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MDHHS Statistical Report of Deaths and Investigations in Psychiatric Hospitals or Psychiatric Units for Fiscal Year 2023

Amendments to the Mental Health Code, effective March 24, 2021, require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide a statistical report of deaths occurring in state facilities and licensed private hospitals (LPH), including those that occurred within 48 hours of discharge. These changes also required the department to investigate any death reported that was the result of suicide or instances where the cause of death was reported as unknown. The review of deaths in state-operated hospitals has been an ongoing process of MDHHS Office of Recipient Rights. The review of deaths in the LPH settings began with the effective date of the amendment to the law.

330.1720 Statistical report of deaths; investigation.

(1) The department shall provide an annual statistical report to the members of the house and senate standing committees and appropriations subcommittees with legislative oversight of mental health issues summarizing all deaths and causes of deaths, if known, of mental health care recipients that have been reported to the department, including deaths that occurred within 48 hours after discharge, and all deaths that have occurred in state facilities.

(2) In the report described in subsection (1), the department must include information indicating whether or not it has initiated an investigation or is in the process of an investigation as required under section 721 regarding the recipient's death and, if known, the findings of the investigation.

330.1721 Investigation of certain deaths reported by psychiatric hospital or psychiatric unit.

The department must investigate all deaths reported by a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric unit that are the result of a suicide or where the cause of death is reported as unknown.

Reporting of Deaths 10-1-2022 to 9-30-23

STATE HOSPITALS

Total Reported	3
Natural Causes	3
Unknown/Other	0

Investigations	0
No Apparent Violation	0
Returned for Action	0

LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS

Total Reported	11
Natural Causes	4
Unknown/Other	7

Investigations	7
No Apparent Violation	2
Returned for Action	2
Ongoing Investigations	3