

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS
Substantive Policy No. SP-051-PHS-VRS**

RELATIVES ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES

R9-19-405 identifies the persons to whom a certified copy of a death certificate may be issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). This substantive policy is to inform the general public of ADHS's current opinion regarding the meaning of the term "immediate family" used in R9-19-405, thereby reducing confusion about the meaning of the term.

For the purpose of R9-19-405, "immediate family" includes an adult grandchild of the deceased who can show proof of relation to the deceased. An adult is an individual who is 18 years of age or older.