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From: Hamlin, Shane
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Subject: ERIC Response to PILF NVRA Records Request - Deceased Retractions Reports
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Directors,

After carefully reviewing the relevant federal regulations/laws and reviewing the actual “deceased retraction” reports, I can advise that releasing the deceased retraction reports would not violate the LADMF regulations and, therefore, not violate the ERIC Membership Agreement. To be clear, the deceased retraction reports do NOT include data from the LADMF. Hence, these reports are not protected by the LADMF regulations or the Membership Agreement.

The deceased retraction reports may still be protected under your state’s laws. You may consider consulting your records officer/counsel prior to disclosing these reports to PILF.

Finally, as always, it is helpful to know about requests for ERIC-related records, data, etc. Thank you to the members who informed me of this specific PILF request. For everyone else, please let me know if you also have it/receive it.

Thank you for your patience as we worked through this.

Regards,

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Directors,

At least three of you have received an NVRA records request from PILF for the deceased retractions report ERIC occasionally provides. You may not be familiar with these reports. The Social Security Administration (SSA) provides deceased records to ERIC via the Limited Access Death Master File. These data are used to generate the ERIC Deceased reports. On occasion, SSA will determine that a person previously reported as deceased on the Death Master File is not, in fact, dead. They report these corrections (we call them retractions) to ERIC as part of the Death Master File data we received each month. ERIC compares these retracted records to ERIC Deceased reports to see if these persons have been reported to member states as deceased. If so, these retractions are reported to you on a deceased retractions report.

The ERIC team is assessing the relevant federal regulations/laws and reviewing the retractions report specs so we can provide guidance that could be helpful to you in responding to these requests. We will get back to those states that have received the request as soon as possible.

As per our standard operating procedure, please let me know if you receive the requests. It's always helpful to know about ERIC-related records requests.

Finally, please refer to [Section 3 of the ERIC Membership Agreement](#) if you like to refresh your understanding of the requirements for protecting/releasing ERIC Reports, Member Data, Third-party Data, and ERIC Information.

Thank you,

Shane Hamlin

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