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# 45 C.F.R. § 1324.401

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## Definitions.

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As used in this part, the term—

*Abuse* means the knowing infliction of physical or psychological harm or the knowing deprivation of goods or services that are necessary to meet essential needs or to avoid physical or psychological harm.

*Adult* means older adults and adults with disabilities as defined by State APS laws.

*Adult maltreatment* means the abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or sexual abuse of an adult at-risk of harm.

*Adult Protective Services (APS)* means such activities and services the Assistant Secretary for Aging may specify in guidance and includes:

- (1) Receiving reports of adult abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, and/or self-neglect;
- (2) Investigating the reports described in paragraph (1) of this definition;
- (3) Case planning, monitoring, evaluation, and other case work and services, and;
- (4) Providing, arranging for, or facilitating the provision of medical, social services, economic, legal, housing, law enforcement, or other protective, emergency, or supportive services.

*Adult Protective Services Program* means local Adult Protective Services providers within an Adult Protective Services system.

*Adult Protective Services Systems* means the totality of the State entities and the local APS programs.

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