

**3701-5-07 Filing of the certificate of death when the cause of death is not known.**

When the results of a coroner's investigation or a medical examination to determine the cause of death are not known within five days from the date of death, the coroner or attending physician, as applicable, shall certify the certificate of death, enter " pending" or "pending - not drug related" in the cause of death portion, and return the certificate to the funeral director or other person in charge of final disposition. The funeral director shall immediately file the certificate of death or fetal death report with the local registrar. If there is no funeral home, the agent shall file the death certificate with the local registrar. When the cause of death has been determined, the coroner or attending physician, as applicable shall complete the supplementary medical certification form prescribed and provided by the director. The coroner or physician shall file the form with the local registrar as an addendum to the previously filed certificate of death no later than six months after the date of death.

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