To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is a Maternal Mortality Initial Report Form. This form is to be used whenever you become aware of the death of a woman or birthing person either during pregnancy or within one year following delivery. Any death under these circumstances constitutes a maternal death.

In 2010, RSA 132:30 established a maternal mortality review panel to conduct comprehensive, multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths in New Hampshire for the purpose of identifying factors associated with the deaths and to make recommendations for system changes to improve services for women in the state. Maternal deaths may be underreported, especially if the woman had a pregnancy that did not result in a live birth, either through miscarriage or termination prior to 20 weeks gestation, and she died within a year of that date.

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Form should be faxed to 603-271-8705, attention Ellen Stickney, RN, MCH Section OR mailed to the attention of Ellen Stickney, RN, Maternal and Child Health Section, 29 Hazen Drive, 2nd Floor East, Concord, NH 03301.

If you have any questions about how to complete this form, please feel free to call Ellen Stickney at 603-271-4532. Thank you.

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1. Hospital, Birth Center, or Ambulatory Surgical Center Name:

2. Date Initial Report sent to the Department:

3. Date Event Occurred:

4. Date Event Discovered:

5. Name of Patient:

6. Date of Birth:

7. Patient Admitting Diagnosis:

8. Location (i.e. unit/floor/wing/department, OR #, satellite address etc.) of where event took place:

9. Adverse Event Brief Description:

10. Hospital, Birth Center, or Ambulatory Surgical Center Contact Person Name & Title:

11. Hospital, Birth Center or Ambulatory Surgical Center Contact Email & Phone #: