WHAT FUNERAL DIRECTORS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE INDIANA DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM (IDRS)

- Provides for paperless filing of a death record
- Eliminates the need to physically track down physicians to obtain signatures
- Facilitates on-line collaboration among multiple death registration system users, including funeral homes, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, medical examiners and coroners, and local and state registrars
- Supports the completion and filing of a death record that is partially an electronic record and partially a paper certificate if all participants are not on-line
- Improves the timeliness and quality of death data
- Reduces errors by verifying the decedent's SSN by automatically matching with SSA files
- Enables faster death registration at the Vital Records Office, which will speed turnaround time for obtaining certified copies for families
- Improves fraud prevention by using electronic authentication
- Supports electronic trade calls between funeral homes
- Rollout scheduled to begin in second quarter of 2009

IDRS ONLINE SSA VERIFICATION

Through online verification of Social Security Number (SSN), a decedent's SSN reported through electronic death registration will be transmitted to the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be electronically verified. Funeral directors will receive notification through the EDR system about the accuracy of the SSN as compared with the decedent's name, sex, and date of birth reported on the death record. The benefits of online verification of SSN include:

- Reducing decedent's SSN errors on death certificates
- Improving accuracy of the SSN reported to SSA
- Speeding notification of fact-of-death to SSA
- Eliminates the need for the funeral director to file the SSA 721 form

IDRS FEATURES

- User-friendly death record data entry screens
- Highly secure and Internet-accessible
- Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
- Accommodates large funeral home firms and small funeral homes
- Online amendments for cases entered in IDRS
- Certifiers are notified via Email
- Work queues for managing cases
- Ability for administrative assistants to complete the record except for the electronic signature
- Ability for funeral directors to export files from IDRS for upload into their local systems

HOW DO I STAY UP TO DATE?

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