



## **Mandatory Reporting for Axis Health System's Sexual Health & Family Planning program (Title X)**

Axis Health System wants patients to feel safe in seeking the care they need. Our providers are not required to report DV of adult patients to the authorities except under very specific circumstances. This allows DV survivors to seek Title X (and other) care through our clinics without having to worry that we will have to report their experience.

### **For Title X patients age 18 or older**

Excerpt from the Axis Health System (AHS) Mandatory Reporting Procedure:

Incidents of domestic violence are no longer required to be reported if a patient requests the report not be made to authorities. A licensed medical provider must follow patient wishes if the patient is over 18 years of age, the suspected incident did not result in severe bodily harm and the provider is not required to report pursuant to another state law. If these exceptions do not exist, the medical provider is still considered a mandatory reporter for the following injuries that they have attended/treated (House Bill 17-1322 and CRS 12- 36-135):

1. A bullet wound, a gunshot wound, a powder burn, or any other injury arising from the discharge of a firearm, or an injury caused by a knife, an ice pick, or any other sharp or pointed instrument that the licensee believes to have been intentionally inflicted upon a person;
2. An injury arising from a dog bite that the licensee believes was inflicted upon a person by a dangerous dog, as defined in section 18-9-204.5 (2) (b), C.R.S.; or 3.
3. Any other injury that the licensee has reason to believe involves a criminal act, including injuries resulting from domestic violence

### **For Title X patients under age 18**

Excerpt from the Axis Health System (AHS) Mandatory Reporting: Child and At-Risk Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, Violence/Injuries and Human Trafficking Procedure:

Mandatory reporters are required by law to complete a report when the reporter, in his or her official capacity suspects or has reasons to believe that a child has been abused or neglected. When the reporter has knowledge of, or observes a child being subjected to, conditions that would reasonably result in harm to the child, the reporter is mandated to report to the local authorities.