

SECTION 4004 – NEW ALLEGATIONS DURING ON-GOING CASE MANAGEMENT

SUMMARY STATEMENT:	If a report of a disabled adult or elder person's abuse, neglect, or exploitation is made to an adult protection agency or independently discovered by the agency, then the agency shall immediately make a reasonable determination based on available information as to whether the incident alleges actions by an individual, other than the disabled adult or elder person, that constitute a crime and include such information in their report. If a crime is suspected, the report shall immediately be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney. (Refer to O.C.G.A. § 30-5-4(b)(1)(A))
BASIC CONSIDERATION	Procedures will be the same for both Short-term and Standard On-going Services.
PROCEDURE	<p>Law Enforcement Reporting Requirements</p> <p>If a new allegation is reported to Adult Protective Services (APS) via Central intake or independently discovered by APS, the electronic report shall be sent to Law Enforcement within 1 business day of APS becoming aware of the situation.</p> <p>Allegations shall be forwarded to Law Enforcement via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Intake Intervention Report; or • When independently discovered by APS field staff, by completion of the New Allegation form <p>Investigation of Allegation</p> <p>The On-going Case Manager shall investigate all new allegations. Investigations shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to Face contact with client within 5 calendar days of the discovery of the new allegation; • Completion of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation Assessment; and • Completion and reporting of Disabled Adult and Elder Persons Abuse Report (DAAR) if allegations are substantiated. <p><i>(Refer to Chapter 3 of this manual for policy and procedures regarding reports to Law Enforcement)</i></p>