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## Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

whatever, write None, tired, 6 yrs.) For persons who have no occupation ness, that fact may be indicated thus: pation at beginning of illness. If retired from busithe occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as Servant, Cook, Housemaid, etc. account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occuchildren, not gainfully employed, as At school or At If the occupation has been changed or given up on entered as Housewife, Housework or At home, and engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid precise specification, as Day laborer, man," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more second statement. cory. man, (b) Grocery; (a) Foreman, (b) Automobile faclatter statement; it should be used only when needed: and therefore an additional line is provided for the and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, ments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work tive Engineer, Civil Engineer, Stationary Fireman, etc. question applies to each and every person, irrespecoccupation is very important, so that the relative As examples: (a) Spinner, (b) Cotton mill; (a) Sales-But in many cases, especially in industrial employterm on the first line will be sufficient, e.g., Farmer or tive of age. healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The Housekeepers who receive a definite salary), may be Laborer Coal mine, etc. Women at home, who are Planter, Physician, Compositor, Architect, Locomo-Statement of Occupation.—Precise statement of The material worked on may form part of the Care should be taken to report specifically For many occupations a single word or Never return "Laborer," "Fore-Farm laborer, Farmer (re-

Statement of Cause of Death.—Name, first, the DISTASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: Cerebrospinal fever (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal maningitis"); Diphtheria (avoid use of "Croup"); Typhoid fever (never report

tions on statement of cause of death approved by under the head of "Contributory." consequences (e. g., sepsis, tetanus), may be stated The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsione," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hem-Committee on Nomenclature of the homicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid-probably suicide. orrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age, "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when Medical Association.) Examples: Accidental drowning; struck by rail probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. VIOLENT DEATHS STATE MEANS OF INJURY and qualify which surgical "PUERPERAL perilonilis," birth or miscarriage, as "Pubapeaal septicemia," Always qualify all diseases resulting from childdefinite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptom-29 ds.: tercurrent) affection need not be stated unless imnephrilis, etc. for malignant neoplasma); Measles; Whooping cough; gin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" "Typhoid pneumonia"); Lobar pneumonia; Broncho-pneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstitial Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of . . . . . . (name ori-Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritoneum, etc. ACCIDENTAL, train-accident; Revolver Bronchopneumonia Example: Measles (disease causing death), The contributory (secondary or inoperation was undertaken. SUICIDAL, OF HOMICIDAL, OF AS eto. (secondary), 10 ds wound of head-State cause for (Recommenda-

Norm.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesdrable terms and refuse to accept cartificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, menlagita, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phiebius, pyemia, septicemia, tetanua." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.