

SECTION 2006 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:	In accordance with O.C.G.A. §30-5-5, Adult Protective Services (APS) shall acknowledge the receipt of all APS reports in writing to the person making the report within 10 calendar days.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>It is unlawful for a mandated reporter to knowingly and willfully fail to report adult abuse. Mandated reporters who fail to make a report can be found guilty of a misdemeanor O.C.G.A. § 30-5-8(b). The Acknowledgement letter serves as verification for the reporter that a report was made to Adult Protective Services in accordance with O.C.G.A. §30-5-4.</p> <p>The reporter can verbally waive the receipt of an acknowledgement letter. Waivers of acknowledgement shall be documented in the APS intake report.</p>
PROCEDURES	<p>Unless waived by the reporter, APS State Office staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate the acknowledgement letter within the DAS Data System (DDS) • Send the standard written acknowledgement letter to the reporter.
REFERENCES	<p><u><i>Disabled Adult and Elder Persons Protection Act O.C.G.A. §30-5-4, §30-5-5 and §30-5-8</i></u></p>