



An Act to Establish Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) H.1219

CURRENT STEPS AFTER FETAL AND INFANT DEATH

- Death occurs
- Death certificates issued to local probate registrar.
- No notification to local public health entities with the exception of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) currently occurs.

STEPS IN FIMR

- Death occurs
- Massachusetts Dept. Public Health (DPH) notifies approved local public health departments within time period determined by DPH.
- Notification would include information determined by the DPH. Likely to be included are:
 - Hospital/location of death
 - Details of death
 - Mother's identity and contact information
- Cases to be reviewed are identified
- Hospital charts reviewed to determine cause of death
- Mother is contacted and asked to be interviewed
- Case record created by combining medical information and mother's interview.
- Clinical Review Team (CRT) reviews case record for medical, system, and cultural opportunities for prevention and make recommendations.
- Community Action Team (CAT) take community actions based on opportunities identified by CRT
- Ability to improved health outcomes

COST TO MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT LAW

Nominal administrative costs

COST TO IMPLEMENT FIMR FOR LOCAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

The National FIMR Program estimate \$400 - \$700 per FIMR. Infrastructure costs will vary based on current personnel at local public health entities. A typical public health department has one person who does the FIMR work.

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