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TO: Whom it may concern

FROM: Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Vital Records

SUBJECT: Long form birth certificates

The State of Minnesota does not issue long-form birth certificates. We issue certified birth records (birth certificates) on security paper. For people born in 2001 or later, a birth certificate will show the subject's:

- First, middle, and last names
- Date, time, and place of birth
- Birth plurality (single, twin, triplet, etc.)
- Sex

and their parents':

- Full names and names at birth
- Dates and places of birth

Birth certificates for people born before 2001 may not show all these items (*Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 8 and Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2525, subpart 1*).

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