
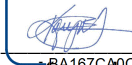


<p style="text-align: center;">Alameda County <small>ac</small>  <small>bh</small> Behavioral Health Care Services <small>MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES</small></p>	<p>DocuSigned by:  By: _____ <small>BA167CA0C9D444A</small> Karyn L. Fribble, PsyD, LCSW, Director</p>
<p>POLICY TITLE</p> <p>Reporting Disorders Characterized by Lapses of Consciousness</p>	<p>Policy No: 503-1-2</p> <p>Date of Original Approval: 10/15/1997</p> <p>Date(s) of Revision(s): 1/25/2022</p>

PURPOSE

This policy describes the responsibility of Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) and its providers to understand and implement the requirement to report disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness to the appropriate agency to support safety when driving.

AUTHORITY

- California Health and Safety Code, §103900
- California Code of Regulations, Title 17, CCR (§§2800 to 2812)

SCOPE

All Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) county-operated programs, in addition to entities, individuals, and programs providing mental health and substance use services under a contract or subcontract with ACBH.

POLICY

Every physician shall report immediately to the local health officer in writing, the name, date of birth, and address of every client at least 14 years of age or older whom the physician has diagnosed as having a case of a disorder characterized by lapses of consciousness, using the Confidential Morbidity Report (CDPH 110c) issued by the State of California Department of Public Health.

All clients must be informed of this report, and within the bounds of the client's right to privileged communication and their need to know, family members should also be informed.

PROCEDURE

- I. When a physician has diagnosed a disorder characterized by lapses of consciousness in a client 14 years of age or older, they shall notify the local health officer within seven (7) calendar days, using the *Confidential Morbidity Report* available online through the Alameda County Communicable Disease Director at <https://acphd.org/communicable-disease/disease-reporting-and-control/reporting-forms/>.

- II. Physicians then send the completed forms to the Alameda County Health Department, Communicable Disease Division, as outlined in form CDPH 110c.

Alameda County Public Health Department
Division of Communicable Disease Control & Prevention
1000 Broadway Suite 500
Oakland, CA 94607
Phone: (510) 267-3200

- III. A physician shall not be required to notify the local health officer of a client with a disorder characterized by lapses of consciousness if
- A. The client's sensory-motor functions are impaired to the extent that the client is unable to ever operate a motor vehicle, or
 - B. The client states that they do not drive and states that they never intend to drive, and the physician believes these statements made by the client are true, or
 - C. The physician previously reported the diagnosis and, since that report, the physician believes the client has not operated a motor vehicle, or
 - D. There is documentation in the client's medical record that another physician reported the diagnosis and, since that report, the physician believes the client has not operated a motor vehicle.
- IV. However, if a physician reasonably, and in good faith, believes that the reporting of a client will serve the public interest, they may report a client's condition even if it may not be required under the department's definition of disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness.
- V. All physicians must inform clients when their information is provided to the health officer to support the public interest.
- A. Providers must inform clients verbally and in writing. A copy of the notification should be maintained in the client's record.
- VI. Only physicians are mandated to report. Non-physicians who become aware of clients with reportable conditions are encouraged to bring these concerns to a physician's attention; however, non-physicians may not directly report under the terms of this policy, due to the lack of liability protection under State law.

NON-COMPLIANCE

- I. Definition of non-compliance: Any failure to abide by the stated policy.
- II. Failure to report a disorder characterized by lapses of consciousness may lead to physical liability if the client becomes involved as a driver in a motor vehicle accident.
- III. Additionally, any failure to comply with this policy may result in formal actions including and up to a formal sanction for contract providers, as outlined in ACBH Policy #1302-1-1, *Contract Compliance and Sanctions for BHCS - Contract Providers*.
- IV. It could also become grounds for disciplinary action against the physician's license to practice medicine.

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DISTRIBUTION

This policy will be distributed to the following:

- ACBH Staff
- ACBH Contract Providers
- Public

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Vanessa Baker, AOASOC, Older Adult Division Director	Updated to meet new state requirements.	1/25/2022 by Karyn L. Tribble, PsyD, LCSW, Behavioral Health Director

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Alzheimer's disease and related disorders	Those illnesses that damage the brain causing irreversible, progressive confusion, disorientation, loss of memory and judgment.
Diagnose	To identify the existence of a medical condition in a client.

Disorders characterized by lapses of consciousness	Those medical conditions that involve a. A loss of consciousness or a marked reduction of alertness or responsiveness to external stimuli; and b. The inability to perform one or more activities of daily living; and c. The impairment of the sensory motor functions used to operate a motor vehicle.
Sensory motor functions	The ability to integrate seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling and reacting with physical movement, such as depressing the brake pedal of a car to stop the car from entering an intersection with a green traffic light to avoid hitting a pedestrian crossing the street.

APPENDIX

Confidential Morbidity Report (CDPH 110c)

CONFIDENTIAL MORBIDITY REPORT

PLEASE NOTE: Use this form for reporting lapses of consciousness, Alzheimer's disease or other conditions which may impair the ability to operate a motor vehicle safely (pursuant to H&S 103900).

CONDITION BEING REPORTED ➔

Patient Name - Last Name		First Name		MI	Ethnicity (check one)	
Home Address: Number, Street				Apt./Unit No.		<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
City			State	ZIP Code		
Home Telephone Number		Cell Telephone Number		Work Telephone Number		
Email Address				Primary Language <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Years <input type="checkbox"/> Months <input type="checkbox"/> Days	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M to F Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> F to M Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Pregnant?		Est. Delivery Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		Country of Birth		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				<input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong <input type="checkbox"/> Thai <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
Occupation or Job Title				Occupational or Exposure Setting (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service <input type="checkbox"/> Day Care <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care <input type="checkbox"/> Correctional Facility <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____		
Date of Onset (mm/dd/yyyy)		Date of First Specimen Collection (mm/dd/yyyy)			Date of Diagnosis (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Reporting Health Care Provider			Reporting Health Care Facility			REPORT TO: (Obtain additional forms from your local health department.)
Address: Number, Street				Suite/Unit No.		
City			State	ZIP Code		
Telephone Number			Fax Number			
Submitted by			Date Submitted (mm/dd/yyyy)			

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

California Driver License or Identification Card Number (eight characters):

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1. If this report is based upon episodic lapses of consciousness, when was the most recent episode?: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

2. If there have been multiple episodes of loss of consciousness or control within the past three years, please indicate the dates if they are known to you.
 (a): _____ (b): _____ (c): _____ (d): _____ (e): _____ (f): _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

3. Within the past 12 months, has there been an episode of loss of consciousness or control while driving? Yes No Uncertain
4. Are additional lapses of consciousness likely to occur? Yes No Uncertain
5. If the patient has had episodes of nocturnal seizures, is there likelihood of lapses of consciousness occurring while he/she is awake? Yes No Uncertain
6. Has this patient been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease? Yes No Uncertain
7. Would you currently advise this patient not to drive because of his/her medical condition? Yes No Uncertain
8. Does this patient's condition represent a permanent driving disability? Yes No Uncertain
9. Would you recommend a driving evaluation by DMV? Yes No Uncertain

Remarks:

Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500, §2593, §2641.5-2643.20, and §2800-2812 Reportable Diseases and Conditions*

§ 2500. REPORTING TO THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.

- **§ 2500(b)** It shall be the duty of every health care provider, knowing of or in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or condition listed below, to report to the local health officer for the jurisdiction where the patient resides. Where no health care provider is in attendance, any individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to be suffering from one of the diseases or conditions listed below may make such a report to the local health officer for the jurisdiction where the patient resides.
- **§ 2500(c)** The administrator of each health facility, clinic, or other setting where more than one health care provider may know of a case, a suspected case or an outbreak of disease within the facility shall establish and be responsible for administrative procedures to assure that reports are made to the local officer.
- **§ 2500(a)(14)** "Health care provider" means a physician and surgeon, a veterinarian, a podiatrist, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a registered nurse, a nurse midwife, a school nurse, an infection control practitioner, a medical examiner, a coroner, or a dentist.

URGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS [17 CCR §2500(h)(I)]

- Ⓣ = Report immediately by telephone (designated by a ♦ in regulations)
- † = Report immediately by telephone when two or more cases or suspected cases of foodborne disease from separate households are suspected to have the same source of illness (designated by a ● in regulations.)
- Ⓢ = Report by telephone within one working day of identification (designated by a † in regulations).
- FAX Ⓢ = Report by electronic transmission (including FAX), telephone, or mail within one working day of identification (designated by a + in regulations).
- = All other diseases/conditions should be reported by electronic transmission (including FAX), telephone, or mail within seven calendar days of identification.

REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES §2500(I)(1)

FAX Ⓢ	Amebiasis	FAX Ⓢ	Listeriosis
	Anaplasmosis		Lyme Disease
Ⓢ !	Anthrax, human or animal	FAX Ⓢ	Malaria
FAX Ⓢ	Babcsiosis	Ⓢ !	Measles (Rubcola)
Ⓢ !	Botulism (Infant, Foodborne, Wound, Other)	FAX Ⓢ	Meningitis, Specify Etiology: Viral, Bacterial, Fungal, Parasitic
	Brucellosis, animal (except infections due to <i>Brucella canis</i>)	Ⓢ !	Meningococcal Infections
Ⓢ !	Brucellosis, human		Mumps
FAX Ⓢ	Campylobacteriosis	Ⓢ !	Novel Virus Infection with Pandemic Potential
	Chancroid	Ⓢ !	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
FAX Ⓢ	Chickenpox (Varicella) (outbreaks, hospitalizations and deaths)	FAX Ⓢ	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
FAX Ⓢ	Chikungunya Virus Intection	Ⓢ !	Plague, human or animal
	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infections, including lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)	FAX Ⓢ	Poliovirus Infection
Ⓢ !	Cholera	FAX Ⓢ	Psittacosis
Ⓢ !	Ciguatera Fish Poisoning	FAX Ⓢ	Q Fever
	Coccidioidomycosis	Ⓢ !	Rabies, human or animal
	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and other Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE)	FAX Ⓢ	Relapsing Fever
FAX Ⓢ	Cryptosporidiosis		Respiratory Syncytial Virus (only report a death in a patient less than less than five years of age)
	Cyclosporiasis		Rickettsial Diseases (non-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), including Typhus and Typhus-like Illnesses
	Cysticercosis or taeniasis		Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Ⓢ !	Dengue Virus Infection		Rubella (German Measles)
Ⓢ !	Diphtheria		Rubella Syndrome, Congenital
Ⓢ !	Domoic Acid Poisoning (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning)	FAX Ⓢ	Salmonellosis (Other than Typhoid Fever)
	Ehrlichiosis	Ⓢ !	Scombroid Fish Poisoning
FAX Ⓢ	Encephalitis, Specify Etiology: Viral, Bacterial, Fungal, Parasitic	Ⓢ !	Shiga toxin (detected in feces)
Ⓢ !	<i>Escherichia coli</i> : shiga toxin producing (STEC) including <i>E. coli</i> O157	FAX Ⓢ	Shigellosis
Ⓢ !	Flavivirus infection of undetermined species	Ⓢ !	Smallpox (Variola)
† FAX Ⓢ	Foodborne Disease	FAX Ⓢ	Streptococcal Infections (Outbreaks of Any Type and Individual Cases in Food Handlers and Dairy Workers Only)
	Giardiasis		Syphilis
	Gonococcal Infections	FAX Ⓢ	Tetanus
FAX Ⓢ	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , invasive disease, all serotypes (report an incident of less than five years of age)	FAX Ⓢ	Trichinosis
FAX Ⓢ	Hantavirus Infections	FAX Ⓢ	Tuberculosis
Ⓢ !	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome		Tularemia, animal
FAX Ⓢ	Hepatitis A, acute infection	Ⓢ !	Tularemia, human
	Hepatitis B (specify acute case or chronic)	FAX Ⓢ	Typhoid Fever, Cases and Carriers
	Hepatitis C (specify acute case or chronic)	FAX Ⓢ	<i>Vibrio</i> Infections
	Hepatitis D (Delta) (specify acute case or chronic)	Ⓢ !	Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers, human or animal (e.g., Crimean-Congo, Ebola, Lassa, and Marburg viruses)
	Hepatitis E, acute infection	FAX Ⓢ	West Nile Virus (WNV) Infection
	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, stage 3 (AIDS)	Ⓢ !	Yellow Fever
Ⓢ	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), acute infection	FAX Ⓢ	Yersiniosis
	Influenza, deaths in laboratory-confirmed cases for age 0-64 years	Ⓢ !	Zika Virus Infection
Ⓢ !	Influenza, novel strains (human)	Ⓢ !	OCCURRENCE of ANY UNUSUAL DISEASE
	Legionellosis	Ⓢ !	OUTBREAKS of ANY DISEASE (Including diseases not listed in § 2500). Specify if institutional and/or open community.
	Leprosy (Hansen Disease)		
	Leptospirosis		

HIV REPORTING BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS §2641.30-2643.20

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection at all stages is reportable by traceable mail, person-to-person transfer, or electronically within seven calendar days. For complete HIV-specific reporting requirements, see Title 17, CCR, §2641.30-2643.20 and <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/tOAHIVRptgSP.aspx>

REPORTABLE NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS §2800–2812 and §2593(b)

Disorders Characterized by Lapses of Consciousness (§2800-2812)

Pesticide-related illness or injury (known or suspected cases)**

Cancer, including benign and borderline brain tumors (except (1) basal and squamous skin cancer unless occurring on genitalia, and (2) carcinoma in-situ and CIN III of the Cervix) (§2593)***

LOCALLY REPORTABLE DISEASES (If Applicable):

* This form is designed for health care providers to report those diseases mandated by Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Failure to report is a misdemeanor (Health & Safety Code §120295) and is a citable offense under the Medical Board of California Citation and Fine Program (Title 16, CCR, §1364.10 and 1364.11).

** Failure to report is a citable offense and subject to civil penalty (§250) (Health and Safety Code §105200).

*** The Confidential Physician Cancer Reporting Form may also be used. See Physician Reporting Requirements for Cancer Reporting in CA at: www.ccrca.org.