**44:09:01:05.  Requirements for preparation of vital records.** Unless otherwise directed by the secretary of health, a vital record is not complete and correct and acceptable for registration unless it is prepared on the applicable form and meets the following requirements:

(1)  It supplies all items of information called for or their omission is accounted for;

(2)  It contains no alterations or erasures;

(3)  It contains the required signatures;

(4)  It is not marked "copy" or "duplicate";

(5)  It is the original;

(6)  It contains no improper or inconsistent data; and

(7)  If the record is a certificate of death, it contains a definite cause of death, not just symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease or injury.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 24 SDR 60, effective November 13, 1997; 31 SDR 213, effective July 4, 2005.

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