



## *IDPH News Release*

# **Iowa Birth Certificate Exchange Offered for Small Certificates Issued from 1993- 2009**

The Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Health Statistics is taking steps to exchange any newborn birth certificate issued from May 1993 to October 2009, where the birth certificate is a small wallet-size card. The newborn birth certificate wallet cards issued during this time period did not contain enough vital record information to be used for identification purposes, essentially making them useless documents for the purpose they are intended to be used for.

The newborn birth certificate wallet cards were issued from May 1993 to October 2009, and after the birth of a child in Iowa. The birth certificate wallet card was printed as a perforated attachment to a larger document. The newborn birth certificate wallet card measures 2 5/8 inches by 4 inches. The entire document that parents received measures 3 1/2 inches by 8 inches.

To replace the wallet size certificate, you must surrender it to any County Recorder and the new certificate will be issued at no fee. You can also exchange through Iowa Dept of Public Health in Des Moines, but the process will take longer.

There is not a deadline with this exchange, and it is not mandatory. Just if you are going to need to present the certificate for school or travel purposes.

For further information and questions you may contact Iowa Dept. of Public Health at 515-281-4944, or your local County Recorder's office. The Calhoun County Recorder's office can be reached at 712-297-8121.