

NEBRASKA VITAL RECORDS OFFICE

Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS)

PHASE II---“FAX ATTESTATION”

Vital Records will be implementing PHASE II, “***Fax Attestation***”, of the Electronic Death Registration System in 2012. It will provide an alternative method for medical certifiers to sign death certificates. Clinic, hospital and/or office staff will still maintain an assigned Citrix account with login ID and password. An automated worksheet will be faxed from the system to the medical certifier to complete. Once the medical certifier completes the work sheet, staff will enter the medical data for the death record into the EDR system. The staff will then print out the Fax Attestation copy. The medical certifier will review and simply sign in their handwriting the Fax Attestation copy. The Fax Attestation copy will then be faxed to the State and the State software will read the medical certifiers Fax Attestation signature. If the medical certifier’s signature is accepted the Fax Attestation copy will be electronically attached to the data record. This new process will eliminate the need for the medical certifier to maintain a login ID and password.

An additional feature in PHASE II will be ***automation of communication***. Faxes and/or emails will be automatically generated between the Funeral Home, Medical Certifier and the State directly from the system depending on the record status. Emails will be generated when the death record is complete, rejected or queried.

It is anticipated the Phase II project will increase the percentage of death records being filed electronically. The Department of Health and Human Services along with the Epidemiology section understands the importance of having real time reporting of the Cause of Death for public health purposes. If you have any questions about Phase II or want to use the electronic death registration program, please contact Jackie Fairbanks at (402)471-0919 with the Vital Records office.