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Vital Records Unit

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Dear Birth Certificate Medical Certifier,

In September, you received a letter about the upcoming transition to a New Connecticut Birth Certificate based on the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. On January 1, 2016, Connecticut will transition to the New Connecticut Birth Certificate, effectively replacing our current certificate which has been in effect since 1989. The 2003 Revisions to the birth certificate include changes in content, standards, and format. These changes were discussed in the September letter.

To prepare you for the transition to the New Connecticut Birth Certificate, the State Office of Vital Records has developed **an online training course for medical providers**. The Medical Provider Training Course highlights why the birth certificate is important and provides an overview of new standardizations that will go into effect with the roll out of the revised birth certificate. Most importantly, the course reviews the content of the health and medical portion of the Birth Certificate. Using the Facility Worksheet as a guide, the course covers each item on the revised Birth Certificate that is informed by the medical provider(s). While some items on the Facility Worksheet remain the same, many items have new definitions and several items are completely new.

Each medical provider who delivers infants in a licensed birth facility is expected to complete this course *through CT-Train* to confirm that he or she has completed the course and is prepared for the transition to the New Connecticut Birth Certificate on January 1, 2016.

The Medical Provider Training Course is available through [CT-TRAIN](#).

- The course ID is **1060087**.
 - If you already have a CT-TRAIN account, you may log in and register for the course.
 - If you do not have a CT-TRAIN account, instructions for creating an account are available on our [Training Resources](#) webpage.
- The course takes less than 2 hours to complete.



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- We recommend that you print a hard copy of the [Facility Worksheet](#) for reference when viewing the 4th module of the course that covers the individual items on the birth certificate.
- The course will end with a post-test.
- The State Office of Vital Records will maintain the above information on our Training and Education Resources webpage at www.ct.gov/DPH/VitalRecords/Training for future reference.

The State Office of Vital Records and the Connecticut Department of Public Health are committed to improving the integrity of our State's birth data. Adopting the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth is a meaningful step forward in this pursuit.

If you any questions or concerns, please contact me to discuss them.

Sincerely,

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