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- (i) The medical examiner, if the medical examiner takes charge of the body; or
- (ii) If the medical examiner does not take charge of the body, the physician who last attended the deceased.
- (2) The medical examiner or physician shall fill in only the following information on the certificate of death:
 - (i) The name of the deceased.
 - (ii) The cause of death and medical certification.
 - (iii) The date and hour of death.
 - (iv) The place where death occurred.
- (3) Any other information that is required on the certificate of death REGARDLESS OF AGE OF DECEDENT shall be filled in:
 - (i) By the person who has charge of the body; or
- (ii) If the State Anatomy Board has charge of the body, by the person who last had charge of the body before it was sent to the State Anatomy Board.
- (4) THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 24 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE BY THE PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE OF THE PATIENT'S CARE FOR THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH, EXCEPT WHEN INQUIRY IS REQUIRED BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER.
- (5) IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR WITH THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S APPROVAL, THE CERTIFICATE MAY BE COMPLETED BY:
 - (I) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S ASSOCIATE;
- (II) THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OR DESIGNEE OF THE INSTITUTION IN WHICH DEATH OCCURRED; OR
- (III) THE PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY UPON THE DECEDENT, PROVIDED THE INDIVIDUAL HAS ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL HISTORY OF THE CASE AND DEATH IS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES.
- (6) THE PERSON COMPLETING THE CAUSE OF DEATH AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATION SHALL ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY BY SIGNATURE OR BY AN APPROVED ELECTRONIC PROCESS.
- (7) THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR PERSON ACTING AS THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR SHALL IN ALL CASES OBTAIN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FROM THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS COMPLETION OR OBTAIN ASSURANCE THAT THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARY BY AN APPROVED ELECTRONIC PROCESS.