

# CONGRATS!!

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## BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

### WHO ARE WE?

The Bureau of Vital Records is responsible for maintaining and issuing certified copies of vital records, including birth, death, fetal death certificates and certificates of birth resulting in stillbirth for events that occurred in Arizona.

### DID YOU KNOW?

A healthcare provider must complete and sign the medical certification of death on a death certificate **within 72 hours**.

### ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE 36-325 DEATH REGISTRATION

G. If a person under the care of a health care provider for an acute or chronic medical condition dies of that condition, or complications associated with that condition, the health care provider designated by that provider shall complete and sign the medical certification on a death certificate within 72 hours. If current care has not been provided the medical examiner shall complete and sign the medical certification of death on a death certificate within 72 hours after the examination, excluding weekends and holidays.

36-301. Definitions: "current care" means that a health care provider has examined, treated or provided care for a person for a chronic or acute condition within 18 months preceding that person's death. Current care does not include services provided in connection with a single event of emergency or urgent care... "treated" includes prescribing medication.



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### WHAT IS D.A.V.E?

D.A.V.E IS A WEB-BASED ELECTRONIC SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED FOR HOSPITALS, FUNERAL HOME STAFF, AND PHYSICIANS TO PROCESS DEATH RECORDS

PHYSICIANS (MEDICAL CERTIFIERS) ARE REQUIRED TO USE D.A.V.E SYSTEM TO CERTIFY THE CAUSE OF DEATH ON DEATH CERTIFICATES

TRAINING VIDEOS, RESOURCES, AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE

<https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/vital-records/index.php>

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP! CONTACT US

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