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SUBJECT: Electronic Death Registration System Update

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This memo is to provide an update regarding the status of the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS). Please share this information with staff that has a need to know.

Development of EDRS

Navigating the workflow of the EDRS is currently being tested. So far, testing is going well. There have been minimal issues that have been identified and reported back to the vendor who is working to resolve them.

Training

A training plan is being developed for implementation of the EDRS. As you may recall in the previous update, options that were being considered included training in Jefferson City, DHSS district offices, and/or arrange for data providers to participate in webinar trainings where travel to a facility should not be necessary. The first series of trainings will be scheduled for the fall, to be held in Jefferson City with a limited test group. This will allow an evaluation of functionality and quality of data and to develop frequently asked questions (FAQs) before the next series of trainings begin. As providers are trained, we anticipate adding those providers into live production. This means that cases entered into the EDRS by funeral directors and certifiers will be actual cases that are handled by those funeral homes. We anticipate the next series of training to be conducted will be facilities that handle a large to medium volume of cases, and then on to smaller volume of cases. We are also proposing to work with the funeral directors and the certifiers that collaborate with each other on a regular basis so that the funeral directors and certifiers will begin to use the system at the same time.

On-line Verification of Social Security Number

The software for verifying the Social Security Number has been installed and is currently being tested. The completion of testing navigation and functionality is anticipated by early fall just before EDRS training is to begin.

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Certificate of Death Revision

As mentioned in the previous update, the 2010 certificate of death has been revised to include the date of disposition. The 2010 certificate that was implemented in January 2010 will continue to be accepted until stock has run out. Please remember to enter the date of disposition in item #20 for certificates of death that have not been revised to include item #20b. The revised certificate has been uploaded to the secure site where the PDF form is located.

Vendors' Certificate of Death

Some vendors have also revised their versions of the Missouri Certificate of Death to include date of disposition for the new item #20b to ensure uniformity with the revised pre-printed certificate of death form.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Ivra J. Cross, at 573-526-0348 or ivra.cross@dhss.mo.gov.

c: State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
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