

## **G488**

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**§484.50(e)(2) Any HHA staff (whether employed directly or under arrangements) in the normal course of providing services to patients, who identifies, notices, or recognizes incidences or circumstances of mistreatment, neglect, verbal, mental, sexual, and/or physical abuse, including injuries of unknown source, or misappropriation of patient property, must report these findings immediately to the HHA and other appropriate authorities in accordance with state law.**

### **Interpretive Guidelines: §484.50(e)(2)**

Immediately means reporting without delay. The interim time between discovery and reporting an incident may be influenced by the individual situation. However, the reporting must be accomplished as soon as possible following the discovery.