

****IMPORTANT****

If your local Social Security field office requests that you continue to submit the 721 form, please have your local Social Security field office contact their Regional Social Security Office. You ***do not*** need to submit the 721 form if you are using the Electronic Death Registration System. Please read the letter that follows on the next page.



SOCIAL SECURITY

April 3, 2006

Dear Funeral Director:

We are writing to you to announce our new procedures for The Statement of Death by the Funeral Director (SSA-721).

If you use the Nebraska Death Registration System (EDRS) to register deaths, beginning March 28, 2006 you will no longer need to send to SSA a separate SSA-721 to report an individual's death.

We still need your help to get information to the potential survivors who may be entitled to benefits. You can help us by distributing the last two pages of the SSA-721 to families as you register the decedent's information. These pages provide valuable information about potential benefits that may be payable and how to apply for these benefits.

If you do NOT use the Nebraska EDRS, then we ask that you to continue to send us the SSA-721. Once you begin using the automated process, you may stop sending the SSA-721.

Thank you for your assistance in this process

Sincerely,

Brian Cronin

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