Definitions of specific substance-related deaths are described below:

**Alcohol-related:** Alcohol was a contributing factor in an individual’s death. Alcohol-related deaths include overdoses attributed to alcohol intoxication, alcohol and cocaine intoxication, alcohol and narcotics intoxication, and alcohol and other drugs intoxication.

**Cocaine-related:** Cocaine was a contributing factor in an individual’s death. Cocaine-related includes overdoses attributed to cocaine intoxication, cocaine and alcohol intoxication, and cocaine and narcotics intoxication.

**Narcotics-related:** Narcotics were a contributing factor in an individual’s death. Narcotics-related includes overdoses attributed to narcotics intoxication, narcotics and alcohol intoxication, narcotics and cocaine intoxication, and methadone intoxication.

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