New death registration system delayed until early September

The launch of Indiana's new electronic death registration system has been delayed until early September, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Division of Vital Records said Friday, May 17.

The new death registration system, originally set to launch May 6, is part of the first phase of the Indiana Electronic Vital Events Records System (EVERS), which will be used by every coroner, physician certifier, funeral home and local health department that plays a part in reporting deaths to the state.

"Based on feedback from various stakeholders, ISDH has created a new system implementation schedule to ensure a smooth transition to EVERS," ISDH said. "We will continue to provide updates on the registration system via email, including any prerequisites computers will need for the new system. We also encourage users to visit the ISDH EVERS webpage for FAQs, training dates, webinar links, training videos, full user guides, one-page summary user guides and more."

ISDH is planning online and in-person training sessions for users before the launch. ISMA will keep members posted on dates, times and registration information as those details become available.

"ISDH is committed to ensuring all stakeholders have ample opportunity to be trained in the system," the Health Department said. "If anyone has questions about the new registration system, please email ISDH at EVERS@isdh.in.gov."

The second phase of the EVERS launch includes complete implementation of the birth module by summer 2020, followed by the putative father registry and adoption matching registry. The final phase, set for a mid-2021 launch, will include complete

implementation of the fetal death module, terminated pregnancy module and health information exchange.

Highlights of the new electronic vital records system include:

- Incorporation of an electronic burial transit permit.
- Image uploading and attaching to records (ex. coroner reports).
- Field edits and spellchecking to prevent erroneous data and common errors from being submitted.
- Ability to print or save digital copies of records.
- On-screen password reset without needing to call tech support.