

SECTION: NURSING SERVICES

POLICY: 444-Mandatory Reporting of suspected child abuse/neglect/endangerment

PURPOSE: To protect the health and welfare of children that are known or suspected to be in a situation of danger, abuse or neglect and protect to them from further harm.

Policy:

1. Members of CVHD nursing staff are considered to be mandatory reporters as defined by NDCC 50-25.1
2. When discovering a situation of suspected abuse or neglect the staff nurse will interview the child to gather further information.
3. The County Social Service office should be notified of the suspected concern
4. Complete a suspected abuse report of the incident using the SNF 960 reporting form.
5. Be as factual as possible in completing the report.
6. Mail or deliver the original report to the local county social service department.
7. Retain a copy of the report at CVHD.