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TO: All Local Registrars
All Funeral Directors
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FROM: Ivra J. Cross, State Registrar
Bureau of Vital Records

SUBJECT: Revised Missouri Certificate of Death

DATE: December 22, 2009

This notice is to advise you of the new format for Missouri death certificates that are now being distributed. Requests for supplies of death certificates will be completed with the revised form (Rev. 01-10). The state bureau will continue to accept the old format for events occurring prior to January 1, 2010 until all 2009 have been registered. Events occurring January 1, 2010 and after must be registered using the new form. Preprinted forms and special laser paper will be distributed by local registrars. Requests for bulk supplies should be faxed to: (573) 526-3846, Attention: Marcia Davis.

The new certificate has also been placed in a secured address site on the Internet at <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/IVrecords/>. This site may not be shared with anyone who is not a funeral director or physician that registers death certificates.

Funeral directors who have laser-printing capability will be authorized to prepare certificates using the special laser paper also provided by this office. To print from this site the "Acrobat Reader" feature is needed. To maintain uniformity across the state, records received on any paper other than the special paper provided by this office will be rejected.

Currently, the bureau has additional "pdf" forms at the site. The forms include applications for certified copies and the Affidavit for Correction of Birth/Death. These forms can be printed on regular white bonded paper.

We are also working with vendors who would like to use the Missouri death certificate in their software packages. If you participate with a vendor that has not offered this service to you, please contact us for information.

If you experience any problems using the site or have questions, please contact the Bureau of Vital Records at (573) 526-0348.

Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

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