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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, as soon as possible following the discovery. *States commonly have mandatory reporting requirements for providers, suppliers, and individuals making them legally responsible to report suspicions of abuse and neglect to appropriate State authorities. These entities and individuals should follow existing mandatory reporting requirements in their State in addition to any applicable Federal requirements. Action or inaction on the part of a provider or supplier to follow*

*mandatory reporting requirements does not preclude an employee from fulfilling their reporting obligations.*