

QUARTERLY NURSING UPDATE

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Mortality Reviews

Mortality Review as an “Investigation”

- ❑ CMS requires that all deaths of waiver participants and residents of ICF/DDs be “investigated.”
- ❑ Mortality review can be used as part or all of the investigation.
- ❑ The Mortality Review Report must be reviewed by the Incident Review Committee

Many Sources of Requirements

There are many different sources of requirements:

- OMRDD
- Other state agencies (NYSED, SDOH, SDOL, etc)
- Federal Agencies (HHS, OSHA, DEA etc)
- The State Boards for the Professions
- Professional Organizations

Medication Questions

Why Do We Need a Script?

Legally a nurse can **ONLY** administer medication pursuant to an order from a legally authorized practitioner.

To verify the order on both the pharmacy label and the MAR.

Legal proof of the order.
