

Division of Public Health

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NC Office of Vital Records

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Introduction to NC Office of Vital Records (NCOVR)

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Business Systems Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDAVE Implementation and Support, Data Migration, NCVRAS (Electronic Birth Registration System) Support
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Critical Characteristics of NCOVR

- **Receipt-Based Decentralized System**
 - Supported Primary by Fees paid by Constituents
- **Uncompensated Services**
 - Services or Activities with no associated fee

Non-Fee Based Services

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Current Status

Service	Annual Volume
Certificate Issuance	30K
Adoptions	4,200
Birth Amendments	4,300
Death Amendments	2,400
Registrations	Birth - 122,733
	Death - 118,968
Court Orders	6,500
Legitimations	500
Paternities	3500

Who's Who in NCOVR

- **ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, State Registrar**
 - **StateRegistrar@dhhs.nc.gov**
- **Tina Rodgers, Deputy Registrar**
- **Terra Ankrah, Strategic Director for Vital Records**
 - **Ncovr.Director@dhhs.nc.gov**

Responsibility for Vital Records

- **State (not federal) responsibility**
- **57 Vital Records Jurisdictions**
 - 50 States
 - DC
 - NYC
 - 5 Territories
- **Jurisdiction is where the event occurs and NOT the place of residence**

Why Vital Records

- **Public Health**
 - **Statistics /Research**
 - Identify Risk Factors
 - Measure Health Outcomes
 - Plan/Evaluate Programs
 - Conduct Medical Research
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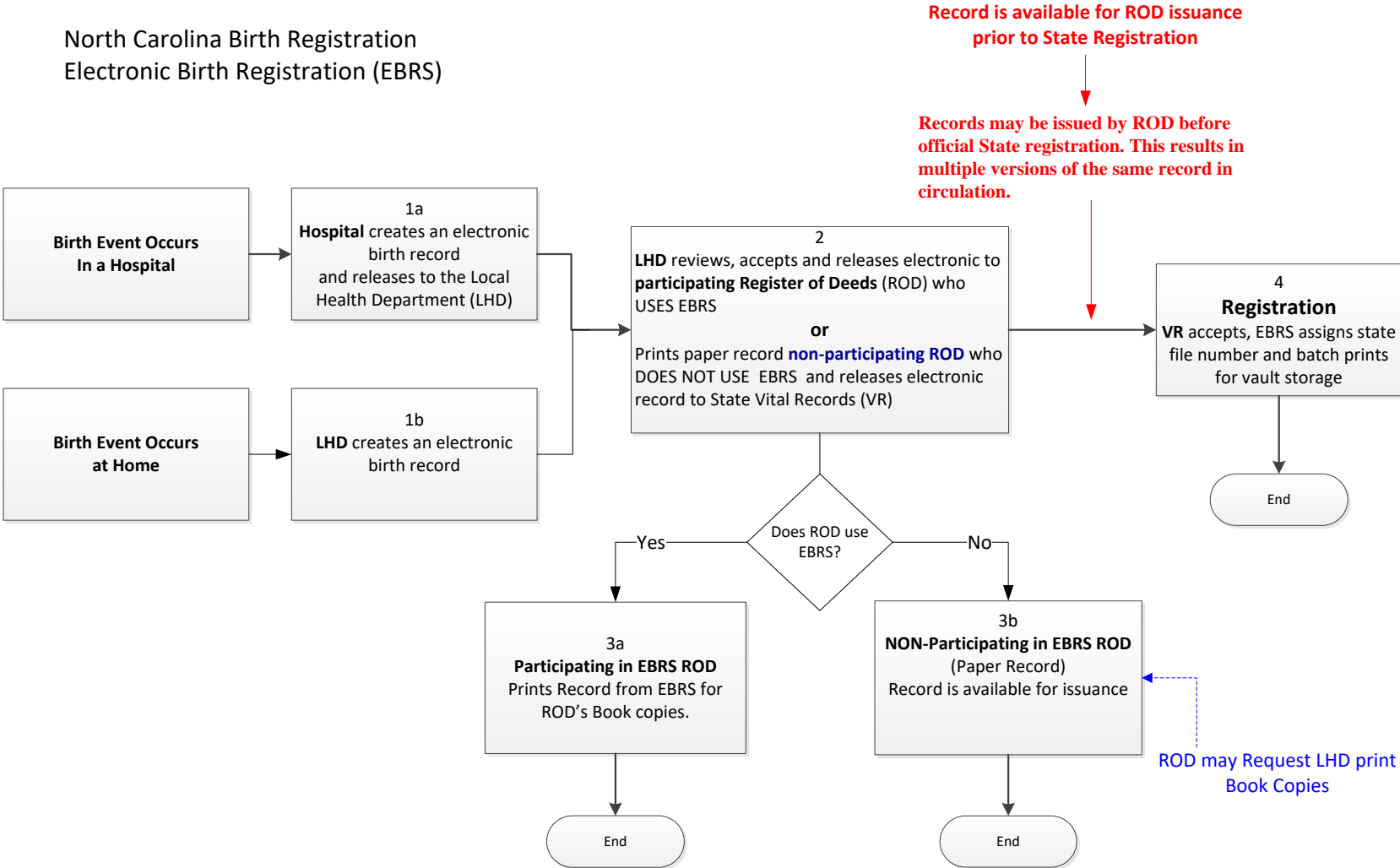
Federal Partners

- **Centers for Disease Control / National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)**
 - Vital Statistics Cooperative Program
 - National Death Index
- **Social Security Administration**
 - Enumeration at Birth
 - Fact of Death
- **EVVE Users**
 - Office of Personnel Management
 - Department of State
 - SSA
 - Local Agencies – DMV, Medicaid

Vital Records Processing

- **Electronic Systems**
- **EBRS-Electronic Birth Registration System**
- **EDRS-Electronic Death Registration System**
- **EVVE-Electronic Verification of Vital Events**
- **STEVE-State/Territorial Exchange of Vital Events**

North Carolina Birth Registration
Electronic Birth Registration (EBRS)



Cycle of Birth Registration

Birth Registrar

- Birthing Centers/Hospitals
- Creates birth or fetal death certificate



Local Health Department

- Checks for accuracy
- Creates home birth certificates
- Submits to Vital Records

Vital Records

- Registers the certificate
- Submits to Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds

- Issues birth certificates
- Amendments
- Maintains copies



Birth Reg. Important Terms and Why

- **Affidavit of Parentage**
 - Putative Father
- **Mother's Husband**
- **Delayed Registration**
- **Home Birth**
- **Correction**
- **Amendment**

Birth Registration Data Flow

- Birth occurs
- Hospital birth clerk collects info for birth record (BR)
- Hospital reports to vital records office (VRO)
- EBRS send info to SSA for EAB

Hospital

VRO

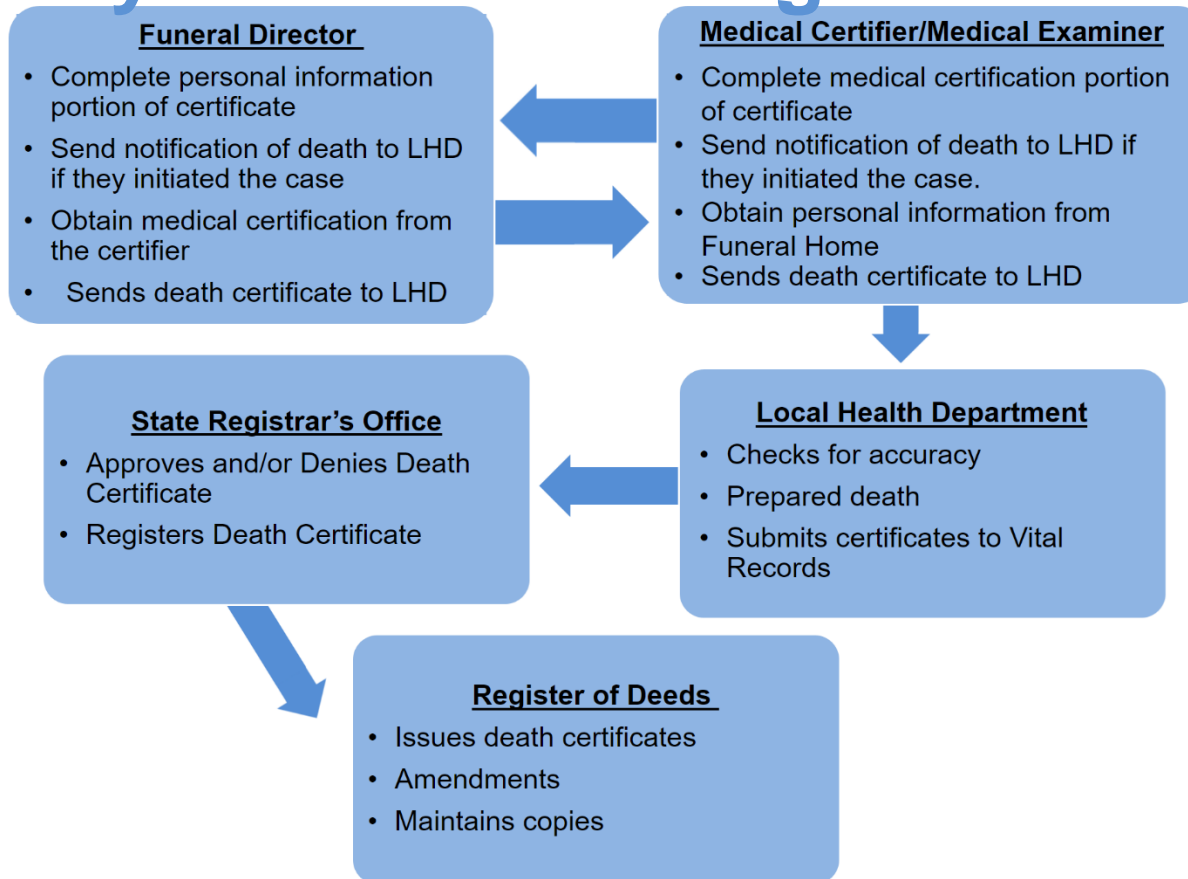
- Receives BR
- Follows up with Hospital, if needed
- VRO shares BR with mother's state of residence, if different
- Transmits data to NCHS

- NCHS reviews data for quality
- Follows up with VRO, if needed

NCHS

- NCHS conducts final data quality review
- NCHS/VRO each release aggregate vital statistics data

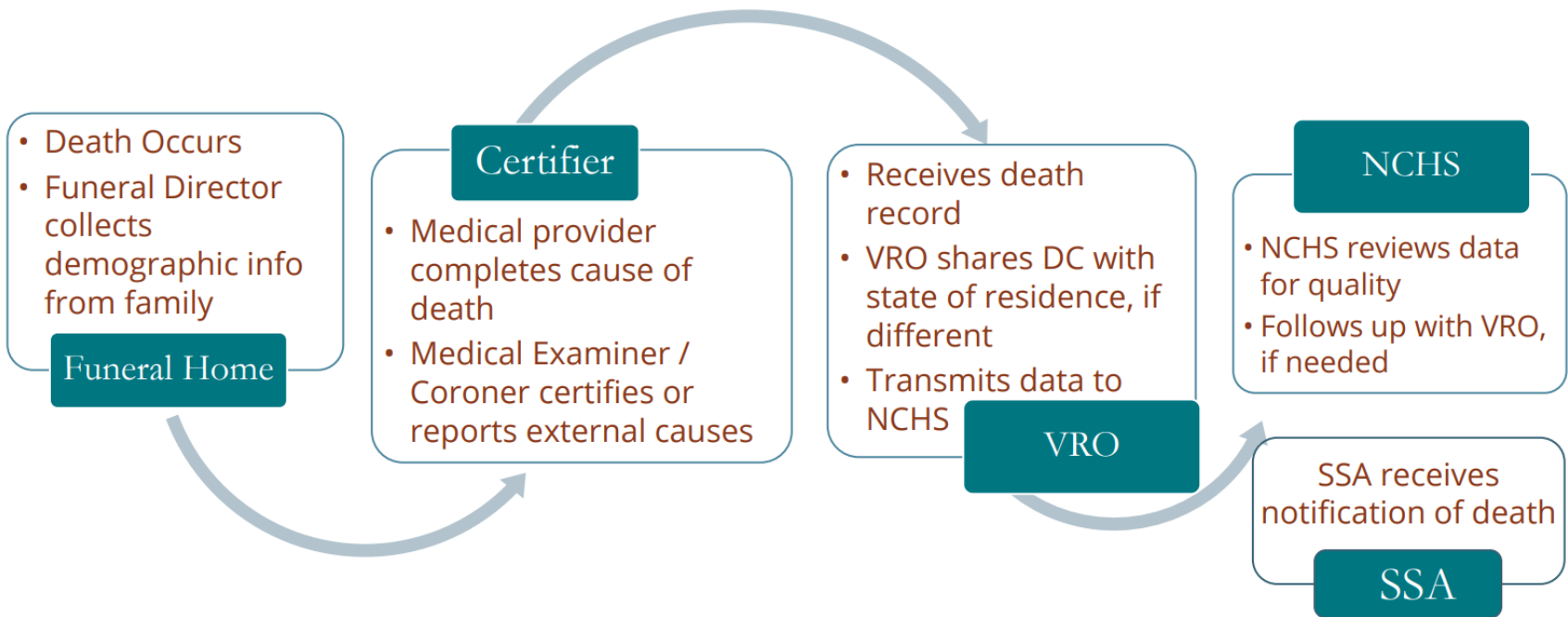
Cycle of Death Registration



Death Reg. Important Terms and Why

- **Medical Certifier**
- **County Medical Examiner**
- **Associate / Medical Examiner**
- **Cause / Manner of Death**
- **Correction**
- **Amendment**
- **Affirmation**

Death Registration Data Flow



Rules...Why...How

- **NAPHSIS**

- **National Association of Public Health Statistics and Information Systems**

- **Model Law**

- **1907/ 1977/ 1992 Model State Vital Statistics Act and Regulations**
- **2011 Act and Regulations**
- **2023**

- **Accreditation Standards**

- **Vital Records and Health Statistics Accreditation**

Thank you for your time!

