Title 22, §4011-A, Reporting of suspected abuse or neglect

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§4011-A. Reporting of suspected abuse or neglect

1. Required report to department. The following adult persons shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department when the person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected: [2001, c. 345, §5 (new).]

   1. Required report to department.
      A. When acting in a professional capacity: [2001, c. 345, §5 (new).]
         (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern;
         (2) An emergency medical services person;
         (3) A medical examiner;
         (4) A physician's assistant;
         (5) A dentist;
         (6) A dental hygienist;
         (7) A dental assistant;
         (8) A chiropractor;
         (9) A podiatrist;
         (10) A registered or licensed practical nurse;
         (11) A teacher;
         (12) A guidance counselor;
         (13) A school official;
         (14) A children's summer camp administrator or counselor;
         (15) A social worker;
         (16) A court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem for the child;
         (17) A homemaker;
         (18) A home health aide;
         (19) A medical or social service worker;
         (20) A psychologist;
         (21) Child care personnel;
         (22) A mental health professional;
         (23) A law enforcement official;
         (24) A state or municipal fire inspector;
         (25) A municipal code enforcement official;
         (26) A commercial film and photographic print processor;
         (27) A clergy member acquiring the information as a result of clerical professional work except for information received during confidential communications; or
A. The taking of photographs must be done with minimal trauma to the child and in a manner consistent with professional standards. The parent’s or custodian’s consent to the taking of photographs is not required. [2001, c. 345, §5 (new).]

B. Photographs must be made available to the department as soon as possible. The department shall pay the reasonable costs of the photographs from funds appropriated for child welfare services. [2001, c. 345, §5 (new).]

C. The person shall notify the department as soon as possible if that person is unable to take, or cause to be taken, these photographs. [2001, c. 345, §5 (new).]
D. Designated agents of the department may take photographs of any subject matter when necessary and relevant to an investigation of a report of suspected abuse or neglect or to subsequent child protection proceedings. [2001, c. 345, §5 (new).]