

**STATE OF NEW YORK – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: City/County Directors of Environmental Health
District Directors

FROM: Michael J. Cambridge, Director *MSC/JS*
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SUBJECT: Children's Camps – Camp Directors Mandated Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse and Maltreatment

DATE: August 16, 2011

For your information, on June 22, 2011 Section 413 of Social Services Law was amended to now include children's camp directors as mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and maltreatment to the State Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is responsible for overseeing mandated reporting requirements including training for mandated reporters. For additional information about mandated reporting, please visit <http://www.nysmandatedreporter.org/default2.html>.

This change in the Social Services Law **does not** alter the State Sanitary Code requirement for camp operators to report an allegation of camper physical or sexual abuse to the permit-issuing official within 24 hours. It remains the responsibility of the local health department to investigate the complaint to determine if the camp operated in compliance with Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code including but not limited to supervision, staff training and timely reporting.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional field coordinator.

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