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PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY TRANSMITTAL LETTER 22-14

TO: Service Region Administrators
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Family Services Office Supervisors

FROM: Melanie Taylor, Assistant Director
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SUBJECT: SOP 19.3 Acceptance Criteria and SOP 20.1 Introduction to APS Investigation and Assessment

The purpose of this transmittal letter is to inform staff of revisions to SOP related to changes in [922 KAR 5:070](#). Language has been added to define terms of adult abuse, clarify definitions, establish acceptance criteria for abuse and exploitation, and expand the time frame for initiation of an investigation.

[SOP 19.3 Acceptance Criteria](#) Section I Adult Physical or Sexual Abuse has been changed to Adult Abuse. Section II. Mental Injury has been removed and is now located under Adult Abuse. Mental injury is a form of adult abuse that occurs because of **punishment** as defined in adult protective services regulation.

[SOP 20.1 Introduction to APS Investigation and Assessment](#) reflects a change from one (1) hour to within four (4) hours in the initiation time frame for reports indicating the adult's condition presents a substantial risk of death or immediate and serious physical harm.

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