

1 C. STANDARDIZED INTERVENTION PROTOCOLS INCLUDING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AND
2 UNIFORM DEFINITIONS OF PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
3 ABUSE, IN ADDITION TO, NEGLECT, ABANDONMENT, FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL
4 EXPLOITATION, SELF-NEGLECT AND UNWARRANTED CONTROL;

5 D. A LIST OF RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PATIENTS IDENTIFIED AS
6 BEING VICTIMS OF ABUSE; AND

7 E. DOCUMENTATION IN A REPORTABLE FORMAT THAT MAY BE USED BY THE PRAC-
8 TITIONER TO REPORT SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT CASES TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRACKING PREVALENCE.

10 3. THE SCREENING TOOL SHALL BE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRI-
11 ATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMIS-
12 SIONER.

13 4. PATIENTS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE SUBJECT TO SCREENING IF THEY
14 REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE OR ARE IN AN URGENT OR EMERGENT SITUATION.

15 5. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT AFFECT THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ANY HEALTH
16 CARE PRACTITIONER OR DIMINISH ANY AUTHORITY OR LEGAL OR PROFESSIONAL
17 OBLIGATIONS OF ANY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

18 6. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NECES-
19 SARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

20 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.