

CA EDRS

California Electronic
Death Registration System

Physician Steps for FAX Remote Attestation:

- The Funeral Home will have EDRS fax the Physician Attestation Copy to the Physician
- Review the PAC received by fax
- If the information on the Physician Attestation Copy of the Death Certificate is correct and accurate, sign your name and title in Field 115 and the date in Field 117
- Fax back the single PAC (**no coversheet**) to the toll free number on the PAC

Physician Steps for VOICE Remote Attestation:

- The Funeral Home will have EDRS fax the PAC to the Physician
- Review the PAC received by fax.
- If the information is accurate, call the toll-free number on the instruction sheet and follow the voice prompts.

More information

For more information about EDRS, please refer to the EDRS public Web site:
<http://www.edrs.us>

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How to Sign a Death Certificate Electronically in California



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What is EDRS?

The California Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) is a Web-based application to collect, process and register deaths in the State of California. It is being implemented throughout the State of California in a phased approach.

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What is Remote Attestation (RA)?

Remote attestation provides a method to medically certify the causes of death by voice or fax on an electronic death record created in the State of California's EDRS. Remote Attestation is only available for certificates generated by EDRS.

Fax process

This process simply requires the physician to sign the Physician Attestation Copy (PAC), faxed by the system upon request by the Funeral Home or Medical Facility staff. You, the medical certifier/physician, sign the Physician Attestation Copy in Field 115. Then, you or a member of your staff faxes it back to the toll free EDRS fax server number, shown on the instruction sheet.

Note: The Medical Certifier must be the person who signs.

Voice process

This process simply requires the physician to dial the toll-free voice attestation number on the instruction sheet and follow the voice prompts.

Note: The Medical Certifier must be the one to call the voice attestation number.

Words of caution:

If the Physician Attestation Copy faxed to you is incorrect and requires a change, you or your staff **must** contact the sender (Funeral Home or Medical Facility) immediately. The sender's number is located on the cover sheet.

- **Do not modify, make changes or additions.**
- **Do not sign an incorrect attestation copy.**

Your Funeral Director or Medical Facility staff will make the necessary changes that you request, and they will request the system to fax you the corrected version. Discard the incorrect PAC as this version will become invalid.

Do I need to sign up for an account to attest an electronic Death Certificate?

No. Physicians do NOT need an EDRS account. You just sign the Physician Attestation Copy (PAC) of the Death Certificate that is faxed to you.

What do I do if there is an error in the Medical Information on the Death Certificate or my license number or address is wrong?

Contact the sender (Funeral Home or Medical Facility) of the Remote Attestation and ask them to make any necessary changes to the Death Certificate and request the system to fax you a new corrected version for signature. The sender's name and phone number appear on the cover sheet.

Can someone sign a Death Certificate on my behalf if they have my permission?

No. Only the Certifier who's License Number appears in Field 116 can legally attest the Death Certificate by voice or fax. No alternate physician or office staff may sign on behalf of the Certifier unless their License Number appears in Field 116.

What if I receive more than one version of the PAC?

If there is an error on the Death Certificate, the Funeral Home will make corrections and re-request a new version to be sent. Any previous version is no longer valid, and the current version is the only one that may be attested. If the physician signs an old version, it will not be accepted by the automated system.

What is the faxing process?

After signing the PAC, fax just the PAC (**no coversheet**) to the toll-free fax number to the automated fax system. The system will scan the fax and update EDRS with the electronic signature.