



PROVIDER ALERT

Mandatory Reporting Reminders

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Alert Summary: This alert contains reminders about reporting responsibilities for all providers and details available mandatory reporting resources.

Dear Provider,

We would like to take this time to remind you of some important requirements and resources regarding reporting.

Mandatory Reporting of Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect

Mandatory reporting is an important method for protecting vulnerable children and adults in Idaho. Idaho Code § 16-1605 and Code § 39-5303 respectively require those working for or serving vulnerable children or adults who have reason to believe that a vulnerable child or adult is being or has been abused, abandoned, or neglected to immediately report the known or suspected instances of abuse, abandonment, or neglect to the proper (adult or child) law enforcement agency or the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) within 24 hours of discovery. Any mandatory reporter who fails to make a report has committed a misdemeanor and will be subject to professional discipline.

Learn More About Child Protection

The Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk is a committee that has developed materials to support people in understanding reporting requirements and responsibilities. The website (<https://www.idcartf.org/>) has free resources regarding mandatory reporting, including:

- [Brochure \(printable\)](#): Professional Partners in the Fight Against Child Abuse in Idaho
- [DVD \(orderable\)](#): Care Enough to Call

Furthermore, the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (IDHW) (<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/>) provides information on how to report suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment:

Statewide: 1-855-552-KIDS (5437)
Treasure Valley: 208-334-KIDS (5437)

Learn More About Adult Protection

The Idaho Commission on Aging (<https://aging.idaho.gov/stay-safe/adult-protection/>) provides aging education and other resources to support people's journey in ensuring adults are getting the care they need, including:

- [The Idaho Mandated Reporter Adult Protective Services Online Reporting Tool](#)
- [Online Education Resources for Healthy Aging](#)

Please share this with all your staff to ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of their role as a mandatory reporter.

We appreciate all the work you do each day to protect and care for Idaho Medicaid members.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Provider Relations Advocate](#).

Thank you,
The Optum Idaho Team