

Sullivan County Department of Public Health

<u>Title:</u> Abuse and Neglect Reporting	Original Approval:
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Statement/ Purpose:

Ensure patient safety and provide a means for reporting any suspected abuse or neglect.

Authority:

OCFS Pub-1159; Social Services Law Article 6; CoP 484.50(c)(3), 484.50(c)(9), 484.50(c)(10), 484.5(e), 484.5(e)(1)

Application:

All SCDPH clinical staff

Terminology:

Abuse in Children: A parent or guardian “inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the patient a serious physical injury, OR creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury, OR commits or allows to be committed against the child a sexual offense as defined in the Penal Law”.

Maltreatment (Neglect) in Children: Maltreatment means that a child’s physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired, or placed in imminent danger of impairment by the failure of the child’s parent or other person legally responsible to exercise a minimum degree of care by: failing to provide sufficient food, clothing, shelter, education, OR failing to provide proper supervision, guardianship, or medical care, OR inflicting excessive corporal punishment, abandoning the child, or misusing alcohol or other drugs to the extent that the child was placed in imminent danger.

Passive Neglect for adult patients The non-willful failure of a caregiver to fulfill his/ her care-taking functions and responsibilities because of inadequate caregiver knowledge, infirmity or disputing the value of prescribed services.

Active Neglect for adult patients: The willful failure by the caregiver to fulfill the care-taking functions and responsibilities assumed by them, including failure to; provide for food, clothing or shelter, provide access to medial surgical, or long term care, provide assistance with the activities of daily living, mismanaging financial affairs on the patient’s behalf.

Self-Neglect: The inability, due to physical and/or mental impairments, to perform tasks essential to care for oneself, including; providing essential food, clothing, shelter, and accessing medical care; obtaining goods and services necessary to maintain physical health; managing financial affairs.

Responsible Party:

Director of Patient Services

Cross-Reference:

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Procedure:

Children:

1. Mandatory reporters for children will report suspected abuse and maltreatment to:
Child Protective Services Division Hotline number:
New York State - 1-800-635-1522 (Mandated Reporters only)
New York State Register - 1-800-342-3720 (Public Hotline #)
2. Complete New York State Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Maltreatment. One copy is filed in miscellaneous section of patient's chart. The remaining copies are then forwarded to the supervisor of the Department of Family Services Child Protective Service Department.
3. All observations, discussions with patient/family, interventions/contacts are to be documented in the Narrative of the patient chart.

Adults:

1. Provide written information, to all suspected or confirmed adult domestic violence victims, of their legal rights and remedies available.
2. Notify Supervisor and complete Protective Service Adult (PSA) Referral Form and forward form to PSA Supervisor. RN is responsible to follow-up with Adult Protective Service department for findings.
3. A copy of Referral form is filed in the miscellaneous section of the patient chart.
4. All interventions, discussions with patient/ family, contacts, and observations are to be documented in the Narrative of the patient chart.