

**314.046 Registered nurse may sign the provisional report of death, when.**

When a patient suffering from a terminal illness, whose death is anticipated and who is receiving the services of a hospice program licensed by the State of Kentucky under KRS Chapter 216B, dies at home or in a hospice inpatient program or unit, a registered nurse, licensed or privileged by the Kentucky Board of Nursing and employed by the attending hospice, and who treated the patient, may make the actual determination and pronouncement of death. The nurse shall release the body to the funeral director after having signed on the designated line the provisional report of death as furnished by the state registrar of vital statistics.

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