

Life Threatening Injury Severity Coding

Changes to severity codes are made using the following process by the Child Mortality Review Team (CMR) and Local Agency:

- 1) CMR staff identify that an injury with the coding of **Life Threatening Injury** may not meet criteria for a near fatality.
- 2) Once a case has been identified, CMR staff will contact the local agency's manager or supervisor to discuss the case and injury circumstances to determine together if a different severity code may be more appropriate.
- 3) If agreed that the severity code should be changed, CMR staff will notify SSIS staff at DHS to request the code change if beyond the timeline for the local agency's ability to make this change.
- 4) If the code change is agreed upon and changed the case will not be considered a near fatality.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Allegation Determination for Investigation". It contains the following fields and options:

- Allegation:** A dropdown menu with "Physical abuse" selected.
- Allegation detail:** A list box containing a checked item "Threatened injury".
- Maltreatment determined?:** Radio buttons for "Yes" (selected) and "No".
- Determination date:** A dropdown menu with "9/16/2016" selected.
- Severity:** A dropdown menu with "Life-threatening injury" selected.
- Maltreatment determined after reconsiderations / appeals ?** Radio buttons for "Yes" (selected) and "No".