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TO: Whom it may concern

FROM: Minnesota Office of Vital Records

SUBJECT: Long form birth certificates

The State of Minnesota no longer issues long form birth certificates. For people born in 2001 and after, we issue official birth certificates that show the subject's:

- first, middle, and last names
- date, time, and place of birth
- plurality (single, twin, triplet, etc.)
- sex

and the parents'

- full names and names at birth
- dates and places of birth

Official birth certificates for births prior to 2001 may not show all these items. (Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 8 and Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2525, subpart 1). The parents' dates and places of birth may not be included on pre-2001 official birth certificates.

The State of Minnesota also provides noncertified birth records that have additional information not shown on birth certificates, such as birth weight, delivery attendant, parents' ages or dates of birth, parents' places of birth, and signatures. However, the information available on noncertified records for births before 2001 varies. Requesting an image of the paper record for pre-2001 births provides the most information.

A birth certificate and non-certified birth record together will provide the complete information available to the requestor from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding the subject's birth. If you have questions, please call 651-201-5970 or email health.vitalrecords@state.mn.us.