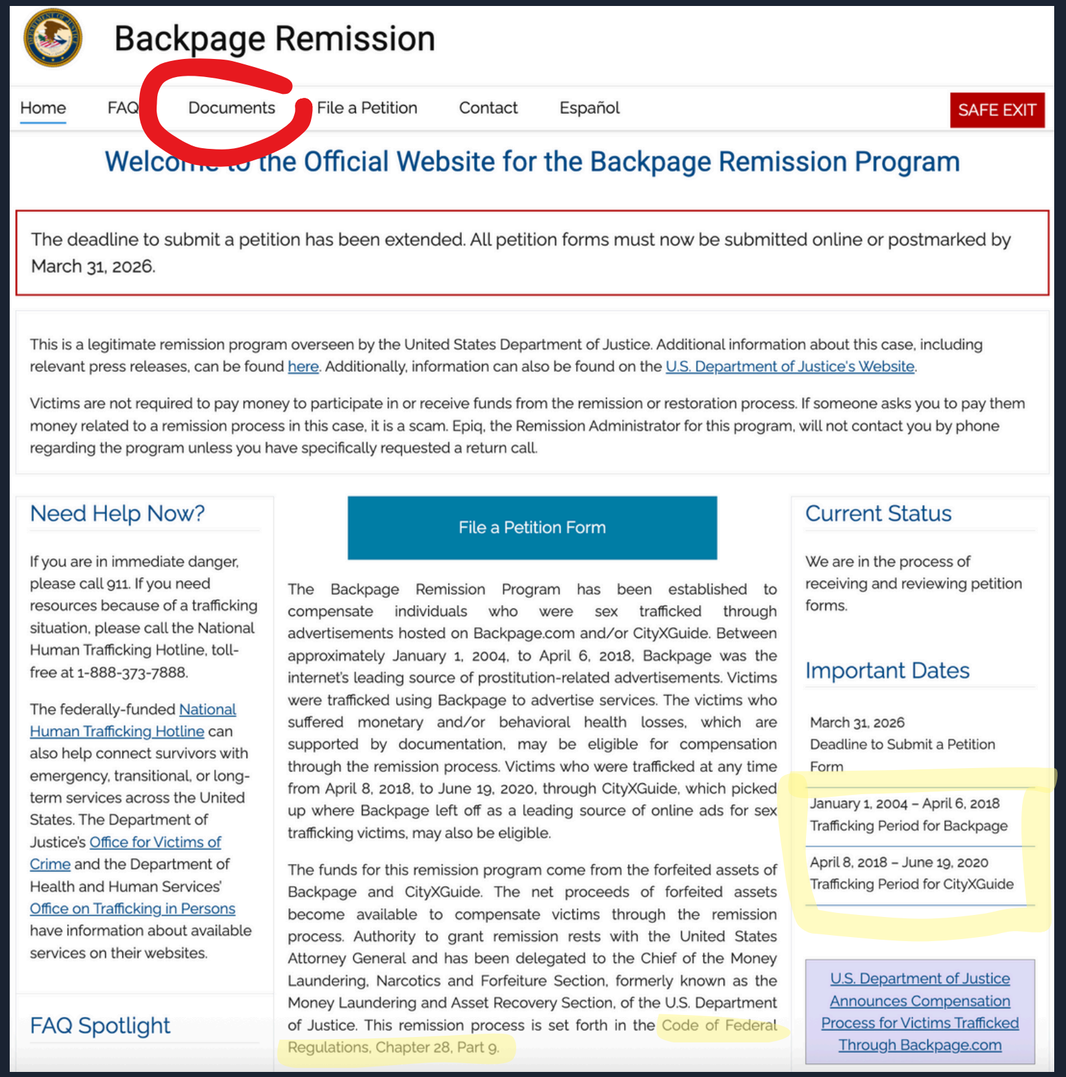
PRIOR AWARDS

PAST VICTIM COMP CLAIMS, RESTITUTION AND SETTLEMENTS

Introduction to Remission

Epiq Global is Administrator and has launched backpageremission.com

Code of Federal Regulation
Chapter 28 Part 9
See “Victim Remission”



PETITION FORM AND WEBSITE ARE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

For pdf versions go to “Documents” tab

Claim Progression

INTERVIEWS & RECORD GATHERING WEEK 1

Conduct initial interviews to gather essential claimant information and exposure details for the petition.

Request records to establish eligibility and/or to make claims for related injuries.

Be sure client requests billing records for medical. (CHARTSQUAD.com)

TIMELINES, DECLARATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS WEEK 2-3

Develop a timeline of trafficking dates and time being unpaid. This will be used by DOJ to calculate unpaid wages.

NOTE: Trafficker need NOT be present for trafficking to continue.

Specialist and assessment appointments for client.

COMPLETE PETITION AND REVIEW WITH CLIENT WEEK 3-4

Complete declarations and explain the next steps to client.

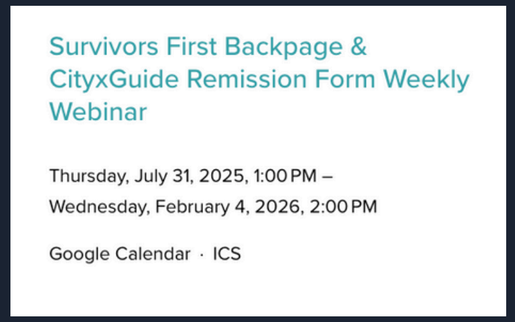
Should the petition be denied or claimant found to NOT be eligible what are next steps?

Declaration by claimant if possible and by attorney.

Within time constraints the best petition possible is submitted.

Initial Meetings

These are typically done virtually.



Ensure there are supports the claimant has in place.

Explain the process and expected timeframe so meetings can be preset on calendar for next steps.

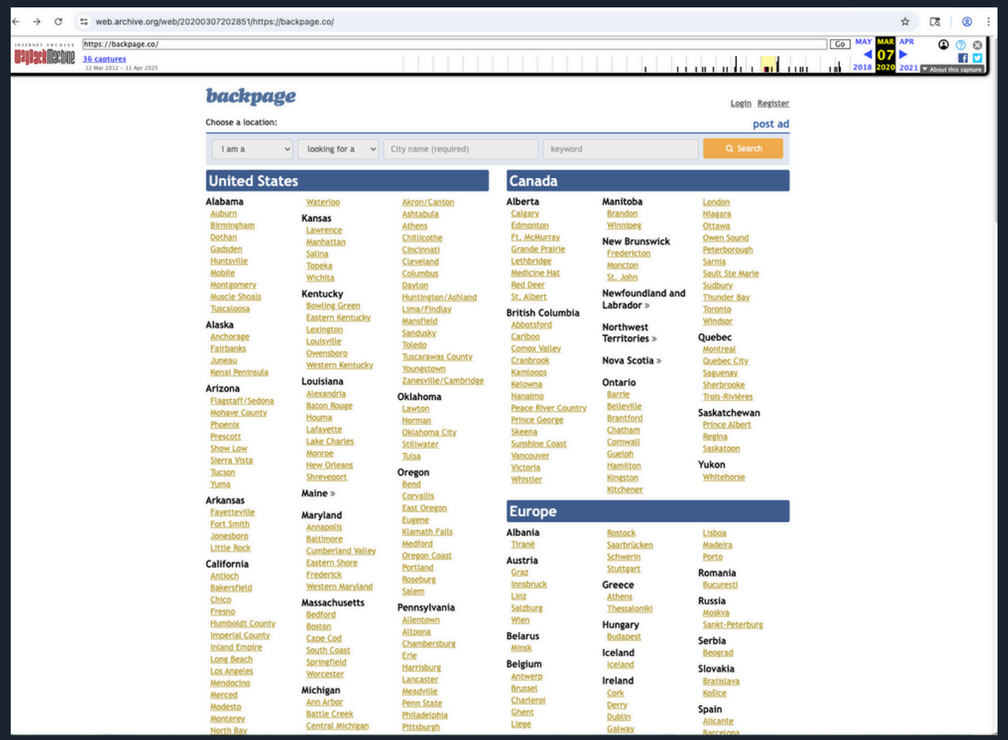
Begin to gather evidence right away.

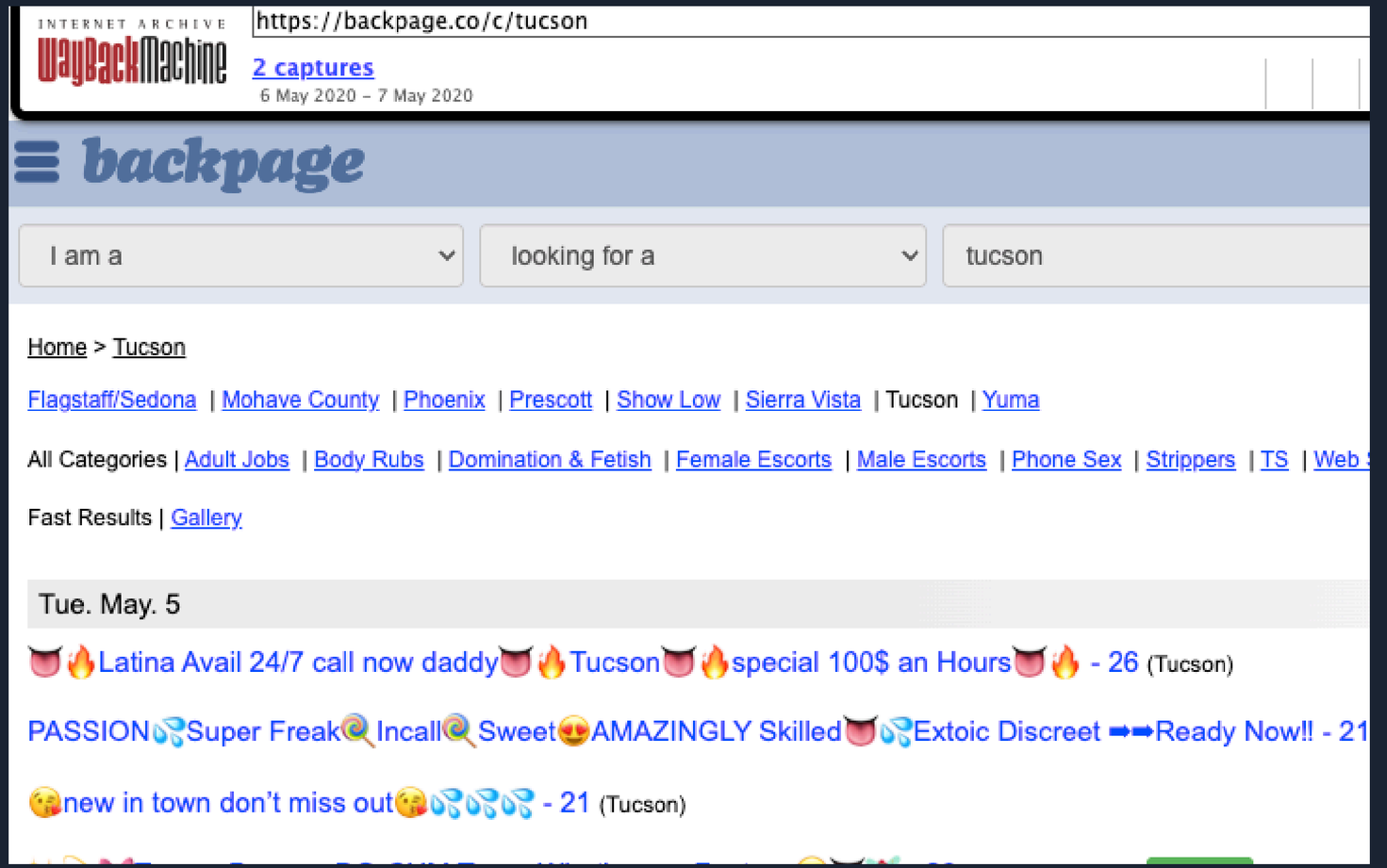
Deceased, special handling need to create estate.

Eligibility “proof”

Including but not limited to:

- Actual images of advertisements (NO CSAM and can redact)
- Phone numbers used*
- Emails used
- Specific language used
- Clothing if recall, or others in image
- Locations where ads were placed





Records

Tracking down records can be difficult and takes time

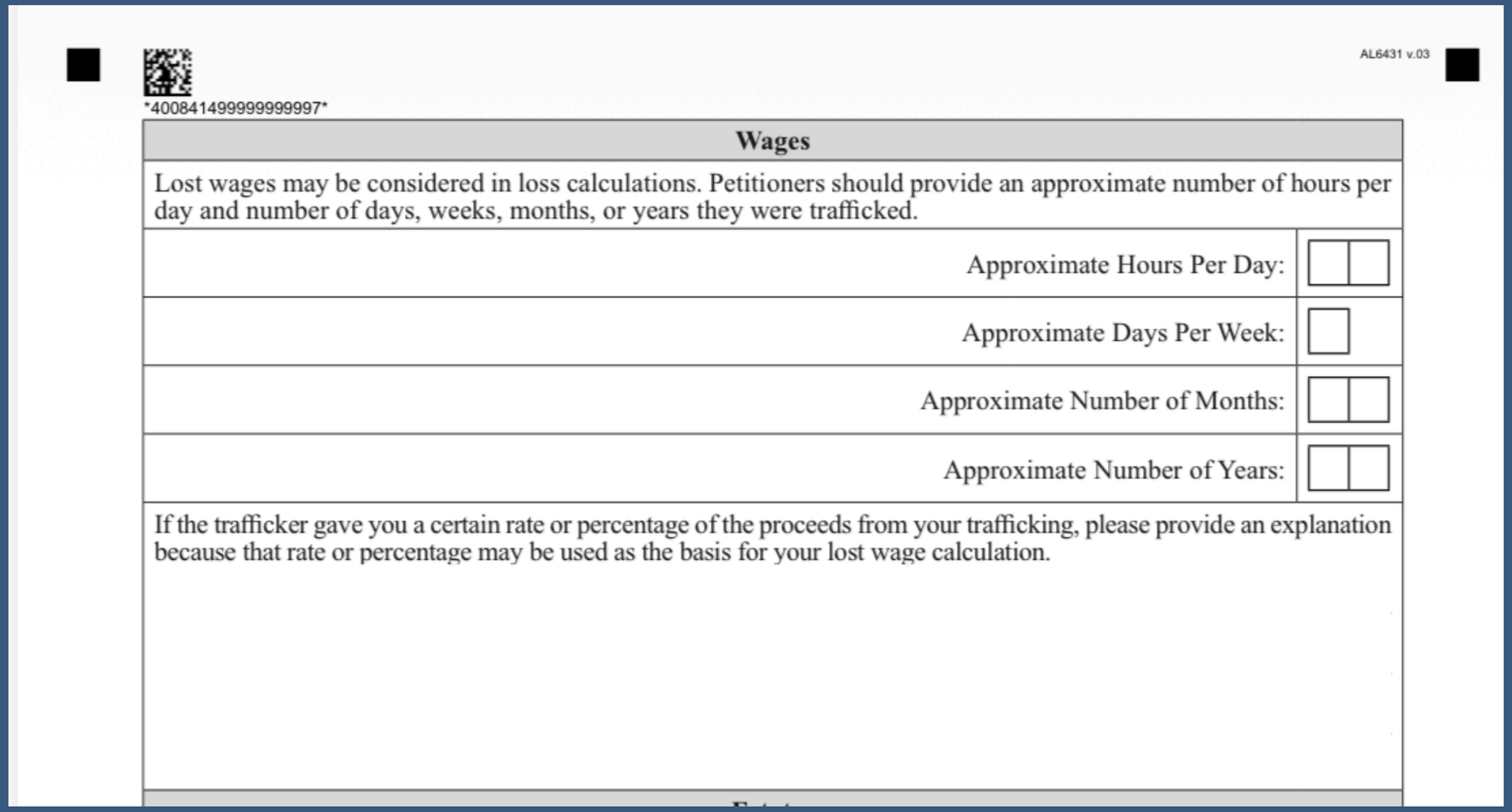
Foster care and probation records

Law enforcement, if client still has connections with LE consider affidavits

Medical records for determining injuries related to trafficking

ChartSquad.com – helps keep cost down

Wages



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Wages	
Lost wages may be considered in loss calculations. Petitioners should provide an approximate number of hours per day and number of days, weeks, months, or years they were trafficked.	
Approximate Hours Per Day:	
Approximate Days Per Week:	
Approximate Number of Months:	
Approximate Number of Years:	
If the trafficker gave you a certain rate or percentage of the proceeds from your trafficking, please provide an explanation because that rate or percentage may be used as the basis for your lost wage calculation.	

CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTING WITH A DECLARATION

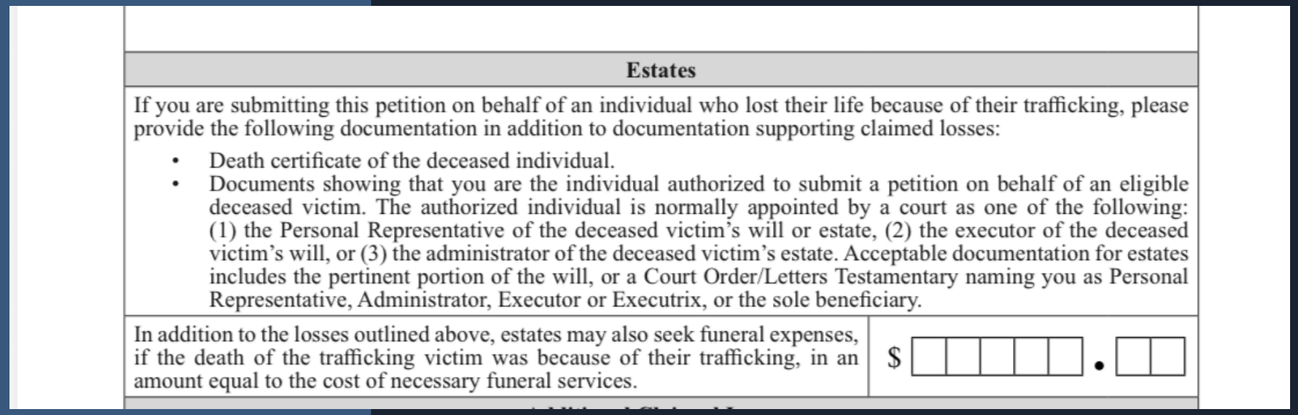
What were hours worked per day? What were locations and travel requirements? If money was “received” was it used to further trafficking? Hotels, ads, etc.

Deceased

Death certificates

Funeral costs

Question out now about future needs of children and family members, such as counseling



Estates	
If you are submitting this petition on behalf of an individual who lost their life because of their trafficking, please provide the following documentation in addition to documentation supporting claimed losses: • Death certificate of the deceased individual. • Documents showing that you are the individual authorized to submit a petition on behalf of an eligible deceased victim. The authorized individual is normally appointed by a court as one of the following: (1) the Personal Representative of the deceased victim's will or estate, (2) the executor of the deceased victim's will, or (3) the administrator of the deceased victim's estate. Acceptable documentation for estates includes the pertinent portion of the will, or a Court Order/Letters Testamentary naming you as Personal Representative, Administrator, Executor or Executrix, or the sole beneficiary.	
In addition to the losses outlined above, estates may also seek funeral expenses, if the death of the trafficking victim was because of their trafficking, in an amount equal to the cost of necessary funeral services.	$ ☐☐☐☐☐ . ☐☐

Medical

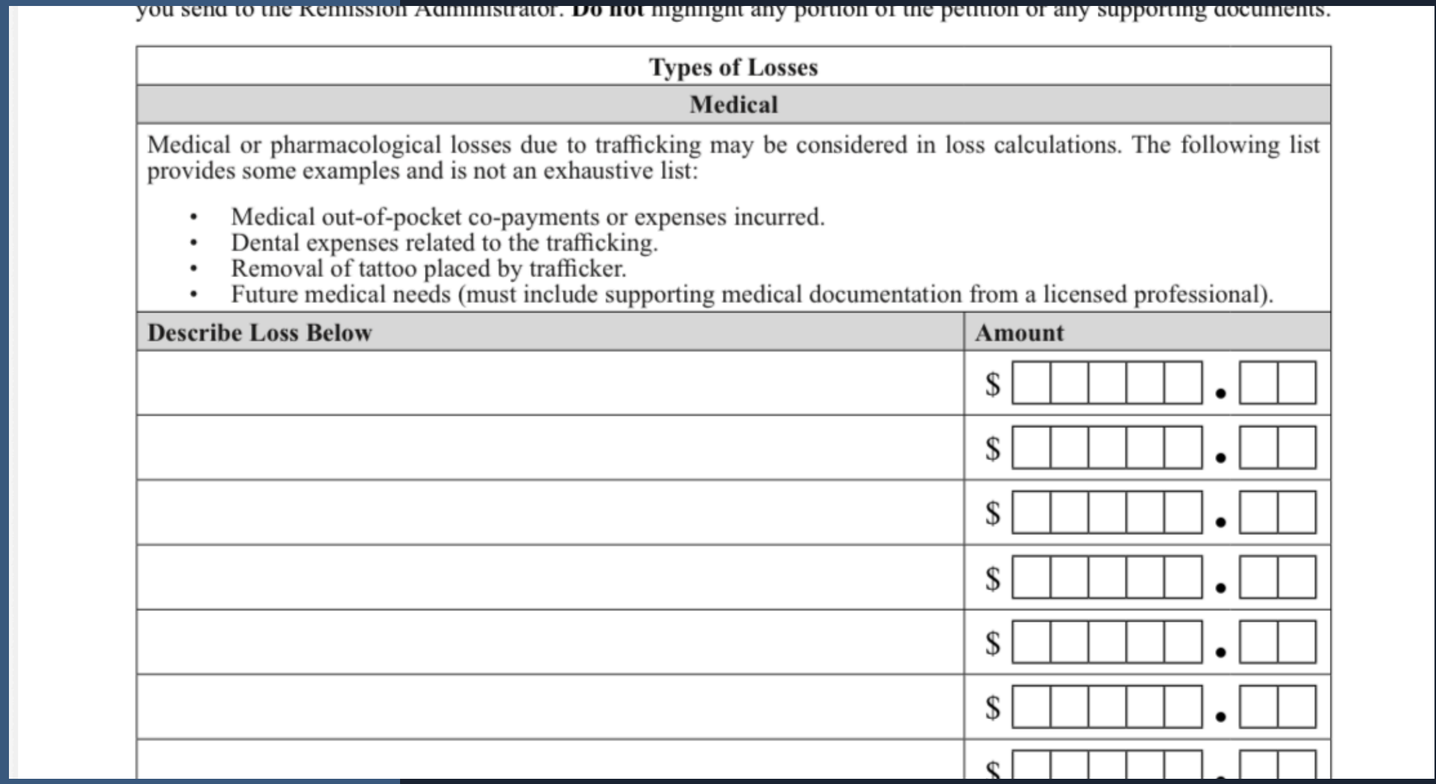
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Past:

- Medical bills
- Dental expenses
- Removal of tattoos placed by

Future:

Future medical needs (must include supporting medical documentation from a licensed professional)



you send to the Remission Administrator. **Do not** highlight any portion of the petition or any supporting documents.

Types of Losses	
Medical	
Medical or pharmacological losses due to trafficking may be considered in loss calculations. The following list provides some examples and is not an exhaustive list: • Medical out-of-pocket co-payments or expenses incurred. • Dental expenses related to the trafficking. • Removal of tattoo placed by trafficker. • Future medical needs (must include supporting medical documentation from a licensed professional).	
Describe Loss Below	**Amount**
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Future Costs

Future “medical needs”: Medical documentation is required to support future medical costs. Collaborating with medical professionals is crucial for building a compelling case.

Future “behavioral health needs”: requires a “treatment plan” that is signed by a licensed professional and often will be accompanied by estimate of costs, but not required, this can be calculated separately.

Organizing and Utilizing Records

MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

Relates injuries and required to support request for future medical costs

MEDICAL BILLING

Paid, unpaid and in collections, or to establish what future costs will be

CLAIMANT WORK HX

Unpaid wages will be calculated by DOJ based on “hours, days, months, years” of unpaid work

Final Calculations and Completion

The **accuracy and thoroughness** in finalizing calculations for the petition, and ensuring all necessary components are reviewed before submission.

Unique Considerations

This section addresses **important factors** attorneys should note, including:

1. Missed CityXGuide restitution claims,
2. Ads purchased with Bitcoin purchases,
3. Fees and costs (vs) Pro Bono Network
4. Already completed a petition and need to supplement and/or withdrawal
5. No SSN or TIN (submitting online with 00-000-0000)
6. Requests for more time

Resources

BACKPAGEREMISSION.COM

Epiq Administrator

MEDICAL SAFE HAVEN CLINICS

dignityhealth.org/mshclinic
backpageremission@cashsac.org

CARISSA PHELPS

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You Don't Need to Report, Testify, or Identify

No Prior Reporting Required

You do **not** need to have reported your trafficking to law enforcement to be eligible for compensation.

No Testimony Needed

You do **not** need to testify or worry about statute of limitations issues.

No Trafficker Identification

You do **not** need to identify your trafficker in your Petition Form.

- form already submitted online?
- money received from a trafficker?
- no receipts for past expenses?
- disclosure of diagnosis?
- a settlement or award that is confidential?