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[17] 16. Content[s] of birth, death and [stillbirth] fetal death certificates.

(a) [Forms prepared by State] The certificate forms for registering births, deaths, and [stillbirths] fetal deaths shall be prepared by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene and shall contain the personal data, places, dates, and other circumstances and identifications prescribed by [said Board] the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene for proper registration and utilization of such records.

(b) [Writing and signing; completeness] All such records shall be *typed* or written plainly in unfading ink and shall be signed by the person required to make the record, and no certificate shall be held to be complete or correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for upon the certificate form so far as it is possible to obtain the same.

17. Birth and Delayed Birth Registration

(a) Birth registration

(1) When a birth occurs in an institution, the person in charge of the institution or his designated representative shall prepare the certificate of birth and secure signature required on the certificate and shall file it with the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene within seventy-two (72) hours after the birth. The physician in attendance shall verify or provide the date of birth and medical information required by the certificate.

(2) When a birth occurs outside an institution, the certificate of birth shall be prepared and filed within seventy-two (72) hours after the birth by one of the following in the indicated order of priority:

(i) The physician or midwife in attendance at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person,

(ii) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person,

(iii) 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.

(3) When a birth occurs on a common carrier and the child is taken from the carrier in this State, the person in charge or the owner of the common carrier shall file with the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene a certificate of such birth within seventy-two (72) hours following the arrival of the carrier in Baltimore City or in the respective counties.

(b) Delayed Birth Registration

(1) Rules and regulations.

The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is authorized and empowered to adopt rules and regulations governing the filing of records of births in those cases where certificates of birth have not