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CODE	MALTREATMENT TYPE	DEFINITION
E1	<b>Verbal Threats/Abuse (Emotional/Psychological Abuse)</b>	Emotional/Psychological abuse is the caregiver's acts or omissions that cause any mental injury to such child's ability to function within a child's normal range of performance and behavior or that create a substantial risk of impairment, if the impairment or substantial risk of impairment is diagnosed and confirmed by a licensed mental health professional or physician qualified to render such diagnosis.
E2	<b>Bizarre Discipline (Non-Physical)</b>	Forms of punishment that do not result in observable physical injury, but result in the child having a negative self-image and disturbed behavior as well as impaired psychological growth and development. This form of abuse is chronic and persistent, not an isolated incident. Locking children in dark spaces for extended periods, excessive physical activity demands and forcing the child to performing humiliating and demeaning tasks are examples.
E3	<b>Family Violence Domestic Violence Intimate Partner Violence</b>	<p>The commission of an act of family violence between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children or other persons living or formerly living in the same household as defined by O.C.G.A. §19-13-1. in the presence of a child. An act includes a single act, multiple acts, or a continuing course of conduct. Presence means physically present or able to see or hear. The term family violence shall not be deemed to include reasonable discipline administered by a parent to a child in the form of corporal punishment, restraint or detention.</p> <p>Domestic Violence-Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) is a pattern of assault and/or coercive behaviors including physical, sexual and emotional abuses, as well as economic abuse that adults use against their intimate partners to gain power and control in that relationship.</p>
N2	<b>Abandonment</b>	Any conduct on the part of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian showing an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims as evidenced by failure for a period of at least six months to communicate meaningfully with a child; failure for a period of at least six months to maintain regular visitation with a child; leaving a child with another person without provision for his or her support for a period of at least six months; failure for a period of at



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		<p>least six months to participate in any court ordered plan or program designed to reunite a child's parent, guardian or legal custodian with his or her child; leaving a child without affording means of identifying such child or his or her parent, guardian or legal custodian and the identity of such child's parent, guardian or legal custodian cannot be ascertained despite diligent searching and a parent, guardian or legal custodian has not come forward to claim such child within three months following the findings of such child; being absent from the home of his or her child for a period of time that creates a substantial risk of serious harm to a child left in the home; failure to respond for a period of at least six months to notice of child protective proceedings or any other conduct indicating an intent to forgo parental duties or relinquish parental claims.</p>
<b>N3</b>	<b>Inadequate Supervision(Inadequate Care and Protection)</b>	<p>A primary or secondary caregiver serving in a parental role that lacks the capacity to provide needed care and protection of a vulnerable child.</p> <p>A vulnerable child who lacks sufficient capacity to self-protect, is not provided needed care and supervision, is left alone or in the care of a person who themselves lacks the capacity to provide needed care and protection.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Cannot be used when a policy violation occurs when a caregiver leaves a child in the care of an inappropriate adult or unapproved caregiver.</p>
<b>N4</b>	<b>Inadequate Food, Clothing, Shelter</b>	<p>The caregiver's inability or refusal to provide a vulnerable child with one or more of the elements (food, clothing, and shelter) deemed essential for the well-being of the child.</p>
<b>N5</b>	<b>Inadequate Health, Medical Care</b>	<p>Inadequate Health, Medical Care is a form of neglect involving the absence or omission of essential medical care or services, causing harm or seriously threatening harm to the physical or emotional health of a child younger than eighteen years. It includes the withholding of medically indicated treatment for disabled infants with life-threatening conditions.</p> <p>Georgia law provides that "no child who in good faith is being treated solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall, for that reason alone, be considered a "deprived child".</p>
<b>N6</b>	<b>Emotional/Psychological Neglect</b>	<p>The caregiver's actions or omission in providing nurturance or securing professional mental health</p>



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		treatment which impacts a child's ability to function within a child's normal limits, range of performance or behavior.
<b>N7</b>	<b>Educational/Cognitive Neglect</b>	The caregiver's willful, intentional refusal to provide a child with an opportunity to participate in and benefit from educational services.
<b>N8</b>	<b>Gunshot</b>	Infliction of bodily harm to a child with firearm due to the caregiver's failure to secure the weapon in a manner as to make it inaccessible to the child. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) when the child is in the care of a non-caregiver when the harm occurs.
<b>N9</b>	<b>Suffocation/Drowning</b>	Fatality, near fatality, or serious injury sustained by a child through obstruction of their ability to breathe resulting from inadequate supervision of a vulnerable child while around any object that holds water or objects that pose a choking or strangulation hazard. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver is responsible for the fatality, near fatality or serious injury.  Choking at the hands of a caregiver must be assessed for N3-Lack of Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) and/or E3 Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence/Family Violence.
<b>N10</b>	<b>Prenatal Abuse/ Prenatal Exposure/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</b>	<b>Abuse</b> means exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled substance which results in symptoms of withdrawal in a newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolic thereof in a newborn's body, blood, urine or meconium that is not the result of medical treatment or medically diagnosed and harmful effects in a newborn's physical appearance or functioning; Infants identified by medical personnel as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms from prenatal drug exposure or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. <b>NOTE:</b> Infant must be born in order to screen in the intake report.
<b>P1</b>	<b>Fractures, Dislocations, Sprains</b>	Injuries to the child's skeletal system inflicted by the caregiver by other than accidental means. Diagnosis of injury by medical personnel is required. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care



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		when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P2</b>	<b>Intracranial or Skull Injury</b>	Any injury to the child's skull or brain that is inflicted by a caregiver by other than accidental means. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P3</b>	<b>Spinal Cord, Nerve Damage</b>	Injury to the child's spinal or nervous system inflicted by a caregiver by other than accidental means. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P4</b>	<b>Subdural Hematoma</b>	Intracranial bruising or the pooling of blood in the child's cranial cavity inflicted by a caregiver by other than accidental means. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P5</b>	<b>Internal Chest, Abdomen, Pelvic Injury</b>	Physical injury to the child's major internal chest, abdominal organs or pelvis, inflicted by a caregiver by other than accidental means. A medical determination of the injury and its possible origin are required. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P6</b>	<b>Lacerations, Cuts, Punctures</b>	Physical injury to the child's skin and extending into the underlying tissue (other than bruising) resulting in a wound that is inflicted by a caregiver by other than accidental means. Generally, the use of an object, such as an edged blade, belt, extension cord, etc. is involved in causing the injury. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P7</b>	<b>Bruises, Welts, Abrasions</b>	Physical injury to the child's skin that may or may not involve the underlying tissue, resulting in observable discoloration, puffiness and/or damage to the surface of the skin, inflicted by a caregiver by other than



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		accidental means.
<b>P8</b>	<b>Burns, Scalding</b>	Physical injury to the child's skin and underlying tissue caused by exposure to a source of heat, such as hot water, fire, cigarettes, stove burners, heaters, etc, inflicted by a caregiver by other than accidental means. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury.
<b>P9</b>	<b>Poisoning</b>	Ingestion of a toxic substance by a child that is administered or provided by a caregiver that results in the need for medical attention and may result in effects ranging from severe illness to death. Ingestion of a toxic substance as a result of the caregiver failing to properly store and secure the substance must be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision or N5-Inadequate Health/Medical Care.
<b>P10</b>	<b>Suffocation/Drowning</b>	Fatality, near fatality or serious injury experienced by a child due to the caregiver immersing the child in a fluid or any other action by the caregiver that inhibits the child's ability to breathe. Gather information about the caregiver's capacity related to N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection) or N9-Inadequate Health/Medical Care when a non-caregiver inflicts the injury. Choking at the hands of a caregiver must be assessed for N3-Lack of Supervision and/or E3 Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence.
<b>P11</b>	<b>FDM/MBP</b>	Fictitious Disorder by Proxy (FDP) and "Munchausen Syndrome" are caregiver psychological disorders characterized by the repeated fabrication of disease symptoms for a vulnerable child for the purpose of gaining medical attention. The medical condition may be real, but is directly attributable to caregiver actions rather than naturally occurring illness or injury.
<b>P12</b>	<b>Gunshot</b>	Physical injury inflicted upon a child by a caregiver through the use of a firearm.
<b>S1</b>	<b>Exhibitionism/Voyeurism</b>	A form of sexual abuse inflicted upon a child when a caregiver or an adult engaged in the commercial sexual exploitation of a child knowingly displays their sexual organs to a child or observes the sexual organs of a child for the purpose of arousing or stimulating the child or adult. When a caregiver fails to protect the child from this act, the sexual abuse must also be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection).
<b>S2</b>	<b>Fondling</b>	A form of sexual abuse where the caregiver or an adult engaged in the commercial sexual exploitation



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		of a child touches the genitals, breasts or buttocks of a child. When a caregiver fails to protect the child from this act, the sexual abuse must also be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection).
<b>S3</b>	<b>Sodomy</b>	A form of sexual abuse including oral/anal, oral/genital or genital/anal contact between the caregiver or an adult engaged in the commercial sexual exploitation of a child and the child. When a caregiver fails to protect the child from this act, the sexual abuse must also be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection).
<b>S4</b>	<b>Penetration</b>	A form of sexual abuse where the caregiver or an adult engaged in the commercial sexual exploitation of a child commits or allows another person to knowingly insert an object, penis or finger into the vagina or rectum of the child. When a caregiver fails to protect the child from this act, the sexual abuse must also be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection).
<b>S5</b>	<b>Genital Injury</b>	A form of physical and sexual abuse whereby the caregiver or an adult engaged in the commercial sexual exploitation of a child causes observable harm to the penis or vagina of the child. When a caregiver fails to protect the child from this act, the sexual abuse must also be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection).
<b>S6</b>	<b>Contraction of Venereal Disease</b>	The transmission of a sexually transmittable disease (STD) by the caregiver or an adult engaged in the commercial sexual exploitation of a child to the child. When a caregiver fails to protect the child from this act, the incident must also be assessed for N3-Inadequate Supervision (Inadequate Care and Protection).
<b>S7</b>	<b>Sexual Exploitation</b>	Sexual Exploitation as defined in O.C.G.A. §19-7-5 and §49-5-40 is conduct by a caregiver or other person responsible for the care of a child allows, permits, encourages, or requires a child to engage in prostitution as defined by O.C.G.A. §16-6-9 or sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual or print medium depicting such conduct as defined by O.C.G.A. §16-12-100. Includes Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.