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It has come to the attention of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA) that programs are not reporting instances of death that occur at or are related to their program. COMAR 10.47.01.03 F. states that programs shall “Report critical incidents to the Administration within 5 business days of the incident.” Although COMAR does not specify exactly how to identify a critical incident, the ADAA believes that a methadone related death of a patient, significant other, family member or anyone in the general public if related somehow to the OMT is a critical incident.

Providers should not limit the definition of critical incident to a death. COMAR 10.47.01.03 F should be followed for any incident that is life threatening and or safety related. Examples include but are not limited to theft or unaccounted for methadone within the program, building damage resulting in relocation or prolonged closure and overdose of patients etc.

These issues are extremely important and it is equally important that they are reported as required in the regulations. ADAA wishes to support you in ensuring that there is a safe and therapeutic environment for patients seeking opioid maintenance therapy. We also, appreciate the cooperation of all providers, both public and private and look forward to continuing the work we do together.

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