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Attention- New Law Affecting Death Certificate Certification

This past legislative session, the Maine 128th Legislature passed a bill which will require that death certificates are completed and filed using Maine's Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS). **After July 1, 2018 paper records, will no longer be accepted.**

Data, Research, and Vital Statistics (DRVS) would like to encourage health care providers (physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistants authorized to practice in this State) to start using the EDRS as soon as possible. Below, DRVS has provided (3) three options for health care providers to learn more about the EDRS.

1. Try on your own

https://gatewaytest.maine.gov/evrs_mirror_web/logon.aspx

The above URL is a link to the web-based system used for training and is a mirror of the functionality in the production database currently in use. The cases created in the training site are not real cases. Health care providers may create and certify death cases to become familiar with the online system. DRVS has created generic usernames and passwords to use in the training site. The username is always "Cert" as the first name and the first four letters of the county of your primary practice. Example: "Cert.Aroo" or "Cert.Knox", etc. Usernames are case sensitive. The password is Train2017.

Once you become comfortable with the application, please contact the Application Support Desk at 1-888-664-9491 (opt. 7) for an enrollment and disclosure form. You will be provided with a permanent user name, password and the link to the production site.

2. E-Learning Tool

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/data-research/vital-records/edrs/edrs-training/index.html>

The above URL is a link to the online training module that has been created for health care providers. The training module demonstrates how to complete the medical certification information required by health care providers for the completion of a death certificate. The training module has been designed so health care providers may complete at their convenience. After completion of the training, health care providers will need to complete the post test to gain access to the production database. Successful completion of the post test will generate an email to EDRS staff to enroll you as a user.

3. On-Site Training

A series of on-site trainings will be offered by DRVS and held throughout the state over the next few months. On-site trainings may be organized through health care facilities in your area. Training schedules will be announced when finalized.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment to improving death reporting.