



**McHenry Western Lake County EMS System
System Memo #25-2**

To: MWLC EMSS AGENCIES
From: MWLC EMSS
Date: 1-28-25
RE: CANTS form – Mandated Reporting for Suspected Child Abuse

Purpose: Communicate a revision to mandated reporting for suspected child abuse.

Goal: Ensure all personnel understand a procedural change.

Illinois legislation has been revised and enacted as of January 1, 2025 regarding the use of CANTS forms when reporting suspected child abuse to the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Effective immediately, CANTS forms (CANTS 4 and CANTS 5) are no longer to be completed and submitted when reporting suspected child abuse to DCFS. DCFS will no longer accept this form. Mandated reporting will be made by notifying DCFS with a report by phone as outlined in Region IX MWLC EMSS Standard Operating Procedures, page 93, *SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT*. Please be sure to document the DCFS Hotline worker's name and/or ID number in the PCR narrative. (DCFS Hotline worker might not share their last name by policy) A hyperlink to the changes to 325 ILCS 5/ is below.

Contact the EMS System with any questions.

[Illinois General Assembly - Full Text of Public Act 103-0624](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=103-0624) -or-

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