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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 fetal death report. Section 6 of the Vital Records Domain Analysis Model includes references for information about the United States (U.S.) Standard Report of Fetal Death and supporting material. The U.S. Standard Report of Fetal Death and the Fetal Death Edit Specifications for the 2003 Revision are included in this section. 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 patient's and facility worksheet for the Report of Fetal Death have also been included in this section to provide context for understanding the Vital Records Domain Analysis Model.

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