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**Section 4 – US Standard Certificate of Live Birth
and Supporting Reference Material**

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Section 4: U.S. Standard Certificate for Live Birth and Supporting Reference Material

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics (CDC/NCHS) has developed sets of detailed specifications for collecting and reporting the items on the birth certificate. Section 4 of the Vital Records Domain Analysis Model includes supporting reference material for the United States (U.S.) Standard Certificate of Live Birth. The U.S. Standard Certificate for Live Birth and the Birth Edit Specifications for the 2003 Revision are included. It is critical that all U.S. vital registration areas follow these standards to promote uniformity in data collection across registration areas.

Additionally, CDC/NCHS strongly promotes the use of standard worksheets to enhance the collection of quality, reliable data. The mother's and facility worksheets for the birth certificate, a facility attachment for multiple births and a guide to completing the facility worksheet for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death have also been included to provide context for understanding the Vital Records Domain Analysis Model.

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