



Custer County Office of Coroner

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To: All Healthcare Providers Within Custer County

Re: Hospice Care and Patient Deaths

Dear Healthcare Provider,

Please accept this correspondence as a formal directive for the handling of patients who are in the care of hospice services or Healthcare Facility's within Custer County. Effective immediately, you will be required to contact the Custer County Coroner's Office no later than one hour after the death of a patient that occurs in Custer County.

Those Deaths include but are not limited to:

- Deaths while in Hospice Care
- Deaths within a certified Nursing Facility
- Deaths within 24 hours of admission to hospital or clinic
- Deaths occurring while under the effect of any prescription or non-prescription medication

This applies to: Home healthcare workers, Hospice care providers, Nursing home facilitators and staff, Doctors performing Concierge or House-call services:

As you know, the Custer County Coroner has a legal responsibility as provided in CRS § 30-10-606 to attend all deaths within his jurisdiction to ensure the proper processing of the Decedent and safeguarding any / all personal properties.

Failure to adhere to this directive may result in regulatory standard sanctions as well as criminal violations for failure to comply. Should you have any questions regarding this directive, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Please reference CO Rev Stat § 30-10-606 and § 25-1-124 for further information. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention, cooperation and adherence to this directive.

Sincerely,

Arthur Nordyke
Custer County Coroner

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur Nordyke".

A black and white illustration of a mountain range with snow-capped peaks and a valley, located at the bottom left of the page.

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