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DPHSS Launches New Electronic Fetal Death Registration System

First milestone in modernizing Guam's vital records

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Office of Vital Statistics (OVS), in partnership with the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Program, is proud to launch Guam's new **Electronic Fetal Death Registration System** on Monday, July 6, 2026.

This new system introduces a fully digitized version of Guam's fetal death certificate and burial permit, offering role-based access for hospital staff, funeral homes, and OVS personnel. Built-in data validation, Guam-specific configurations, and electronic signatures will reduce errors and processing delays, while providing more complete and standardized data to support maternal and reproductive health monitoring and planning.

"This is more than a technological advancement – it is a meaningful step toward building a stronger and modern public health system for Guam," said DPHSS Director Theresa C. Arriola. "By embracing secure, efficient digital solutions, we are strengthening the integrity of our vital records, supporting our healthcare partners, and laying the foundation for a more responsive and connected public health system that will benefit our community for generations to come."

The fetal death module is the first phase of Guam's modernized vital records system. Future expansions will include full death registration and other vital events, building toward a single, comprehensive digital platform for Guam's vital records. Ongoing training will be provided to the hospitals and funeral home partners and system improvements will be made based on user and community feedback.

DPHSS stays committed to modernizing technology that enhances public health and service delivery.

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