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SCA Overdose Requirements

Given the risks associated with overdose, SCAs must develop and maintain a current listing of contact information for all local screening, assessment, and treatment providers to facilitate the smooth transition from emergency room visits to substance abuse treatment. This referral list must be submitted to DDAP and to all emergency rooms in their geographic area and other key referral sources such as Urgent Care facilities. Contact information must include types of services provided, phone numbers, and addresses of these facilities.

Procedures are to be developed to 1) ensure up to date contact information is provided to DDAP and local emergency medical providers; 2) describe the process to access care in their locale during business hours, or if different, during evenings and holidays, and, 3) to allow priority access to substance abuse treatment for those being referred by the emergency room following an overdose.

These changes have been made in the Treatment Manual as Part Nine, 9.01A and Part Ten, 10.01A on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Communicator, and are effective October 1, 2013.