

641—97.8(144) Medical certifier.

97.8(1) Only an Iowa-licensed physician, physician associate, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or medical examiner shall certify to the cause and manner of death.

97.8(2) If the medical certifier is unavailable, an alternate Iowa-licensed medical certifier may complete the cause and manner of death when:

- a.* The alternate medical certifier has access to the medical history of the case;
 - b.* The alternate medical certifier views the deceased at the time of death or after death has occurred;
- and
- c.* The death is from natural causes.

97.8(3) In all other cases in which a medical certifier is unavailable, the medical examiner shall prepare the medical certification of cause of death.

97.8(4) The medical certifier who signs the medical certification on a certificate of death shall be entitled to view the death record through the electronic statewide vital records system for up to one year from the date of death.

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