

National Fatality Review Case Reporting System DUA and County User Access Agreements

2023 legislation changed the laws addressing the Child Fatality Prevention System and subsequent legislation changed the timelines for the effective dates of these new laws, most of which is effective July 1, 2025.

G.S. 7B-1413.5 outlines required participation in the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System.

Section 9H.15(e) of S.L. 2023-134 (effective October 3, 2023) establishes requirements for a plan to transition support of the Child Fatality Prevention System to the State Office of Child Fatality Prevention (Office), as established in Section 9H.15(a) of S.L. 2023-134. As part of that transition plan, DHHS is directed to do the following:

- Report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division. This report must include status of preparing Local Teams for the transition and participation in the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS). The report must be made by July 1, 2024.
- Ensure Local Teams continue to receive state level support.
- Ensure that the Office is fully staffed, able to carry out its functions, and has entered into all contractual agreements necessary for participation in NFR-CRS. This must be accomplished by January 1, 2025.
- Through the Office, ensure all Local Teams have been provided guidelines and training addressing participation in NFR-CRS. This must be accomplished by July 1, 2025.

***Note, In December 2024, Session Law 2024-57, was passed, changing the effective dates for these changes by 6 months. With the passage of this second piece of legislation, January 1, 2025 deadlines became July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025 deadlines became January 1, 2026.**

Negotiations over agreements necessary for participation in NFR-CRS have been ongoing for over a year and are in final stages of agreement.

UPDATE

Local Health Department Access Agreement User Access Agreement for the Fiscal year 25/26

Purpose: Pursuant to Activity 701 Child Fatality Case Reporting and Prevention, the purpose of this Access Agreement is to facilitate Local Health Department annual access to and use of the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (“NFR-CRS”) under the Data Use Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (“NCDHHS”) and Michigan Public Health Institute (“MPHI”). Access to NFR-CRS will be facilitated by NCDHHS, Division of Public Health (“DPH”).

Final language is being drafted and will include general provisions for the Health or Human Services Director to sign as well as appendices for Health Department staff who require access to NFR-CRS for data entry or retrieval along with their contact information.

User access agreement will be sent to each Health or Human Services Director prior to July 1.