

641—96.7(144) Non-institution birth.

96.7(1) In case of a non-institution Iowa live birth, the official non-institution birth worksheet shall be completed and filed with the state registrar by one of the following in the indicated order of priority:

- a. The physician in attendance at or immediately after the live birth.
- b. Any other person, including a certified nurse midwife or any person providing assistance with the birth, in attendance at or immediately after the live birth.
- c. The mother or her legal spouse.
- d. The person in charge of the premises where the live birth occurred.

96.7(2) Evidence in support of the facts of live birth shall be included in a cover letter, which shall contain the notarized signature of the person responsible for registering the birth. A certificate of live birth shall be completed and filed upon presentation of the following clear and convincing evidence by the individual responsible for filing the certificate:

- a. Evidence of pregnancy including:
 - (1) Prenatal record;
 - (2) A statement from a physician, certified nurse midwife, or other health care provider qualified to determine pregnancy;
 - (3) A statement from a public health nurse or other health care provider documenting a prenatal home visit; or
 - (4) Other evidence acceptable to the state registrar.
- b. Evidence the infant was born alive including:
 - (1) A statement from the physician, certified nurse midwife or other health care provider who saw or examined the infant;
 - (2) A statement from a public health nurse or other health care provider documenting a postnatal home visit; or
 - (3) Other evidence acceptable to the state registrar.
- c. Clear and convincing evidence acceptable to the state registrar of the mother's presence in this state at the reported place and date of the live birth.

96.7(3) An Iowa-licensed certified nurse midwife may preregister with the state registrar by submitting a completed Iowa-Licensed CNM Pre-Registration Application For Home Births and a clear photocopy of that person's current government-issued photo identification.

- a. To register a live birth, certified nurse midwives who are preregistered shall submit to the state registrar the following:
 - (1) A cover letter that is on the business letterhead, that identifies the live birth submitted for registration, that supports the facts of the live birth, and that contains the original signature of the person responsible for registering the live birth;
 - (2) The original official non-institution birth worksheet completed and signed pursuant to subrule 96.7(5) or as directed by the state registrar;
 - (3) Payment of fees, which shall be included with the birth worksheet; and
 - (4) Other evidence acceptable to the state registrar as requested.
- b. It is the responsibility of the individual preregistering to update any information provided in the individual's original registration.

96.7(4) A certified nurse midwife, or any person providing assistance with the birth, who is not preregistered prior to submitting a certificate of live birth for registration shall follow subrules 96.7(1), 96.7(2) and 96.7(5) for all live births the person attends outside a birthing institution.

96.7(5) The official non-institution birth worksheet shall include a notarized signature of the mother or her legal spouse and shall be accompanied by a clear photocopy of that person's current government-issued photo identification. If photo identification is unavailable, other identifying documentation may be acceptable to the state registrar.

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