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MEMORANDUM

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To: Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Hospital Chief Medical Officer, Hospital Chief Nursing Executive, Hospital Emergency Department Director, Hospital Quality Director, Director of Pharmacy, Hospital Chief Information Officer

CC: Hospital Infection Preventionist, Local Health Departments, Regional Offices of IDPH, IDPH Office of Health Care Regulation, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network, Illinois Health and Hospital Association

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Subject: Reporting of Opioid Overdose Cases

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Illinois has experienced dramatic increases in opioid-related overdose deaths. In response to this public health and public safety crisis, pursuant to the Hospital Licensing Act, 210 ILCS 84/6.14g, and the Illinois Administrative Code, 77 ILAC 250.1520 (g), **all Illinois hospital Emergency Departments (ED) are required to report cases of opioid overdose to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) within 48 hours of providing treatment for the drug overdose or at such time the drug overdose is confirmed.**

In an effort to minimize reporting burden on facilities, IDPH has worked with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association to evaluate use of the syndromic surveillance data feed already submitted by all acute care hospitals in Illinois. The syndromic surveillance data is an automated, near real-time data submission for all ED visits that is submitted from each acute care hospital to IDPH. It includes demographic information, as well as date, time, diagnosis and chief complaint of every visit. For opioid overdose reporting, the syndromic surveillance data currently sent to IDPH provides the required reporting elements for about 75 percent of Illinois hospitals. However, hospitals will need to perform validation of their ED results, to confirm that opioid and heroin overdoses are being accurately collected. Additionally, information on opioid antagonist (naloxone) administration is not captured in the syndromic surveillance data and must be separately reported to IDPH.

Hospitals must complete these required activities:

- Register for access to view reported facility-specific aggregate opioid overdose data, by August 31, 2018
- Complete initial validation, by October 31, 2018
- Begin sending a daily electronic report generated from the hospital's pharmacy system to report data on opioid antagonist (naloxone) administration, by December 31, 2018

Please visit IDPH's syndromic surveillance webpage (<http://dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/syndromic-surveillance>) for detailed instructions on the required activities listed above. An informational webinar will be scheduled in the coming weeks to review the reporting requirements and address any questions you may have. Questions may also be directed to IDPH's Division of Patient Safety and Quality at [dph.dpsq@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.dpsq@illinois.gov).