

481—52.3(235E) Reports and registry of dependent adult abuse.

52.3(1) *Receipt and evaluation of reports.* The department shall receive and evaluate reports of dependent adult abuse in facilities and programs. The department shall inform the department of human services of such evaluations and dispositions for inclusion in the central registry for dependent adult abuse information pursuant to Iowa Code section 235B.5.

52.3(2) *Reports sent to the department or the department of human services.* Any person who believes that a dependent adult has suffered dependent adult abuse may report the suspected dependent adult abuse to the department. The department shall transfer any reports received of dependent adult abuse in the community to the department of human services in accordance with Iowa Code section 235E.2(5).

52.3(3) *Reports of abuse that is minor, isolated, and unlikely to reoccur.*

a. Minor, isolated, and unlikely to reoccur—first instance. A report of dependent adult abuse that meets the definition of “dependent adult abuse” as defined in Iowa Code section 235E.1(5) “a”(1)(a) or (d), or section 235E.1(5) “a”(3), which the department determines is minor, isolated, and unlikely to reoccur shall be collected and maintained by the department of human services for a five-year period, shall not be included in the central registry, and shall not be considered founded dependent adult abuse.

b. Minor, isolated, and unlikely to reoccur—subsequent instance(s). A subsequent report of dependent adult abuse that meets the definition of “dependent adult abuse” as defined in Iowa Code section 235E.1(5) “a”(1)(a) or (d), or section 235E.1(5) “a”(3), that occurs within the five-year period, and that is committed by the same caretaker may also be considered minor, isolated, and unlikely to reoccur, depending on the totality of circumstances.

c. Retention of reports. All initial and subsequent reports are collected and maintained by the department of human services until a five-year period has expired, so long as no additional reports have been filed.

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