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#### § 51.1 Scope.

The provisions of this part apply to recipients of Federal assistance under the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, as amended.

#### § 51.2 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in section 102 of the Act, as amended, the following definitions apply:

*Abuse* means any act or failure to act by an employee of a facility rendering care or treatment which was performed, or which was failed to be performed, knowingly, recklessly, or intentionally, and which caused, or may have caused, injury or death to an individual with mental illness, and includes but is not limited to acts such as: rape or sexual assault; striking; the

use of excessive force when placing an individual with mental illness in bodily restraints; the use of bodily or chemical restraints which is not in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations; verbal, nonverbal, mental and emotional harassment; and any other practice which is likely to cause immediate physical or psychological harm or result in long-term harm if such practices continue.

*Act* means the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, as amended, also referred to as Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act.

*ADD* means the Administration on Developmental Disabilities within the Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Care or Treatment* means services provided to prevent, identify, reduce or stabilize mental illness or emotional impairment such as mental health screening, evaluation, counseling, biomedical, behavioral and psychotherapies, supportive or other adjunctive therapies, medication supervision, special education and rehabilitation, even if only “as needed” or under a contractual arrangement.

*Center* or *CMHS* means the Center for Mental Health Services, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

*Complaint* includes, but is not limited to any report or communication, whether formal or informal, written or oral, received by the P&A system, including media accounts, newspaper articles, telephone calls (including anonymous calls) from any source alleging abuse or neglect of an individual with mental illness.

*Department* or *HHS* means the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

*Designated Official* is the State official or public or private entity empowered by the Governor or State legislature to be accountable for the proper use of funds by the P&A system.

*Director* means the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or his or her designee.