

Department of Health Services Notification Regarding Need for Independent Investigation Due to Conflict of Interest with APS Report

County Adult Protective Services (APS) units are required by Wisconsin statute to notify the Department of Health Services (DHS) when it determines that it is unable to perform an unbiased investigation of an adult protective services report of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, of an adult at risk or elder adult at risk. Statutory requirements are found at: [Wis. Stat. 46.90\(5\) \(a\)2](#) and [Wis Stat. 55.043 \(1r\) \(a\)2](#). Forwarding this form to the DHS APS program office is a statutory requirement. The completed form and any questions should be addressed to the DHS APS program office at: DHSAPS@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

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| Date of incident | WRAPS incident number |
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(County of origin)

County of Origin received an APS report and has determined that their agency cannot provide an unbiased investigation due to potential conflict of interest.

County of Origin has addressed any immediate safety issues to protect the adult at risk or elder adult at risk.

County of Origin has identified another APS Unit that will complete an independent investigation and provided information regarding the referral and collateral information necessary for investigation.

County of Origin will follow up with accessing any necessary services or referrals to the adult or elder adult at risk and/or the alleged abuser as recommended by the Independent Investigating APS Unit.

County of Origin has initiated a WRAPS Incident Report with basic referral information and is required to submit the completed WRAPS report once the independent investigation is complete and services and/or referrals, if needed are offered.

(County providing independent investigation)

Investigative County has accepted to complete an independent APS investigation and will proceed with duties and investigative authority per: Wis Stats. 46.90 pars. (b) through (d) and sub (6) and Wis Stats. 55.043 pars. (b) through (d) and sub. (6).

Investigative County will provide a timely response and communication regarding outcome of the investigation to the County of Origin.

Investigative County will provide information obtained during APS response and investigation to County of Origin for follow up on requested services and referrals for either the adult and/or elder at risk, who is the subject of the investigation and/or the alleged abuser.

Investigative County will provide information back to County of Origin to complete WRAPS incident report Section D: Investigation Outcomes: [Wisconsin Incident Report Data Collection Form](#)

Please send this completed form to DHSAPS@dhs.wisconsin.gov.