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Q: I heard from someone that IDPH was going to allow for electronic incident reporting. Is this true? If so, what is the status of this effort?

A: Currently, Section 300.690 of the Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care Code (http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/077003000C06900R.html) requires that LTC facilities notify the Department of any serious incident or accident. The rules require notification by fax or phone to the Regional Office within 24 hours after each reportable incident of accident. IDPH is in the process of developing an electronic incident reporting form and a new formal process implementing such. This new form and process will need to be accomplished through official rulemaking to make it official/effective. IDPH told IHCA just last week that they hope to have a draft form and rule ready for review at the next LTC Advisory Board Meeting, which is scheduled for May 19, 2015. IHCA will keep our members informed as to the progress of this well needed change.