

Overdose and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Reporting

On June 5th, 2017, Governor Ducey declared a public health emergency in response to the alarming increase in opioid overdoses and deaths in Arizona. This declaration necessitates a rapid response and intervention with targeted solutions, including an enhanced surveillance advisory to allow the Arizona Department of Health Services to rapidly collect essential data in real-time in order to facilitate the implementation of more efficient prevention efforts.

MEDSIS will be used by healthcare providers and facilities for the reporting of suspected opioid overdoses (with or without fatality) and neonatal abstinence syndrome. This user guide provides step-by-step instructions for gaining access and reporting cases into the electronic surveillance system. As of June 13th, 2017, the following morbidities have been added to the system to facilitate reporting:

1. Overdose Related Events with Fatality
2. Overdose Related Events without Fatality
3. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

New User Requests (Expedited)

Current MEDSIS Policies and Procedures states that each requested MEDSIS user must be approved by their respective local MEDSIS liaison. Due to the urgency for the implementation of overdose reporting, new user approvals will be expedited by ADHS. All communications regarding account creation and communication will include the local MEDSIS liaisons in order to keep distribution lists updated. Further communication regarding MEDSIS will be disseminated through the MEDSIS liaisons.

New users are encouraged to reach out to local MEDSIS liaisons for assistance regarding technical use of the system.

1. Sign & date the Health Services Portal (HSP) user agreement
 - a. Electronic signatures will NOT be processed. Signatures must be handwritten
2. Return the signed user agreement to the HSP Help Desk by e-mail (medsishelpdesk@siren.az.gov); Subject Line: **MEDSIS Overdose Reporting Request**) or by fax to 602-364-3199 (**Attn: MEDSIS Overdose Reporting Request**)
3. User credentials (username and password) will be sent directly to the requesting user as well as local MEDSIS liaisons
 - a. Further communications regarding MEDSIS will be disseminated by local MEDSIS liaison(s)