



**Mississippi Department of Mental Health**  
**Provider Bulletin**  
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**Subject: Mandated Reporting of Abuse and Neglect**

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**Scope**

All DMH Certified Providers

**Purpose**

This joint bulletin from the MS Department of Mental Health (DMH) Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE) Review Board and the DMH Division of PLACE serves as a reminder to our Providers of Mandated Reporting of Abuse and Neglect.

**Subject**

Due to recent matters that have come before the DMH PLACE Review Board and the Department of Mental Health this bulletin is being issued as a reminder regarding mandated reporting of abuse and neglect.

- In accordance with *DMH Operational Standards* regarding “Breaches of ethical or moral conduct toward people, their families, or other vulnerable people, include but are not limited to, the following situations from which an agency provider is prohibited from engaging”, Rule 14.3.B.14, states a breach as, “Failure to report suspected or confirmed abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving services in accordance with state reporting laws to include (but not limited to) the Vulnerable Persons Act and Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting requirements.”
- In accordance with *DMH PLACE Professional Rules & Requirements, Principles of Ethical and Professional Conduct*, Rule 18.14.G.1, states “DMH-credentialed individuals must meet reporting requirements as outlined by the Vulnerable Persons Act and the Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting statutes.”

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