The Indiana State Department of Health is in the process of finalizing a Burial Transit Permit and Disposition of Fetal Remains (State Form 56834) form to assist healthcare providers subject to the recently effective fetal remains law. This law updates the requirements for the disposition of miscarried remains/aborted remains ("fetal remains") in Indiana. The form will be available soon through local health departments.

In the meantime, providers should use the current Provisional Notification of Death/ Burial Transit Permit (State Form 38220) for fetal remains being transported to a funeral home or crematorium for final disposition. A certificate of stillbirth for fetal remains under 20 weeks gestation is not required for local health departments to issue a Burial Transit Permit.

Only one Provisional Notification of Death/Burial Transit Permit form is required for each transport of fetal remains for simultaneous cremation. If appropriate, please note on the form that it is being used for multiple remains.

Under Indiana law, the following information is not required to be included on the burial transit permit for fetal remains:

- The name of a fetus is not required to be designated on the burial transit permit and may be left blank. Age, race, sex, and date of death and time of death also do not need to be included on the form.
- Any information that may be used to identify the parent(s) or pregnant woman is confidential and must be redacted from any public record of the burial transit permit.

For questions about the burial transit form, please contact ISDH’s Office of Vital Records.

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