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## **New Electronic Death Registration System Improves Efficiency**

The McLean County Health Department has had success in its first few months of testing the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) electronic death registration system (EDRS). As one of 12 pilot counties for the new system, McLean County has processed about 600 death records with more ease and efficiency since the program's inception in October.

The new system is designed to streamline the processing of death certificates through a web-based database. McLean County has most funeral homes and hospitals on board along with the Coroner's office. "The new EDRS has truly streamlined our operation and will increase efficiencies for funeral home directors as well," said McLean County Health Department Administrative Support Supervisor II Donalda Voss.

The McLean County Health Department Vital Records Division is responsible for maintaining death and birth records for 10 years. After that, the McLean County Clerk maintains these records. To obtain a copy of death or birth certificates from the health department, the fee is \$15 for the first copy and \$6 for each additional copy.

Read more about EDRS from IDPH's news release <http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/press09/1.12.09ElecDeathRegis.htm>.

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