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Dear Arizona Physician Assistants:

On June 5, 2017, Governor Ducey declared a **state of emergency** due to the opioid epidemic. Today, in response to this statewide emergency, Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2017-04, *Enhanced Surveillance Advisory*.

Attached please find a link to a letter from Cara Christ, M.D. M.S., Director of the Department of Health Services, informing the medical community of the new requirements related to reporting suspected opioid overdoses and deaths.

This is one of the first steps in gathering important data to assist in assessing the problem and devising strategies to combat this serious health epidemic.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia E. McSorley'.

Patricia McSorley, J.D.
Executive Director
Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants

Dr. Cara Christ's Letter
