

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**  
**DECREE**

«26» October 2017, № 1367-N

**ON ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE AND TERMS FOR PROVIDING PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO  
VICTIMS OF TORTURE**

Based on article 1087.3 (3) of the Civil Code of the Republic of Armenia, the Government of the Republic of Armenia shall **decree**:

1. To establish the procedure and terms for the provision of psychological assistance services to victims of torture in accordance with the addendum hereto;
2. This Decree shall become effective from the day following its official publication.

**PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA: K. KARAPETYAN**  
**2 November 2017**

**PROCEDURE AND TERMS**  
**FOR PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF TORTURE**

1. This procedure shall regulate the procedure and terms for the provision of psychological assistance services to victims of torture.
2. As part of the rehabilitation prescribed under the Legislation of the Republic of Armenia, victims of torture shall be provided with psychological assistance services, if they wish so.
3. The specialized center providing psychological assistance services to victims of torture (hereinafter referred to as Center) shall have at least three qualified psychologists and a minimum of three years of professional experience. The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia shall enter into an agreement with the Center for the provision of psychological assistance services.
4. Psychological assistance services shall be provided to victims of torture free of charge.
5. The provision of psychological assistance services to victims of torture shall be organized at the center by a specialist with relevant qualification.
6. Where it is impossible for the victim of torture to receive the said services at the Center, such services shall be provided to the victim at his/her location.
7. In the event referred to in paragraph 6 of this Procedure, the safety of the specialist of the Center and the provision of a consultation room for the proper provision of psychological assistance services shall be insured by the administrative staff at the location of the victim.
8. Psychological assistance services shall be provided to victims of torture within a reasonable timeframe following the written report to the Center concerning the alleged torture.
9. The following persons shall be allowed to apply for the provision of psychological assistance services for victims of torture:
  - 1) victim of torture;
  - 2) authority conducting the proceedings;

3) close relatives of the victim of torture or other interested parties.

10. Where more than one application for provision of psychological assistance services is filed, the specialists of the Center shall provide service according to priorities based on the condition of the victim by assessing the needs of the victims of torture and their psychological condition and by compiling a schedule for provision of such services.

11. Depending on the individual program for the provision of services developed by specialists, psychological assistance services shall be provided through a single or regular visits until the victim's psychological rehabilitation is achieved.

12. Psychological assistance services shall be provided through both traditional and alternative intervention according to the individual program developed by a specialist.

13. The Center shall keep a registry book for registration of the applications filed with the Center for the provision of services to victims of torture. A sample of such registry book shall be enclosed as an addendum to the agreement to be signed with the Center.

**Head of Staff of the Government of the Republic of Armenia: V. Stepanyan**

**Entered into force on 9 November 2017**