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SUBJECT: Long Term Care Provider Bulletin No. 2012-2-1
Department of State Referrals of Licensed Professionals
when allegations have been unsubstantiated by Facility

TO: Nursing Home Administrators

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At the direction of the Division of Nursing Care Facilities (DNCF), facilities have been advised to refer any licensed professional (any professional licensed by the Department of State, i.e. RN's, LPN's, etc.) to the Department of State (DOS) for all allegations of abuse regardless of the outcome of the facility's investigation.

After thorough review of this guidance, the DNCF has concluded that facilities that have determined, through a thorough investigation, that the allegations against a licensed professional are **unsubstantiated**, are no longer advised to submit to the DOS, unless the facility feels it is necessary.

Should the DOS issue further guidance, the DNCF would expect that facilities follow the DOS guidance.