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Process for Doctors to Fill Out Death Certificate Paperwork After a Death in the Home with Hospice

Take this instruction sheet with you to the doctor's office and give it to the doctor and/or office staff

The family will hand-deliver to their Primary Care Doctor the Death Certificate Medical Certifier Worksheet and the Nurse Pronouncement Form they received from Hospice. The doctor fills out the former completely, signs it, and returns it to the family **immediately**. The family should wait in the office to receive the filled-out form. The family should also get the doctor's fax number.

The family will hand carry to the town clerk the Death Certificate Medical Certifier Worksheet and the Informant Worksheet for Certificate of Death, which contains the biographical information. Make sure the town clerk receives the doctor's fax number.

After the town clerk inputs all the information into the state Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS), the doctor will receive a fax directly from the Town Clerk through the EDRS. The doctor must check the accuracy of the faxed document, sign the "attestation" and **immediately** fax it back to the town clerk.

The town clerk will then finish processing the documents through the EDRS, generate the necessary paperwork to create the official death certificate and burial transit permit, and give those documents to the family.

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