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Temporary Vital Certificates to be Issued Starting Wednesday, November 12

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) will begin issuing temporary vital certificates on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**. This temporary measure is due to a delay in receiving the security paper used for printing official vital records.

This update follows PR26-015 issued on October 13, 2025, which informed the public of low security-paper inventory and outlined temporary steps taken to stretch remaining supplies. Despite conservation measures, OVS has now reached the end of its stock before the scheduled shipment arrives.

Please note: OVS will be closed tomorrow, November 11, 2025, in observance of Veterans Day.

Temporary certificates issued during this period are official documents. They will be signed and sealed, carry the same validity as those printed on security paper, and should be accepted as legal documents.

These temporary certificates will remain valid until January 31, 2026. Recipients will not be charged for these temporary documents. Individuals will need to return to OVS at a later date to receive a certificate printed on security paper and pay the standard fee for that document.

The department recognizes the importance of these documents to residents and appreciates the public's patience and understanding. DPHSS remains proactive in providing updates and will release further information as it becomes available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Vital Statistics at (671) 300-9263 / 9264 / 9265 / 9270.

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