## L511 (Rev. 210; Issued:02-03-23; Effective:02-03-23; Implementation:02-03-23)

§418.52(b)(4)(iv) Ensure that verified violations are reported to State and local bodies having jurisdiction (including to the state survey and certification agency) within 5 working days of becoming aware of the violation.

## **Interpretive Guidelines §418.52(b)(4)(iv)**

The hospice has 5 working days from becoming aware of the violation to investigate any alleged violations and, if the alleged violation is verified, it must report the verified violation to the State and local bodies having jurisdiction within those 5 days. If State requirements for reporting verified violations are more stringent than Federal requirements, the more stringent State requirements take precedence. The stringent State requirements may be those that require violations to be reported regardless of whether they are verified or not, or requirements that verified violations be reported in less than 5 days. However, if State requirements are less stringent than Federal requirements, the Federal requirements take precedence.