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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR HOME BIRTHS

The certificate of Live Birth must be filed with the Registrar of the County in which you live within a year after the child's birth. Most of the blocks to be filled in are self-explanatory, such as child's name, date of birth, time of birth, etc.

Item 10a:

Certifier: a physician or **any other person** in attendance at the birth (including the midwife) who can certify that the child was born alive at the place and time stated on the worksheet. **This signature is required on the worksheet.**

Item 23a or 23b:

Informant: the person responsible for providing the personal facts of the birth. This is usually the mother, but the father or another adult having knowledge of the personal facts (facts that are not medical in nature, such as residence, age and education of the parents, Etc) can supply the information. **This signature is required on the worksheet.**

Midwife: (a) Lay Midwife: any person assisting with the birth of the child. (B) Certified Nurse Midwife: A registered nurse that has been trained in obstetrics and is academically certified to assist in the birth of a child. A midwife can be listed and **sign** as certifier on the worksheet. They also can be listed as an attendant on the worksheet and/or certificate.

Third Party Statement: if the birth certifier is the mother, father, or person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred, the filing of the birth record must be accompanied by a statement from a physician who later gave individual care to the mother or child, if any, **OR** a sworn (notarized) statement by a third party present at the delivery or having personal knowledge of the delivery.

WHO FILES THE BIRTH RECORD?

When a birth occurs outside an institution, the worksheet is prepared, filed, **and signed by a certifier** in the indicated order of priority:

(A) The physician in attendance at immediately (within 72 hours) after the birth, or in the absence of such a person,
(B) Any other person in attendance at immediately (within 72 hours) after the births, or in the absence of such a person,
(C) The father, the mother, or in the absence of the father and the inability of the mother, the person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred.

WHEN IS THE 3rd PARTY STATEMENT REOUIRED?

If the birth certifier is the mother, father, or person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred, the filing of the birth record must be accompanied by a statement from a physician who later gave care to the mother or child, if any, **OR** a sworn (notarized) statement by a third party present at the delivery or having personal knowledge of the delivery.