

17—9.12 (231) Complaints referred from the department of inspections and appeals. The following procedures shall apply to complaints received or initiated by the department of inspections and appeals and referred to the department on aging for investigation by a resident advocate committee.

9.12(1) Confidentiality. Information that may identify the complainant or resident shall be confidential.

9.12(2) Notification. Depending on the circumstances in each instance, the state long-term care ombudsman program shall provide adequate verbal information within three days to a member of the appropriate resident advocate committee so that an investigation may proceed. Written notification shall be provided within seven days.

9.12(3) Investigation. Investigation of the complaint or grievance shall be conducted in accordance with rule 17—9.11(231).

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