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**Attn:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax #:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Request:**    Medical Records    Other

**Purpose: Completion of Death Investigation**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:**    /    /

**Specific Information Requested:**

**HIPAA/Privacy Law - 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(g)**

Covered entities may disclose protected health information to funeral directors as needed, and to coroners or medical examiners to identify a deceased person, determine the cause of death, and perform other functions authorized by law.<sup>35</sup>

**Oregon Revised Statutes/Oregon Law**

ORS 146.095 - Responsibility for investigation of deaths.

(1) The district medical examiner and the district attorney for the county where death occurs, as provided by ORS 146.100 (2), shall be responsible for the investigation of all deaths requiring investigation.

(2) The medical examiner shall certify the manner and the cause of all deaths which the medical examiner is required to investigate.

ORS 146.100 – Notification of death required

6) All peace officers, physicians, embalmers, supervisors of penal institutions and supervisors of hospitals or institutions caring for the ill or helpless shall cooperate with the medical examiner by providing requested medical records, tissue samples and other materials necessary to conduct the death investigation and shall make notification of deaths as required by subsection (3) of this section.