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The following revisions were made to the Certificate of Death form due to new legislation effective with July 1, 2011, death events that will now permit PAs and ARNPs to certify to the cause of death.

1. #26 Name of pronouncing person: parens were added to remind the user that only the following professional titles may be listed – MD, DO, PA, ARNP, RN, LPN.
2. #31b If yes, ME contacted: was changed from a Yes/No option to a blank space for the ME case number to be entered if ‘yes,’ the ME was contacted, due to some integrity issues.
3. #34 Autopsy findings available: the words “If yes,” were added in the label due to some confusion when completing the form.
4. #45 Certifier: The first checkbox now says “Certifying MD, DO, PA, ARNP” and the second checkbox now has “(MD, DO)” added after the words Medical Examiner due to some confusion when completing the form, and to ensure that the proper professional titles are entered.
5. Revision date was added to the back side under the form.

Please begin using the revised form with July 1, 2011, deaths. The form can be downloaded from the death registration website <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/deathreg.asp> Password: vrd_2011.

Do not complete the form while logged into the website. The form is meant for you to download onto your own computer drive and to complete it from there. To do that, select the file called “2011 Death Certificate Form – Funeral Directors Version 4 (July 1, 2011).” Then select <File> from the main menu bar, then select “Save As” from the drop-down list. The “Save a Copy” command box will come up. At the top a field is labeled “Save in:” – select the ▼ to bring up the drop-down list and select your own computer or drive. For the file name, either leave it as is, or rename it “2011 Death Certificate-July 1, 2011” or something similar so that you know this is the latest version. It will save as an Adobe .pdf file, so you will need to open it later either through the “My Computer” icon on your desktop or by first opening Adobe.

All forms created by your own software or a vendor’s must be pre-approved by myself.