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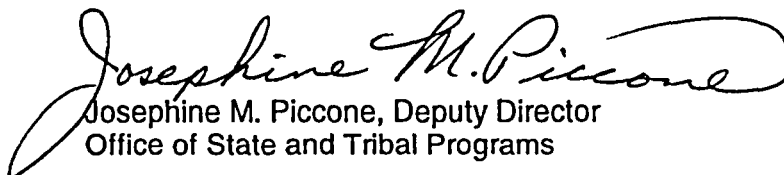
There was a recent event where overdoses occurred with the use of a gamma knife device. A preliminary notice should be out early next week. You may want to inform your gamma knife licensees so that they can take appropriate actions.

We understand that a gamma knife licensee identified that an incorrect file had been loaded into the Treatment Planning software resulting in incorrect calibration factors (source output date was changed in the process). We understand that a Treatment Planning Software QC check for output should be able to verify that value with the actual device output. The NRC is informing its licensees verbally of this issue. Additional information will be provided shortly by the device manufacturer to all their clients. We will send this information to you as soon as the NRC receives it.

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