



PR 1310: Personal Injury

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When you learn that a client has been injured, record the information concerning the injury on Report of Personal Injury (Form 44). The local DHS office also has responsibility for reporting the personal injury when it learns of an injury to a GA client with a dependent(s) receiving TANF or AABD.

Complete Form 44 indicating in Item 17 the act or law which provides the basis for the suit or claim (i.e., Workers' Compensation Act, Workers' Occupational Disease Act, or Crime Victims' Compensation Act, etc.).

When the identity of the person who caused the injury is known, suggest that the client contact the nearest Legal Assistance if the client wishes to file suit and does not already have legal counsel. If an injury by an unknown assailant caused the client a loss of earnings, suggest that the client contact the Court of Claims as the client may be able to receive compensation under the Crime Victims' Compensation Act.

Maintain close contact with the client and their attorney(s), so that current status of litigation or negotiations for a settlement is known. Obtain 3 copies of the complaint filed in the court.