

I believe it to be necessary that all Oregon doctors be required to have the ability to sign death certificates electronically.

As a funeral home administrative assistant, I have seen families experience distress due to their loved one's doctor only being willing to provide an ink signature. Without fail, these required physical signatures unnecessarily delay the process. I have seen doctors lose death certificates, requiring us to re-deliver them to their office for signing, and this can put a massive delay on the next of kin receiving their loved one's death certificate. This can truly result in emotional distress for the families, as well as financial stress, as the death certificate is such a vital and important document.

Oregon doctors being required to sign death certificates electronically would be unquestionably beneficial to families that have recently lost someone they loved, as well as those of us at the funeral home that have a hand in the death certificate process.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

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