

## **Amendment to SF 2317/HF 1432 VAA Redesign – Section by Section**

### **Sec. 4. Lead investigative agency, notifications, dispositions, determination**

Allows county social service agencies to offer assistance to the reporter or the person subject to the report when the report is not accepted for adult protective services or investigation.

Allows for county as the lead investigative agency or the agency responsible for adult protective services to coordinate and share data with tribes when the subject of the report is a tribal member to support a tribal member’s health, safety, or comfort, or to prevent, stop or remediate maltreatment.

Allows for county as the lead investigative agency or the agency responsible for adult protective services to coordinate and share data with a case management agency under Chapter 256B to support the vulnerable adult’s health, safety, or comfort, or to prevent, stop, or remediate maltreatment.

### **Duties of county social service agency**

Allows the county as the lead investigative agency to determine if a report screened in for assessment and services will also include an investigation of the person alleged responsible that results in a final determination.

States when the allegation is abuse, caregiver neglect that resulted in harm to the VA, financial exploitation that may be criminal, or when a caregiver under Chapter 256B is alleged responsible, an investigation to make a final determination will be conducted.

Allows the agency to make a final determination on any allegation when the agency’s judgement is a final disposition may safeguard a vulnerable adult or prevent further maltreatment.

Allows for the agency to change their initial determination from assessment only to investigation if during the course of the assessment it is found that the person alleged responsible may be responsible for caregiver neglect that resulted in serious harm to the VA, financial exploitation that may be criminal, or it is found that the person alleged responsible is a caregiver under Chapter 256B.

Updates language to be consistent with the modernization of the guardianship statute and removes “ward or protected person” and replaces it with “person subject to guardianship or conservatorship”