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VITAL STATISTICS

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246-490-040	Handling and care of human remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 92-02-019 (Order 225B), § 246-490-040, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92; 91-02-051 (Order 124B), recodified as § 246-490-040, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 (2)(e), 89-02-007 (Order 323), § 248-40-040, filed 12/27/88; 88-13-080 (Order 312), § 248-40-040, filed 6/16/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 86-14-008 (Order 300), § 248-40-040, filed 6/19/86; Regulation .40.040, effective 3/11/60.] Repealed by 06-17-182, filed 8/23/06, effective 9/23/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 18.39.215.
246-490-050	Transportation of human remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 91-02-051 (Order 124B), recodified as § 246-490-050, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 (2)(e), 89-02-007 (Order 323), § 248-40-050, filed 12/27/88; 88-13-080 (Order 312), § 248-40-050, filed 6/16/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 86-14-008 (Order 300), § 248-40-050, filed 6/19/86; Regulation .40.050, effective 3/11/60.] Repealed by 06-17-182, filed 8/23/06, effective 9/23/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 18.39.215.
246-490-060	Cremated remains. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.-050, 91-02-051 (Order 124B), recodified as § 246-490-060, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91; Regulation .40.060, effective 3/11/60.] Repealed by 06-17-182, filed 8/23/06, effective 9/23/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 18.39.215.

WAC 246-490-010 Definitions. (1) "Department" means the department of health.

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(2) "Human research review board" is a standing institutional review board operating under state law, chapter 42.48 RCW.

(3) "Confidential portion of the birth and fetal death certificates" means pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as specified in WAC 246-491-029.

(4) "Local registrar and their deputies" are those local officials operating under the direction and control of the state registrar. The health officer within each local health jurisdiction is the local registrar in and for the primary registration district under his or her supervision. His or her designees are deputy registrars.

(5) "Personal identifiers" are names, addresses, Social Security numbers and any other information that reveals or can likely be associated with the identity of the person or persons to whom the record pertains.

(6) "Research" means a planned and systematic sociological, psychological, epidemiological, biomedical, or other scientific investigation with an objective to contribute to scientific knowledge, the solution of social and health problems, or the evaluation of public benefit, health care delivery or medical or social service programs.

(7) "Scientific merit" describes a research project or statistical study that is based on methods of data collection or analysis that are objective, can be replicated, and are designed to yield reliable and valid results.

(8) "State registrar" is the department of health official charged with the execution of the provisions of chapter 70.58 RCW.

(9) "Statistical study" means any project consisting of or based on assembling, classifying, and/or tabulating numerical data to present significant information about a given subject.

(10) "Vital records" means records of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, dissolution, annulment, and legal separation, maintained under the supervision of the state registrar of vital statistics.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.58.104 and 70.58.082, 00-11-169, § 246-490-010, filed 5/24/00, effective 6/24/00.]

VITAL RECORDS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES OR STATISTICAL STUDY

WAC 246-490-020 Requesting vital records information without personal identifiers. (1) If you request vital records information without personal identifiers for research purposes or statistical study or if the state registrar determines that your research or statistical study does not require the use of personal identifiers, you will receive the vital records information in a format specified by the department.

(2) You may be required to sign an agreement requiring you to:

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(a) Not release the vital records data files or listings to any third party without prior written approval of the state registrar; and

(b) Pay for charges based on actual costs associated with the preparation of the data files or analyses required to fulfill your request.

(3) If you are requesting birth or fetal death certificate confidential information without personal identifiers, you will be required to sign a written agreement, which includes:

(a) Conditions for the use of the birth or fetal death certificate data;

(b) Conditions for safeguarding the confidentiality of the records including limits on reporting results that may reveal personal identities;

(c) Appropriate citations for use in research reports or publications of research findings; and

(d) An estimate of the costs for preparing the analyses or copies of data files maintained by the state registrar.

(4) Your request may be denied if:

(a) The department does not have adequate resources with which to fulfill the request; or

(b) You do not agree to pay for charges associated with the preparation of the data or analyses required to fulfill your request.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.58.104 and 70.58.082. 00-11-169, § 246-490-020, filed 5/24/00, effective 6/24/00.]

WAC 246-490-029 Father and/or mother may change given name. The father and/or mother of any child whose birth has been registered may, during the minority of said child, change the given name of the child on the record by filing an affidavit of change with the state registrar.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and 43.70.150. 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-490-029, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-490-029, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91; Regulation .40.020, effective 3/11/60.]

WAC 246-490-030 Requesting a listing or file of vital records with personal identifiers. (1) If you request access to vital records with personal identifiers for research purposes or statistical study, you shall be required to submit a letter of request to the state registrar stating:

(a) The purpose of the research;

(b) Research study design and analysis plan;

(c) The means for ensuring the confidentiality and security of the records;

(d) The time frame and geographic area of interest;

(e) The variable(s) needed; and

(f) The preferred time frame for receiving the information.

(2) You may be required to sign an agreement requiring you to:

(a) Not release the vital records data files or listings to any third party without prior written approval of the state registrar; and

(b) Pay for charges based on actual costs associated with the preparation of the data files or analyses required to fulfill your request.

(3) If you are requesting birth or fetal death certificate confidential information with personal identifiers for research purposes, you must obtain approval from the stand-

ing human research review board as specified in chapter 42.48 RCW. Application information is available through the department.

(4) Your request may be denied if:

(a) The information requested will be used for a commercial purpose;

(b) Your research proposal or statistical study is without scientific merit;

(c) The department does not have adequate resources with which to fulfill the request; or

(d) You do not agree to pay for charges associated with the preparation of the data or analyses required to fulfill your request.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.58.104 and 70.58.082. 00-11-169, § 246-490-030, filed 5/24/00, effective 6/24/00.]

WAC 246-490-039 Certificates in pencil not allowed.

All certificates of birth or death shall either be made out legibly with unfading ink or typewritten through a good grade of typewriter ribbon, and shall be signed in either case in ink. No certificate made in pencil shall be accepted by a registrar as a permanent record of birth or death.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and 43.70.150. 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-490-039, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-490-039, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91; Regulation .40.030, effective 3/11/60.]

INDIVIDUAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONAL PURPOSES

WAC 246-490-055 Obtaining a birth certificate. (1)

Certified copies of birth certificates are available through the state registrar or local deputy registrar. You must pay the fee required under RCW 70.58.107 and provide the following information to obtain the birth certificate:

(a) Child's full name;

(b) Child's date of birth;

(c) Child's place of birth (city or county);

(d) Father's full name, if it appears on the record; and

(e) Mother's full maiden name.

(2) If there is not sufficient information to find the record, the department will send you a written request for additional information and the entire fee will be returned to you.

(3) If you cannot provide sufficient information due to special circumstances, you will be given an opportunity to explain the circumstances to the state or local deputy registrar. If in their judgment, these circumstances would have prevented you from knowing one or more of the required items, your request will be honored.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.58.104 and 70.58.082. 00-11-169, § 246-490-055, filed 5/24/00, effective 6/24/00.]

WAC 246-490-065 Notification when the record is not found. (1) If the state registrar cannot find the record, you will receive written notice from the state registrar's office including the following information:

A partial refund if you request it in writing within thirteen months of the original request date. In addition:

(a) You may request another search providing different information; or

(b) You may file a delayed birth certificate per RCW 70.58.110 and 70.58.120.

(2) If you request another search using different information, you must pay the full statutory required fee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.58.104 and 70.58.082. 00-11-169, § 246-490-065, filed 5/24/00, effective 6/24/00.]

WAC 246-490-069 Birth certificate to be filed for foundling child. When an infant is found for whom no known certificate of birth is on file and for whom no other identification is known, the finder shall notify the police authorities having jurisdiction within the area of finding.

The police authorities, within 48 hours, shall have the local health officer determine or cause to be determined the approximate date of birth of the child.

The health officer, within 72 hours of notification shall complete a certificate of live birth on a standard Washington certificate of live birth form designating the place of finding as the place of birth and place of residence, the approximate date of birth, sex, and assign a given name. He shall write across the face of the certificate in the sections provided for parental information the words, "foundling child," sign, and date the certificate and cause the same to be filed with the local registrar of the area in which the finding occurred.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-490-069, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91; Regulation .40.080, effective 3/11/60.]

WAC 246-490-070 Fraudulently registered or changed birth certificates. (1) If the state registrar receives information that a birth certificate may have been registered or amended through fraud or misrepresentation, neither the state registrar nor local deputy registrars will release copies of that certificate until an informal administrative hearing is held.

(2) The department will notify the registrant or authorized representative, and he or she will have the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

(a) If the state registrar finds that there was no fraud or misrepresentation, the record will be made available for inspection and copying.

(b) If the state registrar finds that the record was used fraudulently or was misrepresented, the registrar will tag the fraudulent birth certificate in the data base. The record and evidence will be retained, but will not be released or subject to inspection unless:

(i) A court of competent jurisdiction orders the release or inspection of the record; or

(ii) The state registrar utilizes the record for purposes of administering the vital statistics program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.58.104 and 70.58.082. 00-11-169, § 246-490-070, filed 5/24/00, effective 6/24/00.]

WAC 246-490-100 Reporting of pregnancy terminations. Each hospital and facility where lawful induced abortions are performed during the first, second, or third trimester of pregnancy shall, on forms prescribed and supplied by the secretary, report to the department during the following month the number and dates of induced abortions performed during the previous month, giving for each abortion the age of the patient, geographic location of patient's residence,

patient's previous pregnancy history, the duration of the pregnancy, the method of abortion, any complications, such as perforations, infections, and incomplete evacuations, the name of the physician or physicians performing or participating in the abortion and such other relevant information as may be required by the secretary. All physicians performing abortions in nonapproved facilities when the physician has determined that termination of pregnancy was immediately necessary to the meet a medical emergency, shall also report in the same manner, and shall additionally provide a clear and detailed statement of the facts upon which he or she based his or her judgment of medical emergency.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and [43.70.]050. 94-04-083, § 246-490-100, filed 1/31/94, effective 3/3/94.]

WAC 246-490-110 Disclosure of information. To assure accuracy and completeness in reporting, as required to fulfill the purposes for which abortion statistics are collected, information received by the board or the department through filed reports or as otherwise authorized, shall not be disclosed publicly in such a manner as to identify any individual without their consent, except by subpoena, nor in such a manner as to identify any facility except in a proceeding involving issues of certificates of approval.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and [43.70.]050. 94-04-083, § 246-490-110, filed 1/31/94, effective 3/3/94.]