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Memo 26-48

To: Administrators, Directors of Nursing Services, Medical Directors, Infection Preventionists, and QA Committee Members

From: Mary Gracey-White BSN, RN, QCP, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, Director of Regulatory Compliance

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Re: NYSDOH DAL 26-05: Updated Incident Reporting Manual

The Office of Aging and Long-Term Care has released a new **Nursing Home Incident Reporting Manual**, attached to this Memo, to support improved compliance. GNYHCFA has previously asked NYSDOH to revise the 2016 Incident Reporting Manual to align with federal updates. The [DAL 26-05](#) indicates that more than 100 incident reporting citations were issued to 96 nursing homes since October 1, 2025. The Manual outlines reporting scenarios, specific duties under state and federal law, and key contact information for administrators. It also highlights expectations for reporting by specific individuals consistent with the Elder Justice Act, Patient Abuse Reporting Law, and Safe Medical Device Act.

Please ensure that administrators, Directors of Nursing Services, Medical Directors, Infection Preventionists, and QA Committee members review the attached Manual and keep it readily accessible for incident reporting reference.

According to NYSDOH, the Manual will be updated as needed to reflect changes in federal regulations, state statutes and regulations, or additional practical clarification based on feedback. If you have any questions, please contact the Association or the Division of Residential Support, Bureau of Intake Management, at nhFRI@health.ny.gov.