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TO: LOCAL REGISTRARS OF BIRTH AND DEATH
CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF BIRTH AND DEATH
COUNTY RECORDERS
HOSPITAL PERINATAL UNIT NURSE MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH WORKSHEETS FOR 2006

Introduction

This All County Letter provides instructions for completing the Certificate of Live Birth using the Certificates Of Live Birth And Fetal Death – Medical Data Supplemental Worksheet – VS 10A (Rev. 01/06) and the Certificates Of Live Birth And Fetal Death – Race/Ethnicity And Education Worksheet – VS 10B (Rev. 01/06).

NOTE: The Certificate of Live Birth – VS 10D – (Rev. 1/00) has not changed

DHS is combining the worksheets for live births and fetal deaths. The combined worksheet will contain the only set of valid entries for events occurring on or after January 1, 2006. Please continue to use the VS 10A worksheet (Rev. 01/05) and the VS 10B worksheet (Rev 1/00) for reporting events prior to January 1, 2006.

New standards have been developed for reporting the following items on the Certificate of Live Birth for 2006 events:

- Item 20C (Father's Education)
- Item 23C (Mother's Education)
- Item 29 (Complications and Procedures of Pregnancy and Concurrent Illnesses)
- Item 30 (Complications and Procedures of Labor and Delivery) and
- Item 31 (Abnormal Conditions and Clinical Procedures Relating to the Newborn).

These reporting changes can be found on the newly revised Certificates Of Live Birth And Fetal Death—Medical Data Supplemental Worksheet, Certificates Of Live Birth And Fetal Death – Race/Ethnicity And Education Worksheet, and on newly revised pages for the Birth And Death Registration Handbook (copies enclosed).

**VS 10A,
VS 10B and
handbook
changes**

Changes to the VS 10A, VS 10B and handbook are required to conform to NCHS (National Center for Health Statistics) standards.

**Items 20C and
23C changes**

Enter the years of education completed (0-12) if the father or mother did not obtain a high school, college, or professional degree. Use the abbreviations that appear on the VS 10B worksheet to enter the highest degree completed by the father or mother.

**Item 29
changes**

The codes for Complications and Procedures of Pregnancy and Concurrent Illnesses have been revised and updated. They are now grouped by diseases/conditions – NOT numerical order as in the current worksheet. Please review the VS 10A worksheet for a list of the new options. For example, diabetes has been separated into two categories: prepregnancy and gestational. Ultrasound will no longer be collected because it is now considered a standard of practice. Do not include it under “other” procedures.

**Item 30
changes**

The revised and updated codes for Complications and Procedures of Labor and Delivery have been grouped by diseases/conditions – NOT numerical order as in the current worksheet.

**Item 31
changes**

The revised and updated codes for Abnormal Conditions and Clinical Procedures Relating to the Newborn have been grouped by diseases/conditions – NOT numerical order as in the current worksheet.

New options include congenital anomalies:

- Down’s Syndrome – Karyotype confirmed (57) and Karyotype pending (81); and
- Suspected chromosomal disorder – Karyotype confirmed (82) and Karoytype pending (83)

When in doubt, select “pending” (81 or 83 respectively).

**Worksheet
distribution**

Revised worksheets are enclosed. An additional supply will be mailed to local registration districts and will be available for distribution to the hospitals. The new revision is to be used for events occurring on or after January 1, 2006.

**Revised Birth
& Death
Handbook
Pages**

In addition to the worksheets, please update your Birth & Death Registration Handbook by removing and inserting pages 149-152, 159-160 and 177-180. Furthermore, you may use the enclosed order form to request additional copies of the Birth & Death Registration Handbook.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your Policy/County Analyst.

Original signed by:

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Enclosures