

**641—97.4(144) Standard registration of fetal death—up to one year.** Iowa fetal death records submitted for registration within one year from the date of fetal death shall be prepared on the standard Certificate of Fetal Death form. A fetal death certificate shall not be filed after one year from the date of the event. A fetal death record shall not be entered into the electronic death record system.

**97.4(1)** When a fetal death occurs in an institution, the person in charge of the institution or the person's designee, the physician in attendance at or after delivery, or a medical examiner may assist in preparation of the Certificate of Fetal Death form as directed by the state registrar.

**97.4(2)** In cases in which a fetus has reached the gestation period of 20 completed weeks or more or a weight of 350 grams or more, a Certificate of Fetal Death form shall be:

- a.* Registered and maintained solely at the state registrar's office; and
- b.* Filed within three days after delivery and prior to final disposition of the fetus.

**97.4(3)** The county in which the dead human fetus is found is the county of death. The certificate shall be filed within three days after the fetus is found.

**97.4(4)** If the fetal death occurs in a moving conveyance, the county in which the fetus is first removed from the conveyance is the county of death.

**97.4(5)** A blank Certificate of Fetal Death form shall be used only by the state registrar or authorized agents.

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