



STATE REGISTRAR NOTICE

Subject: Application of Intent to Participate in the Reporting of Pennsylvania Death Events	Number: 2019-07
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This State Registrar Notice is intended for organizations interested in providing software solutions to end users responsible for collecting death record information in Pennsylvania. In accordance with Pennsylvania's Vital Statistics Law, all deaths must be filed with the Department of Health within 96 hours after the death on forms as prescribed by the State Registrar.

All organizations replicating Pennsylvania's prescribed vital record forms or who collect data to report deaths that occur within Pennsylvania are requested to submit an "Application of Intent to Participate in the Reporting of Pennsylvania Death Events" (Application of Intent). This Application of Intent is mandatory for organizations that are interested in interfacing their applications with Pennsylvania's Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS).

This application has been updated to reflect current requirements and will be valid for a two-year period upon acceptance of an Application of Intent by the Department. All organizations who applied under our previous Application of Intent process must reapply at this time to obtain updated technical specifications for the EDRS Bridge.

The EDRS Bridge is being enhanced to align the end-user authentication protocol with Commonwealth IT policies. The technical documentation for this enhancement is available for release to approved organizations upon acceptance by the Department of the updated Application of Intent.

This EDRS Bridge enhancement is targeted for release for testing purposes in the late April/early May timeframe. The targeted release date to the production environment is currently scheduled for late May.

The core purpose of the EDRS Bridge is to improve the quality and timeliness of reporting of death data for public health purposes. This enhancement continues to support the core purposes which include creating, updating and amending death cases.

This enhancement modifies the authentication process of users reporting deaths through the EDRS Bridge. Instead of a SAML single sign on, all end users' DAVE™ credentials will be included with each encrypted XML message transmission. As part of this improved authentication process, all end users must be credentialed in DAVE™ prior to enabling access through the EDRS Bridge.

The new "Application of Intent to Participate in the Reporting of Pennsylvania Death Events" can be downloaded from our EDRS web page at www.doh.pa.gov/edrs.