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## FACILITY LICENSING AND INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

## **BLAST FAX 2024-17**

TO: All Home Health Care Agencies

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DATE: November 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Home Health Care Agency Annual Reporting (due by January 1, 2025)

With the recent passage of <u>Public Act 24-19</u>, An Act Concerning the Health and Safety of Connecticut Residents, please be reminded that effective October 1, 2024:

Section 3 of the Public Act 24-19 requires:

(a) **Not later than January 1, 2025**, and annually thereafter, each home health care agency and home health aide agency, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, except any such agency that is licensed as a hospice organization by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-122b of the general statutes, shall report, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health, each instance of verbal abuse that is perceived as a threat or danger by a staff member of such agency, physical abuse, sexual abuse or any other abuse by an agency client against a staff member of such agency and the actions taken by the agency to ensure the safety of the staff member.



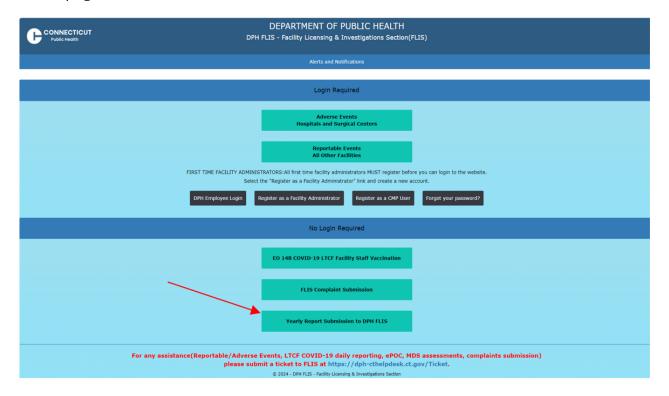


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We are writing to update you on changes (added questions) to the yearly report submission for home health care agency to DPH's Facility Licensing and Investigations Section (FLIS) webbased submission. Please do not submit paper or faxed reports to the Department.

To complete this report please visit <a href="https://dphflisevents.ct.gov/">https://dphflisevents.ct.gov/</a> and select "Yearly Report Submission to DPH FLIS"

## Home page:



On the Yearly Report Submission to DPH FLIS Page: Select "WorkPlace Violence" for submission type and "Home Health Care Agency" for facility type and complete the additional fields.

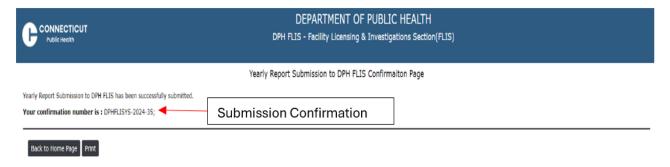
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If there were any instances of workplace violence or abuse by client(s) against agency staff use the **upload** button to submit each instance including the actions taken by the agency to ensure the safety of the staff member. Please do not include the name of individuals or any other HIPAA protected information. Once finished, complete the certification and select "Submit."

## Final Confirmation



For assistance with submission please submit a ticket to the <u>DPH Helpdesk Portal</u> ( <u>https://dph-cthelpdesk.ct.gov/Ticket</u> )

For Questions, please contact Cheryl Davis Public Health Services Manager at Cheryl.davis@ct.gov or Elizabeth Heiney Supervising Nurse Consultant at Elizabeth.heiney@ct.gov