

Care CEUs

Protecting Elders from Financial Exploitation

1. Which of the following is considered to be a type of elder abuse?

- A. Neglect
 - B. Abandonment
 - C. Material Exploitation
 - D. All of the above
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2. Financial exploitation often occurs in relationships where the vulnerable person has placed his or her trust and confidence in another person.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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3. The primary agencies that investigate reports of suspected elder financial exploitation are Adult Protective Services (APS), licensing agencies, law enforcement, and the long-term care ombudsman.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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4. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. State law specifies whether an alleged victim meets the definition of an adult eligible for protective services.
 - B. Federal law specifies whether an alleged victim meets the definition of an adult eligible for protective services.
 - C. APS policies specify whether an alleged victim meets the definition of an adult eligible for protective services.
 - D. All adults are automatically eligible for protective services.
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5. Which of the following may be considered a warning sign of financial exploitation?

- A. An older adult reports a missing checkbook
 - B. An older adult becomes secretive and suddenly starts hiding possessions
 - C. An older adult is agitated or distraught prior to or after a family member visits
 - D. All of the above
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6. Federal law requires nursing home providers to report suspected crimes against a resident to local law enforcement.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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7. During an investigation of suspected financial exploitation, the ombudsman's role is to respond directly to the resident and to act on behalf of residents.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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8. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. When reporting financial exploitation it is important to remember that you are reporting a reasonable suspicion.
 - B. When reporting financial exploitation it is important to remember that you are investigating a crime.
 - C. When reporting financial exploitation it is not important to include dates of the incident(s).
 - D. When reporting financial exploitation it is not important to disclose signs of any other type of abuse or neglect.
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9. Health care professionals must present a discharge notice to protective services when reporting financial exploitation.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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10. The organization you work for organizes a team of health care professionals to develop staff education programs. You are included on the team. Your responsibility is to select topics for an in-service training regarding financial exploitation. Which of the following topics may be appropriate for your organization's in-service?

- A. Overview of financial crimes
 - B. Provider's policies prohibiting accepting money and loans from residents
 - C. The role of the compliance officer
 - D. All of the above
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11. Upon admission into a facility, older adults should be given information regarding policies and procedures for receiving and handling cash from residents and family members to help prevent financial exploitation.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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12. A health care professional has recently joined a team that is developing a community network focused on the financial exploitation of older adults. What benefits should the health care professional expect from the network?

- A. Improved responses to cases of financial exploitation
 - B. A decrease in reported cases of suspected financial exploitation
 - C. An increase in reported cases of suspected financial exploitation
 - D. Both A and C
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13. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. Financial abuse specialist teams do not typically provide consultation and support to local law enforcement.
 - B. Financial abuse specialist teams do not typically provide consultation and support to long-term care ombudsmen.
 - C. Elder abuse forensic centers require that health care professionals and local law enforcement work independently to review cases of older adult abuse.
 - D. Elder abuse forensic centers bring together professionals in criminal justice, healthcare, and social services to review cases of abuse.
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14. Triads provide coordination between law enforcement, elder service professionals, and older community members in order to promote crime awareness and prevention.

- A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE
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15. Network coordinators may be responsible for which of the following?

- A. Recruiting members
 - B. Developing network goals
 - C. Scheduling
 - D. All of the above
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