

WHAT MEDICAL CERTIFIERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE INDIANA DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM (IDRS)

- Provides for paperless filing of a death record
- Facilitates on-line collaboration among multiple death registration system users, including funeral homes, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and coroners, and local and state registrars
- Supports the completion and filing of a death record that is partially an electronic record and partially a paper certificate if all participants are not on-line
- Improves the timeliness and quality of cause-of-death reporting
- Saves time and effort by enabling death certificate completion electronically
- Reduces errors in and rejection of death certificates
- Promotes uniformity in cause-of-death statistics
- Rollout scheduled to begin in second quarter of 2009

IDRS POTENTIAL BENEFITS AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA) RESOLUTION

In 2002, the AMA House of Delegates adopted a resolution sponsored by the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) related to improving the reporting of cause-of-death. This resolution includes the following language: (Source NAPHSIS brochure)

- Educate state legislators on the importance of uniformity in mortality statistics so research dollars may be appropriately disbursed
- Train physicians in medical schools, residency programs and continuing medical education courses on how to fill out a death certificate.
- Improves cause-of-death data provided to electronic disease surveillance systems
- Enables faster death registration at the Vital Records Office, which will speed turnaround time for obtaining certified copies for families
- Improves fraud prevention by using electronic authentication
- Automates the referral to the medical examiner and/or coroner for possible medical examiner cases
- Allows for electronic cremation approval
- Provides for electronic submission of supplemental cause-of-death information for pending investigations by the medical examiner and/or coroner

IDRS FEATURES

- User-friendly death record data entry screens
- Highly secure and Internet-accessible
- Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
- Online amendments for cases entered in IDRS
- Certifiers are notified via Email
- Work queues for managing cases
- Ability for administrative assistants to complete the record except for the electronic signature
- Ability for physicians and coroners to export files from IDRS for upload into their local systems

HOW DO I STAY UP TO DATE?

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