

# **EDRS Amendments Quick Reference Funeral Directors and Funeral Firm Staff**

## **Locate Case** to Find a Case You Own

 Select Life Events > Death > Locate Case from the menu bar,



or click the Fast Links Death Locate Case button.



- Enter some of the decedent's information, such as
   First or Last name, Date of Death, or a portion of the
   name along with the wildcard (%).
- 3. Click Search.
- 4. Click the *Decedent's Name*, which links directly into the existing case.

## View Your **Amendment Work Queue Summary**

You can use your **Amendment Work Queue** to monitor amendments requiring action on your part.

The Amendment Work Queue Summary gives you easy access to all your active cases with in-process amendments not yet submitted to NYS.

- Click the Amendment Work Queue Summary Fast Links button or select Queues > Amendment Work Queue Summary from the menu bar.
- On the Amendment Work Queue Summary page, click on the desired Queue Name (amendment workflow category).



3. Click on the Amendment Number or Registrant (decedent name) to access the case.

### **Amendment Statuses**

Keyed: Data entered and saved

**Keyed (Requires Affirmation)**: Data entered: but not yet affirmed

**Amendment Pending Approval**: Amendment affirmed and submitted to NYS for approval

Completed: Amendment approved by NYS

Cancelled: Amendment cancelled

Rejected: Amendment rejected by NYS

### Enter an Amendment

- 1. Access the registered case to be amended.
- 2. Perform one of the following:
  - a. Click **Amendments** in the Other Links Information section.
  - Click Amendment List in the Registrar section, then click New Amendment.
- 3. On the Amendment Page, select an Amendment Type.\*
- 4. Type a **Description**.
- 5. Click Save.
- After the Amendments Page refreshes, select the Page to Amend. The page refreshes again, expanding to include all amendable fields for the selected page.

Decedent Attributes

Place of Death

- Complete all changes for the selected page.
   NOTE: If changing the Filing Registrar Office on the Disposition page due to a change to the Place of Death, you must click Save, then Validate Amendment for the requested amendment item to be saved.
- 8. Click Validate Page. Edit results as needed.
- 9. Review the items in the data grid for accuracy.



- 10. Repeat steps 6-9 as needed for amendments on additional case pages.
- 11. If supporting documentation is required, click **Add Documentary Evidence**.
- 12. Complete all fields in the *Add New Document* section, then click **Save**. (Leave 'reviewed by' section blank.)
- 13. Repeat steps 11-12 above for each document.
- 14. On the Amendments Menu, click Amendment Affirmation.
- 15. Read the affirmation statement, then click the checkbox to the left of the statement to select it.
- Click Affirm. The Amendment has now been submitted to NYS for approval.
- Click either the Return button or click Amendment in the Amendments Menu, then click Amendment List.
- 18. On the Amendment List page, confirm all amendments you are submitting are in Amendment Pending Approval status. If status is Keyed or Keyed (Requires Affirmation) the amendment is incomplete and will not be reviewed by NYS.
- 19. Click on any page in the *Death Registration Menu* to leave the *Amendment List*.
- Send the original documentation for all electronic amendment requests and key identifying information to the NYS Bureau of Vital Records (address on next page).



## Modify/Unaffirm an Amendment

If you find an inaccuracy or need to add additional information to a keyed and affirmed amendment, you can unaffirm and/or edit the amendment any time prior to NYS approval.

#### NOTE:

If not immediately after first affirming the amendment, communicate with NYS that you need to make changes, as NYS may already be reviewing the originally submitted amendment.

If changes are made to an amendment, supporting documentation for existing and new changes is still required.

- From the Amendment List page, click on the Amendment ID.
- If the amendment was affirmed, perform the following:
  - On the Amendments Menu, click on Amendment Affirmation.
  - b. On the Affirmations page, click Unaffirm Amendment.
  - c. Click Return.
  - d. From the *Amendment List* page, click on the **Amendment ID**.
- 3. Perform **one** of the following:
  - a. If editing an amended item, click **Edit** to the right of the item in the data grid. The page will refresh where you can make appropriate changes and save/validate again.
  - b. If deleting an amended item, click **Delete** to the right of the item in the data grid. The page will refresh with the item removed.
  - c. If adding a new item, select the **Page to Amend**, and change data, then save/validate.
- 4. Review the items in the data grid for accuracy.
- 5. On the *Amendments Menu*, click **Amendment Affirmation**.
- 6. Read the affirmation statement, then click the checkbox to the left of the statement to select it.
- 7. Click Affirm.
- Go to the Amendments List and confirm all amendments you are submitting are in Amendment Pending Approval status. If status is Keyed or Keyed (Requires Affirmation) the amendment is incomplete and will not be reviewed by NYS.

Mail or fax supporting documentation for all electronic amendments requested, including the **Decedent**'s name, **Date of Death**, EDRS **Case ID** and **Amendment ID** to NYS Bureau of Vital Records.

Mail: NYS Department of Health Bureau of Vital Records

800 North Pearl Street, Rm 210

Albany, NY 12204

Fax: (518) - 474-2785

## Print Forms After Amendment Approval

Once an amendment is approved by NYS, corrected certificates with change history appearing in the left margin or lower portion of the certificate, can be printed or obtained from the Local Registrar.

- To print a copy for your files, click on Print Forms in the Other Links section of the Death Registration Menu and select Print Working Copy – For Draft Review.
- To obtain a Certified Copy, contact the Filing Registration Office corresponding with the Place of Death.

#### Things to Remember

Funeral Directors and funeral firm staff, with appropriate permissions, have access to amend all *Personal Information* pages and the *Place of Death* page.

Once a case is keyed, **Amendment Exists** displays in the case header on the EDRS page.

51094 :Maria Smith May-03-2019 Amendment Exists

Confirm the **Amendment Status** is *Completed* to ensure the amendment has been approved before printing or requesting copies.

Don't type; look it up — Avoid typing text in fields that have the **Look-up** tool  $\P$  or the **Places Look-up** icon  $\P$ . Search using the **Look up** tool and add a wildcard character (%) before and/or after your search text to find more possible results.

**Supporting documentation is still required**, as defined by DOH-299 and DOH-299i guidelines, and must be received by NYS before approval is processed.

If you find inaccurate data for which you do not have permission to amend, contact the medical facility or medical certifier to request they submit a medical amendment.

Only amendments *requested by your office* appear on the *Amendments List* page for review.



## \*Amendment Types

The types of Amendments and corresponding fields available based on user roles and permissions are listed in the table below.

NOTE: All fields print on electronically filed, amended death certificates unless otherwise noted.

		Who can submit this type of Amendment?			
		Medical	Funeral Directors	Medical Examiners/	Medical
		Professionals and	and Firm staff	Coroners and staff	Professionals,
		facility staff			Funeral Directors
		. ,			and facility/firm
					staff
		Amendment Type			
					Place of Death –
Page	All fields amendable EXCEPT	Medical – Death	Personal – Death	Medical and Personal	Registration District
Cause of Death		X		X	
Certifier		X		X	
Decedent	Alias		X	X	
<b>Decedent Attributes</b>			X	X	
Disposition			X	X	X
Family Members			X	X	
Identifiers	Death State File Number File Date	Select fields editable after registration by the Local Registrar without requiring an amendment			
	Death State File Number				
Informant			X	X	
Injury		X		X	
Other Factors		X		X	
Place of Death		Х		X	X
Pronouncement		Х		X	
Resident Address		X	X	X	