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To Funeral Directors and Physicians:

Starting March 1st, 2013, EDRS will no longer be accepting faxed medical certifications in an effort to improve the accuracy and quality of the medical information being reported on the death certificates. All physicians are being requested to register online and complete their certifications electronically to help eliminate potential problems with incomplete or illegible medical information.

Should training be needed, online tutorials are available to all registered users via the Help link in EDRS. Physicians who need further technical assistance should contact the toll-free Help Desk at 1-866-668-3788. Any other assistance, not of a technical nature, please call the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry at 1-888-600-9176 or at 1-609-586-2600.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to improve the speed and reduce the expense of filing and processing New Jersey's death certificates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Arrisi", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Vincent T. Arrisi,

State Registrar of Vital Statistics and Registry.