

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Registrar, Department of Health, pursuant to the authority set forth in § 27 of the Vital Records Act of 1981, effective October 8, 1981 (D.C. Law 4-34; D.C. Official Code § 7-226 (2001)), hereby gives notice of his intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the following amendment to section 2801 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. The purpose of the proposed rule is to expand the existing section 2801.8 that permits only birth certificates to be transmitted by electronic means to the Registrar, Department of Health. The revised rule will permit any vital records information to be electronically transmitted to the Registrar if the information meets the other requirements of section 2801.8.

Subsection 2801.8 of Title 29 (Public Welfare) (May 1987) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) is amended to read as follows:

- 2801.8 Information that is properly transmitted to and received by the Registrar through electronic means shall be considered to be registered as of the date of transmission, provided that:
- (a) The Registrar has authorized the transmitting institution to transmit the information;
 - (b) The electronic means by which the document is transmitted is secure within parameters the Registrar establishes in writing;
 - (c) The Register acknowledges and verifies receipt of the information; and
 - (d) The transmitting institution subsequently files a properly completed original certificate with the Registrar.

All persons wishing to comment on the proposed rulemaking shall submit written comments no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register, to the Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the address listed above.