



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any law on privileged communications, each health practitioner, police officer, educator, or human service worker, acting in a professional capacity in this State:

(1) who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, shall notify the local department of Social Services or the appropriate law enforcement agency; and

(2) if acting as a staff member of a hospital, public health agency, child care institution, juvenile detention center, school, or similar institution, shall immediately notify and give all information required by this section to the head of the institution or the designee of the head.

For further information see: FAMILY LAW TITLE 5. CHILDREN SUBTITLE 7. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 5-704 (2013)