EDRS Tip of the Month

Understanding the relationship between Resident Address and Place of Death
(This only applies if the decedent died at their residence)

If the decedent died at their residence and they lived in a township, the Resident Address and Place of Death pages should match. Therefore, the township should be used in both places within the case. The decedent’s mailing address should not be recorded.

If you find you have a yellow dot beside Resident Address, this dot indicates the Resident Address and Place of Death pages do not match. Follow one of these options to make the correction:

- If the case has not been dropped to paper by the funeral home, a correction to the Place of Death can be made.
- If the case has already been dropped to paper and is registered, the funeral home should fax or email the correction for the Place of Death to the Department of Health at 724-656-3272 or ra-dhdeathreg@pa.gov.
- If the case is fully electronic and not registered, you should contact the medical certifier to correct the Place of Death. They will have to un-certify the case, make the necessary correction and re-certify.
- If the case is fully electronic and registered, you should contact the medical certifier and have them create an amendment to correct the Place of Death.

Additional resources are available via the Help tab within EDRS or by accessing the EDRS Resources link on the EDRS website:

https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Reporting-Registries/Pages/EDRS.aspx

Quick Reference Sheets:
- QRS-2022-FH, Amending a Death Case: Personal
- QRS-2022-MC, Amending a Death Case: Medical