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TO: LOCAL REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
COUNTY RECORDERS

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH – VS 10D (Rev. 1/16)

Introduction

This All County Letter provides instructions for completing items added to the Certificate of Live Birth VS 10D (Rev. 1/16) for 2016 births. A sample 2016 birth certificate is enclosed.

Changes to form VS 10D are required pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1951 (Chapter 334, Statutes of 2014). The new law affects California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Sections 102150, 102425, 102425.1, 102425.2, and 102430, effective January 1, 2016. Revisions to the Birth Registration Handbook will incorporate these changes. Other vital record forms will also be revised to include the new items:

- VS 21 – Adjudication of Facts of Parentage
 - VS 22 – Acknowledgement of Paternity/Parentage
 - VS 23 – Amendment of Birth Record to Reflect Court Order Change of Name
 - VS 24 – Affidavit to Amend a Record
 - VS 44 – Court Report of Adoption
 - VS 85 – Delayed Registration of Birth
 - VS 107 – Supplemental Name Report – Birth
 - VS 108 – Court Order Delayed Registration of Birth
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**New Parent
Relationship
Check boxes
Items
6D and 9D**

The revised birth certificate contains new check boxes in items 6D and 9D, where each parent may self-designate his or her relationship to the child. The relationship check boxes are optional; either parent may select mother, father, parent – or leave box blank. The boxes may be completed with an X, a check mark, or completely filled in; no more than one box may be marked for each parent.

An informant signing the birth certificate must have personally consulted with the parent(s) prior to selecting a relationship. If a parent is not available for consultation, then no box should be selected for them. The check boxes may be amended at a later date.

Item 6D — Parent not giving birth may select a check box to designate their relationship to the child

Item 9D— Parent giving birth may select a check box to designate their relationship to the child

Example:

NAME OF PARENT	6A. NAME OF PARENT - FIRST	6B. MIDDLE	6C. LAST - BIRTH NAME	6D. <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
NAME OF PARENT	9A. NAME OF PARENT - FIRST	9B. MIDDLE	9C. LAST - BIRTH NAME	9D. <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT

REFERENCE: H&SC 102425.1 operative January 1, 2016

**Parent Fields
6A - 6C**

Fields 6A, 6B, 6C should be completed with the name of the parent not giving birth, only if one of the following two statements are true:

**Person not
Giving Birth**

1. That person must be married to or in a State Registered Domestic Partnership (SRDP) with the person giving birth.
 - OR
 2. Paternity (the father of the child) must be legally established by signing a voluntary Declaration of Paternity form.
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**Parent Fields
9A - 9C**

Fields 9A, 9B, and 9C, should be completed with the name of the person giving birth. This allows for linkage to the medical information that is required by law.

**Person Giving
Birth**

REFERENCE: H&SC 102425.2 operative January 1, 2016

Surrogates

For surrogate births, follow the court order on how parent(s) and their relationship(s) to the child should be listed on the certificate.

**Amending
Check boxes**

Check boxes may be amended if the relationship box is incorrect or blank. The Affidavit to Amend a Record VS 24 form must be signed by at least one parent. If the birth occurred prior to January 1, 2016, parents may amend their child's birth certificate to designate their relationship.

Example:

PART II STATEMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO BIRTH, DEATH, OR FETAL DEATH RECORD		
8. ITEM NUMBER TO BE CORRECTED	9. INCORRECT INFORMATION THAT APPEARS ON ORIGINAL RECORD	10. CORRECTED INFORMATION AS IT SHOULD APPEAR
	Mother/Parent	Parent
	Father/Parent	Mother
LIST ONE ITEM PER LINE		

REFERENCE: H&SC 102425.1 (d) and (e) operative January 1, 2016

Revised Handbook Pages

Local registrars of births and deaths and county recorders will be sent updated pages reflecting the above revisions. An order form is enclosed, should you wish to request additional copies of the Birth Registration Handbook.

Required Actions

Local registrars and recorders will need to submit a form VS 140e Forms Request (01/2016) order for the quantity of revised forms needed by September 30, 2015. The CDPH - Vital Records Stockroom will begin shipping out the revised forms on November 2, 2015. E-forms will be e-mailed upon request. Local registrars and recorders should distribute the appropriate revised forms to hospital staff in their jurisdictions as necessary to be used on and after January 1, 2016.

After January 1, 2016, counties should destroy all impacted forms in use prior to the January 1, 2016 revision, except a small quantity of birth certificates to be retained in order to complete any belated registrations of 2015 births. **The 2016 birth certificate is to be used for births occurring on and after January 1, 2016.**

Questions

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Birth and Marriage Registration Section at (916) 445-8494.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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 State Registrar
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Enclosures