SAMPLE

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AS A MANDATED REPORTER TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

California Penal Code Section 11166.5 requires employers to provide all health practitioners, prior to commencing his or her employment, with the following statement. This statement must be signed by the employee as a prerequisite to employment and retained by the employer.

> Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any health practitioner who has knowledge of or observes a child, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse/neglect, shall report the known or suspected instance of child abuse/neglect to a child protective agency (CPA) immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and shall prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. A CPA shall be notified and a report shall be prepared and sent even if the child has expired, regardless of whether or not the possible abuse was a factor contributing to the death.

DEFINITIONS

Health Practitioner:
Any emergency medical technician I or II, paramedic, or other person certified pursuant to Division 2.5, Section 1797 (Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act) of the Health and Safety Code.

Child Protective Agency:
Implies a police or sheriff's department, a county probation department, or in Los Angeles County, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). *It does not include a school district police or security department.*

I certify that I have read and understand this statement and will comply with my obligations under the child abuse/neglect reporting law

Name **Date**