



Integrated Perinatal Health Information System (IPHIS) Enhancements Summary

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The Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics (ODH/VS), operates a statewide system for the registration of birth and death events. This document is a summary of the changes made to the Integrated Perinatal Health Information System (IPHIS) in January 2017. This summary can be utilized by those individuals responsible for entering and utilizing the data collected. However, this document is intended to be a summary of only the changes to fields and workflows overseen by the Bureau of Vital Statistics and does not include information for hospitals on Safe Sleep or Infant Hearing related fields in IPHIS. For more specific detail regarding these changes and/or IPHIS as a whole please utilize the resource material found on the Ohio Department of Health's websites:

Vital Statistics Stakeholder Support Site:

www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/stakeholder/support.aspx

Infant Safe Sleep:

www.odh.ohio.gov/safesleep

Infant Hearing Screening:

www.odh.ohio.gov/en/odhprograms/cmh/Infant-Hearing/Infant-Hearing

For specific questions, please contact the Vital Statistics Helpdesk at 614-466-2531 or by e-mail at vs.helpdesk@odh.ohio.gov.

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1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE IPHIS ENHANCEMENTS

Beginning with 2017 birth records, the Bureau of Vital Statistics is changing the certification and registration process for birth certificates. Hospitals will have the ability to certify the facts of a birth record with a new role in IPHIS - the Birth Facility Supervisor - that is not restricted to the delivering physician. Once electronically signed by this new user role a birth record will move in IPHIS to a REGISTERED status and allow printing/issuance of certified copies at Vital Statistics offices statewide immediately. Vital Statistics is also making minor updates to the edits on various data fields in IPHIS, the printing options available to hospitals and local registrars, and the template of the Acknowledgment of Paternity form.

2. IMPACT ON HOSPITALS

Hospitals will benefit from the IPHIS enhancement because birth records that are created and completed in IPHIS will no longer need to be printed, signed by a physician/midwife, and sent to the local registrar for filing. The changes to field edits should enable hospitals to better understand the reason for error warnings and better enter data that accurately reflects the information gathered.

2.1 2016 BIRTHS VS. 2017 BIRTHS

The biggest difference between a birth event happening in 2016 and 2017 will be how the facts of birth are certified. All 2016 (and prior year) births must be printed, signed by the attending physician, and sent to the local registrar for filing as is the current practice. This remains true even for 2016 births that are entered after January 1st, 2017. For births occurring in 2017 and forward, certification will be completed by the individual given the role to certify birth events.

2.2 BIRTH CERTIFICATION WORKFLOW FOR 2017 BIRTHS

Birth record creation in IPHIS will continue to begin with the completion and collection of information from the Birth Facility Worksheet and the Birth Parents Worksheet. Vital Statistics continues to recommend that hospital birth entry staff search for both a pre-existing birth record and/or a pre-existing perinatal record in IPHIS before beginning a new birth record. If there is no pre-existing record a new record can be started by either the Birth Clerk or Birth Facility Supervisor role using the same steps and menu options as currently utilized.



The major change to birth registration will be immediately visible on the *Summary* tab in IPHIS. A new paragraph titled “Certification” will appear below the initial “System” paragraph with a certification statement and check box. While this box will be visible to Birth Clerks, it will only be accessible to Birth Facility Supervisors.

The screenshot shows the IPHIS Summary tab for a birth record. The record is currently in a PENDING status. The 'System' section includes fields for State File Number, Mother Medical Record Num (123456789), Child Medical Record Num (123456789), and ODH File Num. The 'Record Status' is set to PENDING, and 'Birth Fields Complete' is marked 'N'. The 'Certification' section contains a checkbox and a statement: "I certify that the named child was born alive at the facility at the time and date stated. By certifying, I understand the record cannot be unlocked or changed." The 'Child' section shows the name JOHN DOE TEST, sex M, date of birth 11/01/2016, and order of delivery 99.

Birth Clerks and Birth Facility Supervisors can begin entering information from the facility and parent worksheets starting with the medical record number, continuing through the child’s names and basic birth information in the same manner as before. While updates have been made to the background data edits for several fields and a new tab entitled *Crib* are present, these changes do not affect the amount of information necessary to mark a birth record as COMPLETE and give it a state file number. Either a Birth Clerk or a Birth Facility Supervisor can enter a Y in the “Birth Fields Complete” field and save the record, moving it to COMPLETE status.

This screenshot shows the same birth record as the previous one, but now it is in a COMPLETE status. The 'State File Number' is now 2016083416, and the 'Record Status' has changed to COMPLETE. The 'Birth Fields Complete' field is now marked 'Y', and the 'Date completed by facility' is 11/14/2016. The 'Certification' section remains the same, and the 'Child' information is unchanged.

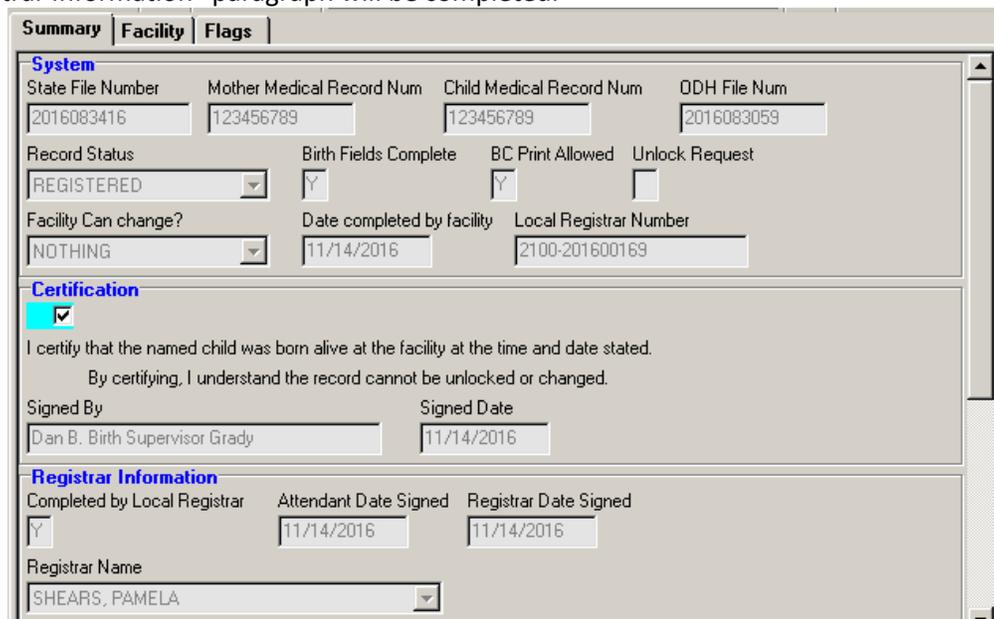
After a record has moved to COMPLETE status, the following data entry restrictions are applied in IPHIS:

- Birth fields on the *Summary, Mother & Mother 2, Father, Admin, Facility, Prenatal, Preg, Labor/Del, and Newborn* tabs cannot be changed by Birth Clerks or Birth Facility Supervisors. To make updates to these fields, contact the Vital Statistics Helpdesk and request that the record be unlocked.
- After the birth record information has been sent to the Social Security Administration (a twice-weekly automated process) the following fields cannot be updated even with an unlock request:
 - Child’s name, gender, and date of birth
 - Names and places of birth for the parents
- The *Crib, Hep-B, Hearing, and CCHD* tabs will be available for updates only through their designated Crib Clerk, Hep-B Clerk, Hearing Clerk, and CCHD Clerk roles. This is not a change from the previous workflow.

Once a record has moved to COMPLETE status, a Birth Facility Supervisor will need to access the record in order to certify the facts of the birth. Birth Facility Supervisors may either search or use the work queues discussed later in this document to locate birth records from their facility in need of certification. **Birth Facility Supervisors should review the information on every birth record before attempting to certify the record.** To certify a birth record first open the record, select the “Requests” menu, and then select the “Birth Certification” option listed under “Finish/Complete” as shown in the screenshot below.



Selecting this option will open a layer where the only open field is the certification check box. The certification text reads “I certify that the named child was born alive at the facility at the time and date stated. By certifying, I understand that the record cannot be unlocked or changed.” To certify the record and advance it to REGISTERED status, check the box and save the record. Three changes will immediately be visible: the “Signed By” field and date will display the name of the individual who certified the record, the record status will be updated to REGISTERED, and the “Registrar Information” paragraph will be completed.



After a record has moved to REGISTERED status, the following data entry restrictions are applied:

- Birth fields on the *Summary, Mother, Mother 2, and Father* tabs cannot be changed except by court-ordered correction or birth affidavit.
- Birth fields on the *Admin, Facility, Prenatal, Preg, Labor/Del, and Newborn* tabs can be changed by contacting the Vital Statistics Helpdesk and asking for the birth record to be unlocked and updated.
- The *Crib, Hep-B, Hearing, and CCHD* tabs will be available for updates only through their designated Crib Clerk, Hep-B Clerk, Hearing Clerk, and CCHD Clerk roles. This is not a change from the previous workflow.

2.3 IPHIS USER ACCESS AND NEW USER ROLE

The new user role of a Birth Facility Supervisor contains new responsibilities and authority. **By using the certification statement to move a record to REGISTERED status a Birth Facility Supervisor is attesting to the facts of the birth which was previously done by both the attending physician and local registrar with their signatures.** Because of this importance, the Bureau of Vital Statistics is asking the IPHIS administrators for each birth facility to work with their hospital management to determine which individuals should have this new Birth Facility Supervisor role and responsibility before the initial rollout of the IPHIS enhancements. Future requests for this user role may be submitted by the IPHIS Facility Administrator, but we encourage administrators to discuss who should have this authority with their hospital management team.

Other hospital staff that need access to IPHIS should first determine what role(s) they will need. A Birth Clerk has the ability to enter new birth records and complete all of the tabs in IPHIS for a new record including information for the Safe Sleep program, CCHD, and hearing screening. A Birth Facility Supervisor has these abilities and is also the only role which can certify a birth record and move it from COMPLETE to REGISTERED status. The Hearing Clerk, Crib Clerk, CCHD Clerk, and Hep-B Clerk roles are all limited to data entry for their specific programs and do not have the ability to create birth records or update their status. These roles will be limited in the tabs available for their data entry in IPHIS.

An individual requesting access to a new role, requesting modifications to their current role, or requesting that a role be removed from them should have their IPHIS Facility Administrator complete the IPHIS User Support Document and return it to the Vital Statistics Helpdesk via email at VS.Helpdesk@odh.ohio.gov or via fax at 614-564-2420. Any changes to the IPHIS administrators of a birth facility, whether adding or removing an administrator, must be requested using the IPHIS Facility Administrator Support Document. The Vital Statistics Helpdesk will respond to all requests for user access changes via email once the request has been fulfilled or via phone if clarification of the request is needed.

2.4 BIRTH RECORDS IN HOLD STATUS

When a Birth Clerk or Birth Facility Supervisor is creating a birth record in IPHIS for a married mother who refuses to provide information about their spouse, the birth facility staff should select response '3. Yes, but mother refuses...' on the "Marital Status" section of the *Mother 2* tab. The Birth Clerk or Birth Facility Supervisor should complete entry of all the birth variables and return to the *Summary* tab to mark Y in the "Birth Fields Complete" field, and finally save the birth record. The birth record status will update to HOLD, but a State File Number will be assigned and statistical data will be sent to NCHS (although the record will not yet be sent to the Social Security Administration).

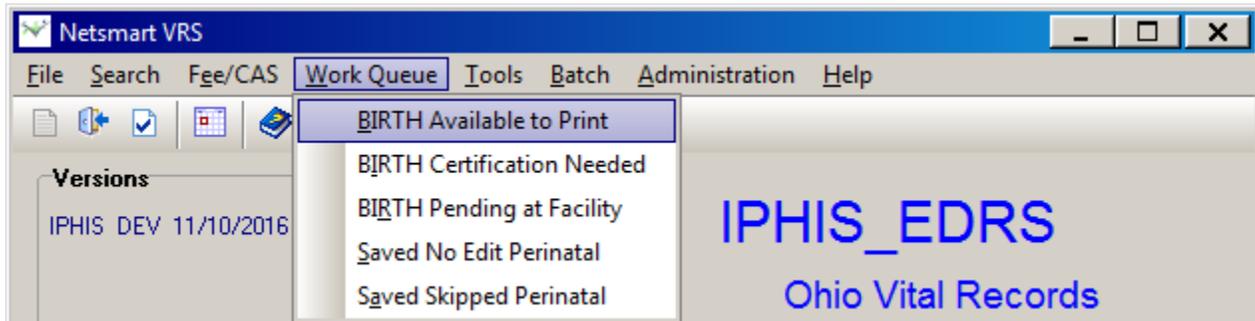
The screenshot shows the IPHIS Summary tab for a birth record. The record status is 'HOLD', and the 'Birth Fields Complete' field is marked 'Y'. The child's name is LEEANA JUNE FURBY, born on 10/25/2016 at 11:11. The mother's title is 'MOTHER' and her sex is 'F'. The 'Record Status' and 'Birth Fields Complete' fields are highlighted with a red box.

System	Mother	Mother 2	Father	Admin	Facility	Prenatal	Preg	Labor/Del	Newborn	Crib	Hep-
State File Number	Mother Medical Record Num	Child Medical Record Num	ODH File Num								
2016083470	5	3	2016083053								
Record Status	Birth Fields Complete	BC Print Allowed	Unlock Request	Facility Can change?							
HOLD	Y	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOTHING							
Date completed by facility	Local Registrar Number										
11/17/2016											
Certification											
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the named child was born alive at the facility at the time and date stated. By certifying, I understand the record cannot be unlocked or changed.											
Child											
First	Middle	Last	Suffix (JR., III, etc)								
LEEANA	JUNE	FURBY									
Sex	Date of Birth	Time of Birth	Plurality	Order of Delivery							
F	10/25/2016	11:11	02	01							
Mother											
Parent Title	Parent's Sex										
MOTHER	F										

Hospitals who are working with birth parents to remove a record from HOLD status should continue to submit their documentation to the Registration Unit at the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the same fashion. ODH will continue to respond with guidance on whether the documentation is acceptable and if it is, ODH/VS will update the "Marital Status" field to the appropriate value. In the event that other changes need to be made to the birth record (such as updating the names or medical information) the Registration Unit will have to make the changes. Birth records that are updated in this way will move to COMPLETE status on removal of the HOLD and will appear in work queues to be certified.

2.5 HOSPITAL WORK QUEUES

Once the IPHIS system has been updated, hospital Birth Clerks and Birth Facility Supervisors will see three main work queues under the “Work Queue” menu option in IPHIS.

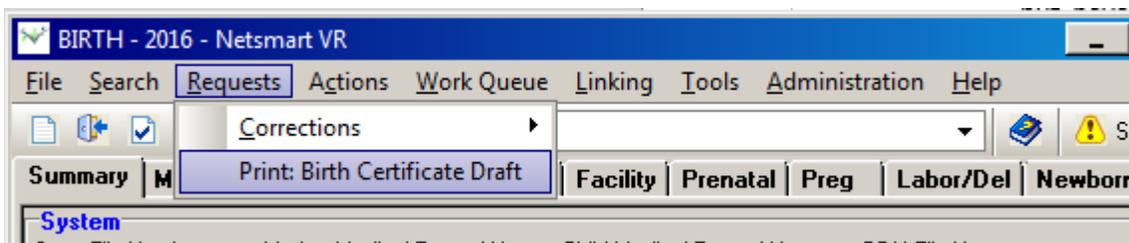


- **BIRTH Pending at Facility:** This queue will contain birth records that have been started and saved in IPHIS, but have not yet been marked as “Birth Fields Complete” and are in PENDING status. Changes and modifications to these records can be made without the need to put in an unlock request.
 - **Acknowledgement of Paternity forms may be printed.**
 - **Draft copies of birth certificates may be printed.**
- **BIRTH Available to Print:** This queue will contain records from 2016 and prior years that have all the required birth information entered, saved, and marked as “Birth Fields Complete”. These records will be in COMPLETE status and are ready for printing and certification by the attending physician’s signature.
- **BIRTH Certification Needed:** This queue contains records from 2017 forward that have all required birth information entered, save, and marked as “Birth Fields Complete”. These records will be in COMPLETE status until certified by the Birth Facility Supervisor and moved to the REGISTERED status, at which point they will be automatically updated with the local registrar information and numbered.
 - **No modifications can be made while birth records are in COMPLETE status.**
 - **No draft copies of birth records in COMPLETE status can be printed.**

2.6 PRINTING OPTIONS FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Because birth records from 2017 forward will not need to be printed for a certifying signature, the printing options in IPHIS will change. For 2016 birth records, the current printing options for an original certificate will continue to be available to Birth Clerks. For 2017 birth records:

- A 2017 birth record that has been saved and is in PENDING status may be printed by Birth Clerks using the “Requests” – “Print: Birth Certificate Draft” menu option.



- A 2017 birth record that has been updated to COMPLETE status may not be printed. If a draft copy is needed (or any other corrections), an unlock will have to be requested from the Vital Statistics Helpdesk.

2.7 FIELD EDITS FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Adjustments were made to the edits of existing fields in IPHIS. Data quality concerns had brought attention to these fields and changes were made for ease of data entry.

1. The error message on “**Mother’s Date of Birth**” was reworded to more clearly explain which button to choose if the date was verified as correct, was not verified, or should be rekeyed.
2. The error messages for “**Mother’s Pre-pregnancy Weight**” and “**Mother’s Weight at Delivery**” were reworded, to more clearly explain which button to choose if the weight was verified as correct, was not verified, or should be rekeyed. If you are unable to obtain the correct weight, key 999.
3. A new auto-calculated field titled “**Mother’s Total Weight Gain**” is on the *Labor/Del* tab. This should help data entry clerks identify a mistake in either the pre-pregnancy weight field or the weight at delivery field.
4. “**Dates of Prenatal Care**” cannot match the date of birth; they may only be prior to the date of birth.
5. The “**Previous Cesarean**” field was adjusted to allow for ‘other pregnancy outcomes’ (fetal deaths) in addition to previous live births.
6. The “**Metabolic Kit Number**” will only allow entries of 8 characters with the first digit always zero.
7. Clarifying text was added after pregnancy risk factor “**h. Previous poor outcome** (includes perinatal death, small for gestational age/intrauterine growth restricted birth)”.

2.8 ENTERING A PRIOR YEAR BIRTH RECORD IN 2017

All of the changes made in the appearance of a birth record in IPHIS, including the certification statement, “Mother’s Total Weight Gain” field, and *Crib* tab, will appear at first when a Birth Clerk or Birth Facility Supervisor starts a new birth record in 2017. If the birth record being entered is for a 2016 date of birth, the appearance and function of the record in IPHIS will revert to the current (2016) appearance **once the record is saved, closed, and re-opened**. This is especially important to remember given that many dates of birth are entered incorrectly at the start of each new year; entering the date of birth will affect not only the State File Number of a record but the printing options available, the data fields on display, and the pathway it takes to registration.

2.9 NEW ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY APPEARANCE

IPHIS has been updated to include the Revised Acknowledgment of Paternity Affidavit – JFS 07038 from 2014. No changes were made to the front page of the form. On the second page changes were made to eliminate information that is not required by federal or state law. These changes were also made in an effort to make it easier for the parents and reduce the amount of errors.

The eliminated fields are as follows:

Child’s Section:

Child’s Sex

Mother’s Section:

Phone Number

State or Country of Birth

Father’s Section:

Race

Phone Number

Occupation Education

Employer

Please Note: This form being updated in IPHIS allows all hospitals the ability to print the affidavit instead of having the parents write out most of the information by hand.

3 IMPACT ON LOCAL REGISTRARS

Local Vital Statistics offices will benefit from the IPHIS enhancement because 2017 birth records that are created and completed in IPHIS will no longer need to be retrieved from birth facilities or received via mail. In addition, physical copies of birth records will no longer need to be sent to Vital Statistics on a weekly basis. The changes to field edits should enable those local registrars who enter home birth records to better understand the reason for error warnings and better enter data that accurately reflects the information gathered.

3.1 CERTIFICATION WORKFLOW CHANGES FOR 2017 BIRTHS

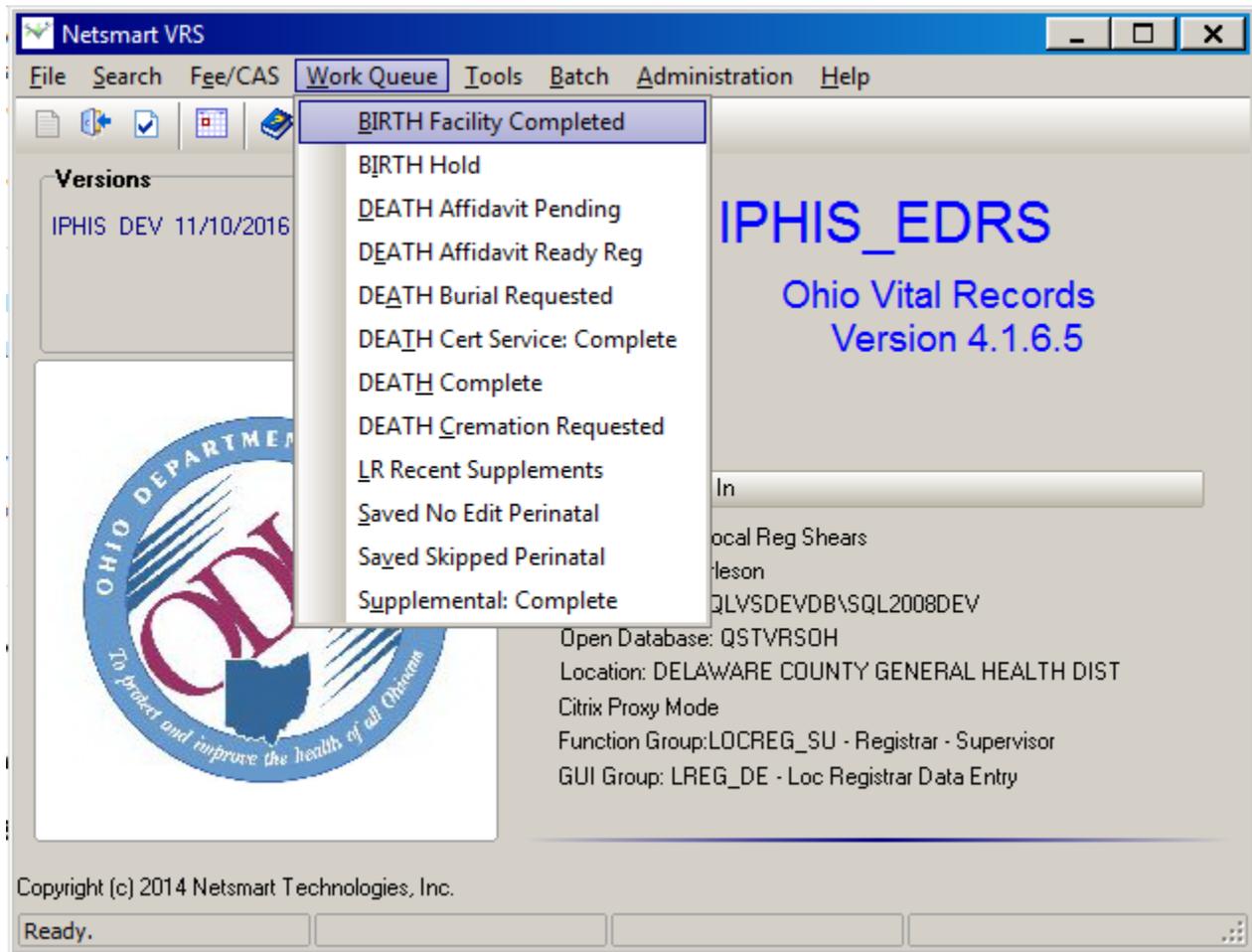
With the enhancement to IPHIS, 2017 and going forward birth records will no longer be filed as paper certificates with local Vital Statistics offices and forwarded on to the Ohio Department of Health. Instead, the local registrar name and date will be automatically added to the record and a local filing number automatically assigned in IPHIS once the record is electronically certified and moves to REGISTERED status. Electronic certification will take place at birth facilities (for facility births) and at the Bureau of Vital Statistics (for home births). An example of the certification screen with updated status and registrar information is shown below.

Summary	Facility	Flags	
System			
State File Number	Mother Medical Record Num	Child Medical Record Num	ODH File Num
2016083416	123456789	123456789	2016083059
Record Status	Birth Fields Complete	BC Print Allowed	Unlock Request
REGISTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility Can change?	Date completed by facility	Local Registrar Number	
NOTHING	11/14/2016	2100-201600169	
Certification			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
I certify that the named child was born alive at the facility at the time and date stated. By certifying, I understand the record cannot be unlocked or changed.			
Signed By		Signed Date	
Dan B. Birth Supervisor Grady		11/14/2016	
Registrar Information			
Completed by Local Registrar	Attendant Date Signed	Registrar Date Signed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11/14/2016	11/14/2016	
Registrar Name			
SHEARS, PAMELA			

3.2 LOCAL REGISTRAR WORK QUEUES

Local registrars will see two birth record-related work queues in IPHIS beginning with this enhancement.

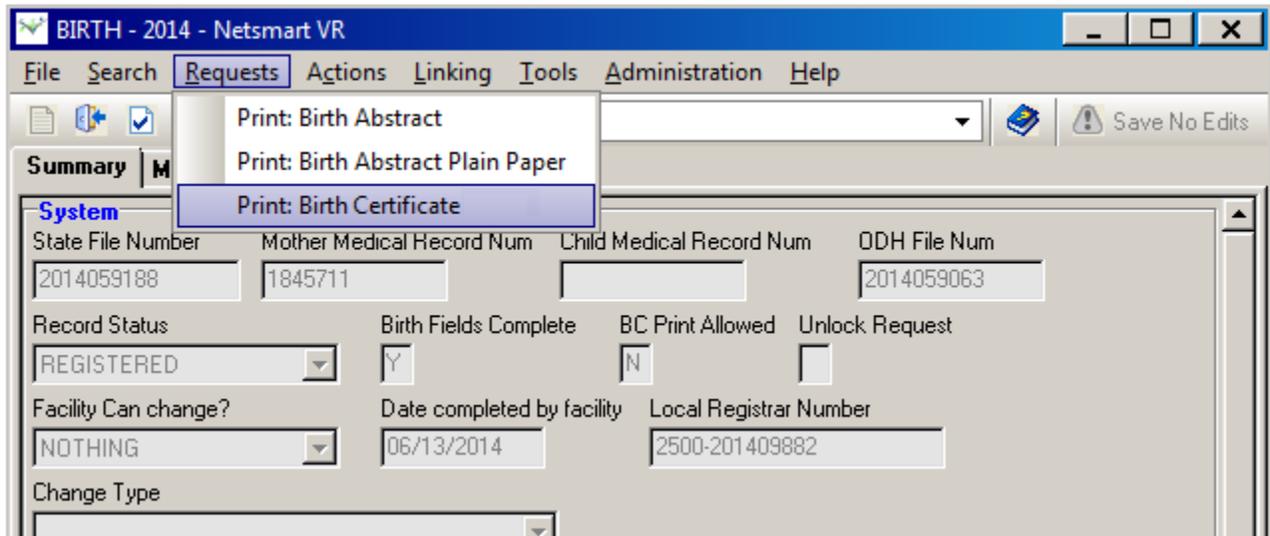
- **BIRTH Facility Completed:** This queue will have birth records that have been created, saved, and marked with a Y for “Birth Fields Complete” in IPHIS but have not yet been certified by the Birth Facility Supervisor. Local registrars will be able to view notes attached to this record, but cannot make updates. This queue can be used by local registrars to reach out to birth facilities and ODH regarding delinquency in certification/registration of births and home births.
- **BIRTH Hold:** This queue will have birth records that are in HOLD status due to marital or paternity issues. Legal documentation will still need to be submitted to the Registration Unit at the Bureau of Vital Statistics and approved prior to any change in status. Once the HOLD status is removed, VS will facilitate the process for having these records certified by the hospital or the Registration Unit.



For those local Vital Statistics offices that make use of the perinatal work queues, no changes have been made.

3.3 PRINTING AND ISSUANCE FOR LOCAL REGISTRARS

With the changes to birth record registration, birth certificate issuance should become much easier. Birth records going forward into 2017 **and** going back to 2006 (the beginning of IPHIS electronic registration for births) will be available to print both as abstracts **and** birth certificate images directly from IPHIS. This option will be accessible to the same user role local offices currently use for issuance: the Statewide Abstract Issuance Clerk. Birth certificates can be printed by accessing the “Requests” menu and selecting either “Print: Birth Abstract”, “Print: Birth Abstract Plain Paper”, or the new “Print: Birth Certificate” option.



When printing from the Print: Birth Certificate option the birth certificate images printed directly from IPHIS will look only slightly different from the current paper birth certificate form. There will not be a blank for the signature of the attendant and the name and date of the local registrar will be typed.

Req. Dist. No. <u>25</u>	Ohio Department of Health VITAL STATISTICS	
Primary Reg. Dist. No. <u>2501</u>	CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH	Certificate No. 134-2014-059188
CHILD	1. CHILD'S NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) COLLIN MATHIAS BURLESON 2. TIME OF BIRTH (24hr) 2040 3. SEX MALE 4. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr) 06/06/2014 5a. FACILITY NAME (If not instructed, give street and number) DUBLIN METHODIST HOSPITAL 5b. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF BIRTH DUBLIN 5c. COUNTY OF BIRTH FRANKLIN	
ATTENDANT	6a. ATTENDANT'S NAME JENNIFER MORGENSTERN 6b. ATTENDANT'S TITLE C.N.M.	
MOTHER	7a. MOTHER'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) ASHLEIGH LAUREN BURLESON 7b. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr) 07/22/1983 7c. MOTHER'S LAST NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE DIVER 7d. BIRTHPLACE (State, Territory, or Foreign Country) OHIO 8a. STREET AND NUMBER OF MOTHER'S RESIDENCE 123 COTTSWOLD DRIVE 8b. APT. NO. DELAWARE 8c. STATE, TERRITORY, OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OHIO 8d. ZIP CODE 43015 8e. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION DELAWARE	
FATHER	9a. FATHER'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) DANIEL MATHIAS BURLESON 9b. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr) 10/06/1982 9c. FATHER'S LAST NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE IOWA 9d. BIRTHPLACE (State, Territory, or Foreign Country) IOWA	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FILING	10a. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE SANDRA TAYLOR 10b. DATE FILED BY REGISTRAR (Mo/Day/Yr) 06/19/2014	

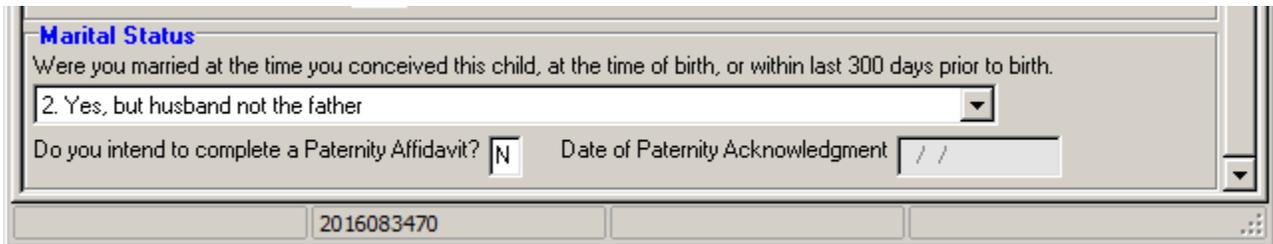


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For 2017 birth records, all fields will be complete based on information provided. 2006-2015 birth records may print without a “Last Name Prior to First Marriage” for the father’s information, as those records were registered before the changes prompted by *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Birth certificates that have been modified by a name change, paternity acknowledgement, or affidavit will not be available to print as certificate images directly from IPHIS.

3.4 BIRTH RECORDS IN HOLD STATUS

Local registrars who are working with birth parents to remove a record from HOLD status should continue to submit their documentation to the Registration Unit at the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the same fashion. ODH will continue to respond with guidance on whether the parents should complete an Acknowledgement of Paternity or pursue an administrative order from a Child Support Enforcement Agency or probate court and the local registrar can then update “Mother Marital Status” on the *Mother 2* tab to option 1, 2, or 4 as needed. **If other changes need to be made to the birth record (such as updates to the names) they must be made by local registrars before saving the birth record with the updated “Mother Marital Status”.** Once the record is saved with updated marital information and a Y in the “Birth Fields Complete” field it will move to COMPLETE status; many fields will lock down and be unavailable for edits, and the birth record will appear the facility’s “BIRTH Certification Needed” work queue.



In the past, ODH has asked for local registrars to be responsible for shredding/destroying any paper birth records in HOLD status older than one year (for home births) or seven years (for facility births). As birth registration moves from paper to electronic, ODH will be responsible for deactivating and marking as VOID those electronic birth records which are aging beyond their deadlines for filing.

3.5 HOME BIRTH ENTRY FOR 2017 BIRTHS

For 2016 and prior year home births, local Vital Statistics clerks/registrars should continue to follow the same procedure as currently: collecting the worksheets, obtaining documentary evidence of the birth/pregnancy, faxing the “Request for Approval of Home Birth Documentation” to ODH/VS, entering the birth record information upon approval, saving and completing the record, and printing the certificate for the signature of the attendant. These records will continue to be filed in paper form.

Birth records for 2017 and forward that take place outside a birth facility will have an electronic certification just like births that occur in a hospital. The difference is that local registrars will not be responsible for that certification. Home birth records for 2017 events will follow a new pathway:

1. Registrars/local VS staff collect the completed worksheets from the birth parents.
2. Registrars/local VS staff collect the documentary evidence of the birth/pregnancy.
3. Registrars/local VS staff **enter the birth record into IPHIS**, leaving the local registration information on the *Summary* tab blank. The record is fully entered and saved, but not marked with a Y in the “Birth Records Complete” field. **Birth records should remain in PENDING status until updated by ODH/VS.**
4. The documentary evidence, parental worksheets, and cover sheet are faxed/scanned to the Registration unit at ODH/VS for review at VS.Registration@odh.ohio.gov.
5. ODH/VS staff will update the record status from PENDING to COMPLETE and from COMPLETE to REGISTERED if the paperwork and certificate are correct. If changes need to be made, ODH/VS will alert the local VS staff via return fax/email.
6. VS will notify the local office once the record is in REGISTERED status and it is available for issuance by the local VS office. No printing will need to be done and the local registrar information will be automatically filled in.

3.6 FIELD EDITS FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES

These changes will only affect those offices entering home birth records. Adjustments were made to the edits of existing fields in IPHIS. Data quality concerns had brought attention to these fields and changes were made for ease of data entry.

1. The error message on **Mother's Date of Birth** was reworded to more clearly explain which button to choose if the date was verified as correct, was not verified, or should be rekeyed.
2. The error messages for **Mother's Pre-pregnancy Weight** and **Mother's Weight at Delivery** were reworded to more clearly explain which button to choose if the weight was verified as correct, was not verified, or should be rekeyed. If you are unable to obtain the correct weight key "999".
3. A new field was added to calculate '**Mother's Total Weight Gain**' on the 'Labor / Del' tab. This should help data entry clerks identify a mistake in either the pre-pregnancy weight field or the weight at delivery field.
4. **Dates of Prenatal Care** cannot match the date of birth; they may only be prior to the date of birth.
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