

**4601.1800 PROVIDING CAUSE OF DEATH INFORMATION.**

Cause of death information for each death that occurs in Minnesota may be provided only by a physician, coroner, or medical examiner. A physician who provides the cause of death must be a physician present at the time of death, a physician or associate of a physician who provided medical treatment for the deceased before death, or a physician who has direct knowledge of the circumstances and cause of death and has access to the medical record of the deceased. Cause of death information must be provided to a registrar according to parts 4601.0100 to 4601.2600.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 144.12; 144.213; 144.221*

**History:** *25 SR 487*

**NOTE:** The legislature passed the following language in Laws 2017, chapter 59, section 16:

Sec. 16. RULE CHANGE.

Minnesota Rules, part 4601.1800, shall be modified to read as follows until the commissioner of health can revise the rule under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14:

"Cause of death information for each death that occurs in Minnesota may be provided only by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, coroner, or medical examiner. The physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who provides the cause of death must be the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who was present at the time of death; the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or an associate of the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who provided medical treatment for the deceased before death; or a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who has direct knowledge of the circumstances and cause of death and has access to the medical record of the deceased. Cause of death information must be provided to a registrar according to parts 4601.0100 to 4601.2600."

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to Minnesota Rules, part 4601.1800, until the commissioner modifies it. This change does not affect the commissioner's rulemaking authority to modify the rule as conditions change or circumstances indicate.

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