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Dear Medical Certifier:

This form letter is to announce that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is moving to an Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) and to introduce you to a new interim system. Full implementation of the EDRS will occur in two phases; Phase 1 which has started, is directed to funeral directors and coroners/medical examiners. Phase 2 will be implemented at a later time and will be directed to medical certifiers (primarily physicians, and CRNP's) and licensed healthcare facilities.

In Phase 1, the funeral director will be entering information directly into the EDRS and will transmit the medical information provided by you to the Department of Health via fax or scanned image. To make it easier for you to report the medical information, until Phase 2 is implemented, we have developed the enclosed worksheet for you to use to report the cause of death and other medical information and to send to the funeral director. This completed worksheet is to be returned to the funeral director via fax, scanned image or personal delivery.

Certified copies of the death record will list your name as the certifier with the notation that your signature is on file. Note that certified copies will not be issued to family members until the funeral director receives a properly completed medical certifier worksheet from you, so your cooperation is essential for families to receive their loved ones death certificates to assist with estate settlements and other important legal matters in a timely manner.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we implement our electronic system. Please contact Rick Schroder at rschroder@pa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Caniglia".

Frank Caniglia, RHIA
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Enclosures