On Par with DOR

The Latest Drug Overdose Reporting News and Announcements

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Utilization of the 2021 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code List

As a reminder, in January 2021, the Drug Overdose Reporting (DOR) reportable diagnosis code list was updated to include new codes for fentanyl, tramadol, and poisoning by other synthetic narcotics. Utilizing these more specific codes allows TDH to track emerging trends and truly understand the burden of overdoses that involve fentanyl or fentanyl analogs.

2021 Reportable ICD-10-CM Code List Updates

Poisoning by fentanyl or fentanyl analogs: T40.411- T40.414
Poisoning by tramadol: T40.421- T40.424
Poisoning by other synthetic narcotics: T40.491- T40.494

The most recent reportable disease diagnosis code list can be found on the TDH Drug Overdose Reporting website or by following this link. Facilities reporting these more specific codes as appropriate can assist in understanding the burden of these specific drug overdoses in TN. Understanding the burden also allows for coordination between public health and community-based organizations. With this data, these groups can work together to ensure they are able to provide guidance and allocate resources, targeting the most vulnerable areas.

Since the beginning of 2022, 15 of our TN trading partners have submitted a record with a specific fentanyl diagnosis code. Please make sure your facility has updated its reportable disease code list to ensure your facility is meeting DOR reporting requirements and detailed, comprehensive information on the overdose events is reported to public health.
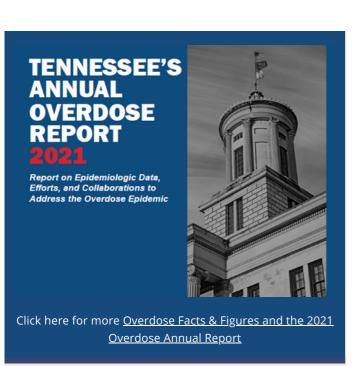
If you have questions about whether you are reporting the most recent overdose diagnosis codes or if you have questions, please reach out to TDH.Informatics@tn.gov and we can assist you.

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Reporting Tips

- When submitting files via SFTP, the naming convention MUST BE in the following format: DOR_Trading Partner_ID_DateTime (DateTime format YYYY-MM-DD-HHMMSS).
- If there are any missing weeks in your DOR summary report, please make sure to submit those weeks, as it means TDH does not have a record of receiving files from those weeks with no errors. A RED facility name with no totals in the row indicates that no records were submitted for the facility. Please remember any missing weeks will need to be submitted the following week along with the current week's submission.
- Each facility within an organization MUST report a "Zero Submission Record" when there are no patient records that meet the selection criteria for drug overdose during the submission period.
- If either of your DOR Summary Reports or Data Detail Validation Files says your DOR record contains a warning, please reach out to TDH.Informatics@tn.gov for assistance with correcting the warning.

If you have questions or see anything that may be problematic or hinder you from submitting successfully, please contact TDH.Informatics@tn.gov.

Click here for more Overdose Facts & Figures and the 2021 Overdose Annual Report

Useful Resources

DOR Manual

DOR Reporting Website

The Error Handling Guide

Reportable Diseases Rules and Regulations

The Importance of Having a Back-Up Point of Contact

Every week TDH receives hundreds of records from across the state for nonfatal drug overdoses. Those records are processed, and data is passed along to our colleagues within TDH Central Office and Regional/Metro Offices who use that information to help make decisions for the benefit of the citizens of Tennessee. Having up-to-date information on nonfatal drug overdoses is key to ensuring we as public health professionals are able to make data-driven actionable plans and are doing all we can to serve our communities.

When a week is not submitted to TDH, this causes a breakdown in this process, where our colleagues in the different regions of Tennessee are unable to receive the data in a timely manner. We understand there are instances where the submitter may be out of the office and be unable to submit the weekly submission, because of vacation or sick. However, it is important that a consistent schedule of weekly submissions is maintained for the benefit of all involved.

To help with this, TDH suggests automating the reporting process, multiple people within your organization are trained to submit DOR weekly submissions using SFTP to ensure your organization can maintain its required weekly submissions. If you have any questions or would like to request access for a new individual, please contact TDH.Informatics@tn.gov.

Importance of Notifying TDH of Personnel Changes

Every week TDH sends out the DOR Summary Reports for trading partners to review their submissions and ensure that all records are successfully submitted. Keeping your mailing list for the Summary Report up to date is important to ensure that all individuals who work to submit records to TDH every week can check to see if there are any errors in the weekly submission.

As people leave and points of contact change, it is important to keep TDH up to date on who should be receiving the DOR Summary Report. A few other reasons to notify TDH of a change within your organization:
- Name or Email address change
- EHR change
- Vendor change
- Facility closures
- Anything that will result in delayed reporting

You can review who is on your mailing list by checking the recipients on DOR Summary Reports. If you would like to add or remove anyone from your DOR mailing list, please contact TDH.Informatics@tn.gov.