

North Dakota GER Detailed Reference Quick Guide

| "HIGH" Category | | | |
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| SERIOUS EVENTS | Verbal Report to P&A | Refer to... | For... |
| Events that result in medical treatment or care, for physical or mental health, <u>BEYOND</u> first aid. *fractures, sutures, burns (including sunburn), heat exhaustion, frostbite, ingestion of harmful substances dislocations, bites, internal bleeding *Self injurious behaviors *Suicide attempts *Unplanned hospital admissions, including psychiatric, requiring an overnight stay (<u>does not include</u> chronic conditions which result in treatment consistent with a person's plan of care OR conditions/symptoms that are being monitored) | Required within 8 hours of the event occurring | Serious Events Policy Statement (titled "SERIOUS EVENTS") | Definitions and reporting process/timelines |
| Unauthorized use of seclusion, chemical, or physical restraint, including emergency use. *Authorized = written into plan <u>and</u> approved by Human Rights/Behavior Intervention Committees | | Serious Events Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) | Clarifications of definitions and process |
| Alleged Sexual Abuse or inappropriate sexual contact | | PI-10-16 | DD licensure requirements |
| Death | | | |
| ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE/NEGLECT/EXPLOITATION | Verbal Report to P&A | Refer to... | For... |
| Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation | Prior to approving the GER | Reporting Determination Guidelines (RDG's) | Guidance in determining whether to report |
| | | ND Century Code 25-01.3-01 | Statutory definitions |
| | | PI-10-16 | DD licensure requirements |

Always take immediate risk management steps to ensure individual safety!

| "MEDIUM" Category | |
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| EVENT TYPE and Examples | DOCUMENT ON A GER IF... |
| INJURY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls • Sprains, strains • Minor bruises • Superficial scratches, scrapes, cuts • Reddened areas on the skin • Choking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no treatment beyond first aid <i>AND/OR</i> no ER visit <i>AND</i> no hospitalization • ER visit occurred but there was no treatment beyond first aid |
| MEDICATION ERROR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The medication error is not reportable to P&A (does not meet an RDG) |
| SEIZURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and/or history present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not already documented the person-centered plan section of the overall service plan, health monitoring documentation, or other location as defined by the agency |
| ILLNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refusing to eat/vomiting • Fever • Complaint of pain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff provide observation/monitoring with or without first aid • It is not already documented in health monitoring documentation or other location as defined by the agency |
| ELOPEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing person/police involvement • Missing person/found right away | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not already documented in the person-centered plan section of the overall service plan |
| PROPERTY DESTRUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destroying belongings of self or others without history • Documented history of property destruction • Setting fires with or without history | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not already documented in the person-centered plan section of the overall service plan |
| RESTRAINT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated by medical/dental professional in a clinic or hospital setting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not already documented in the person-centered plan section of the overall service plan |
| SELF INJURIOUS BEHAVIOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting, hitting, biting, pulling hair, banging without history • Suicidal talk • Medication overdose • Alcohol/drug abuse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not already documented in the person-centered plan section of the overall service plan • There is no treatment beyond first aid <i>AND/OR</i> no ER visit <i>AND</i> no hospitalization. • ER visit occurred but there was no treatment beyond first aid |

| "LOW" Category | |
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| EVENT TYPE and Examples | DOCUMENT ON A GER IF... |
| INJURY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accident with no apparent or lasting injury • Injury reported to have occurred when not in provider's care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation is needed for "information only" purposes |
| SEIZURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine occurrence/diagnosis present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking of seizure type, duration, severity, etc. is needed and is not otherwise documented in the person's plan |
| ILLNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold symptoms • Minor Indigestion • PRN medications given | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation is needed for "information only" purposes |
| BEHAVIOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of character behavior observed (minor) • Mild anxiety • Mild or fleeting sadness • Minor fear • Unusual extreme happiness • Minor paranoia • Mild anger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation is needed to assure awareness by all staff |
| MISCELLANEOUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events not fitting an already identified Event Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation is needed for "information only" purposes regarding more typical/day-to-day occurrences |