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No abbreviations have been acceptable on death certificates in Shasta County for many years in order to accommodate clarity for the many non-medical end-users of death certificates and ready understanding by relatives of the deceased. Now, at request of some physicians this month, fifteen (15) specific medical abbreviations, hopefully recognized by non-medical people, on the list below are acceptable to Shasta County HHSA Vital Statistics, per the Local Registrar/Local Health Officer, for a pilot period through Dec 31, 2014, effective immediately.

These abbreviations were chosen to be generally readily understandable to the general public and family members of the deceased, and to be of assistance to physicians completing the underlying causes of death and other significant conditions on death certificates.

AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
GERD	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
GI	Gastrointestinal
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HTN	Hypertension
LT	Left
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcal Aureus
RT	Right
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection

Please feel free to contact the Deputy Registrar at 229-8476 or the Vital Records Supervisor at 229-8488 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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