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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FIELD STAFF

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Subject: Allegation Statuses

This memo is a supplement to [PSEM-18-10](https://health.mo.gov/seniors/apsmanual/doc/PSEM-18-10.docx) for the maintenance release of the system update to allegation statuses. The allegation statuses of “valid” and “invalid” have been added to be used as directed in the specialized adult protective services (APS) policy [1703.10: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Reports](http://health.mo.gov/seniors/apsmanual/doc/1703.10-spec-aps.doc). These new statuses will eventually replace “reason to believe”, “suspected”, and “unsubstantiated” when specialized APS is completely implemented in all regions. For now, all statuses are available, allowing “reason to believe”, “suspected”, and “unsubstantiated” to be used by staff in regions that have not yet implemented specialization.

Effective immediately, Region 5 staff shall utilize the statuses of valid and invalid on **all pending APS allegations**. Validity refers to facts that support or do not support the allegation(s). As is current practice, each allegation will have an allegation status. All information must be considered when making this determination ([1703.10: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Reports](http://health.mo.gov/seniors/apsmanual/doc/1703.10-spec-aps.doc)).

* Valid

The weight of the facts supports that maltreatment did occur. To select this finding, facts must suggest a chance that injury, harm, loss or damage may have occurred.

* Invalid

The weight of facts supports that maltreatment did not occur. To select this finding, facts must suggest that injury, harm, loss or damage likely did not occur.

All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to Amanda Veltrop at APSPolicy@health.mo.gov or by calling 573-526-5391.

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