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To Funeral Directors, Physicians, and Local Registrars:

Starting March 1st, 2013, EDRS will be restricting the use of faxed medical certifications in an effort to improve the accuracy and quality of the medical information being reported on the death certificates. All physicians are being requested to register online and complete their certifications electronically to help eliminate potential problems with incomplete or illegible medical information. Out-of-state licensed physicians may still fax their certifications but are reminded that their certifications will be closely reviewed for completeness and legibility prior to approval.

Should training be needed for any physician, online tutorials are available to all registered physicians via the Help link in EDRS. Physicians who need further technical assistance should contact the toll-free Help Desk at 1-866-668-3788. Any other assistance, not of a technical nature, please contact the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry at 1-888-600-9176 or at 609-586-2600.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to improve the speed and reduce the expense of filing and processing New Jersey's death certificates.

Sincerely,

Vincent T. Arrisi
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