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RE: Electronic Signatures Required for Death Certificates

Dear All Future EDRS Users,

The State of Nevada, Office of Vital Records, would like to thank everyone who participated in our stakeholders meeting held on October 6, 2015. The Office of Vital Records received great feedback. We are actively working on suggestions offered to us at the meeting.

As a reminder, the Office of Vital Records will be requiring all certifiers to electronically certify / sign the cause of death effective January 1, 2016. We will no longer be accepting signed paper certificates after this date.

The Office of Vital Records asks all certifiers of the cause of death to submit an application and confidentiality agreement as soon as possible to ensure compliance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 440.165 and our deadline. The application and confidentiality agreement can be found on our website at:

http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/BirthDeath/dta/Publications/Vital_Records_Publications/

The Office of Vital Records would like to emphasize the importance of certifiers signing electronically by January 1, 2016. Most importantly, we ask certifiers to comply with this deadline, so the decedent's family and friends do not experience unnecessary delays in obtaining death certificates.

Certifiers not complying with this deadline may be fined pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 440.720 as listed below and/or a complaint being filed with the State of Nevada Board of Medical Examiners. Funeral homes and families may also be encouraged to file a complaint.

NRS 440.720 Neglect or refusal of physician to execute medical certificate of death. Any physician who was in medical attendance upon any deceased person at the time of death who neglects or refuses to make out and deliver to the funeral director, sexton or other person in charge of the interment, removal or other disposition of the body, upon request, the medical certificate of the cause of death shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250.

Please do not delay in submitting your application and confidentiality agreement. The Office of Vital Records would like to ensure sufficient time to get every certifier functioning within the system before January 1, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Lewis
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