

## **10A NCAC 41H .0102 DEFINITIONS**

As used in Article 4 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes and in these Rules:

- (1) "Vital events" means births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, divorces;
- (2) "Vital statistics" or "vital records" means records of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, and data related thereto;
- (3) "Filing" means the presentation of a certificate, report, or other record provided for by the statute or these regulations of a birth, death, fetal death, adoption, marriage, or divorce for registration;
- (4) "Registration" means the acceptance and the incorporation in official records of certificates, reports or other records provided for in the statutes or these regulations of births, deaths, fetal deaths, adoptions, marriages, or divorces;
- (5) "Live birth" means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached;
- (6) "Fetal death" means death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy; the death is indicated by the fact that after such expulsion or extraction the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles;
- (7) "Dead body" means a lifeless human body or parts of such body or bones thereof from the state of which it reasonably may be concluded that a death has occurred;
- (8) "Final disposition" means the burial, interment, cremation, or other disposition of a dead body or fetus;
- (9) "Physician" means a person authorized or licensed to practice medicine pursuant to the laws of North Carolina.

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