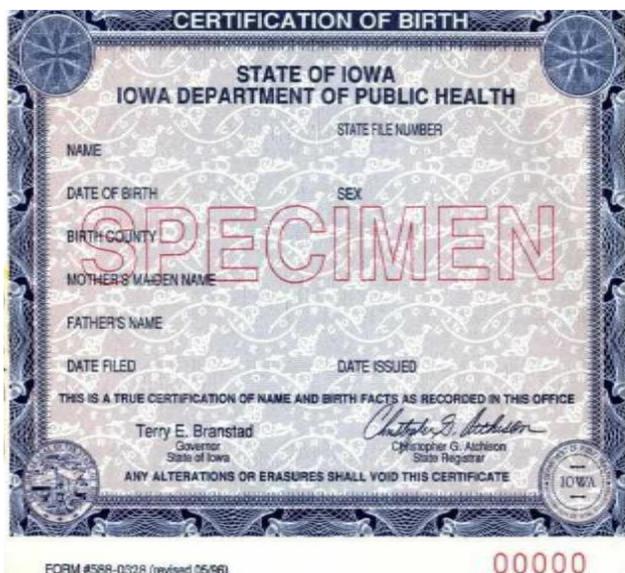


## Dickinson County Recorder's Office Assists with Iowa Birth Certificate Exchange offered for Wallet Certificates issued from 1993-2009

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) 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 less valuable for the purpose they are intended for.

The cards being exchanged were printed as a perforated attachment to a larger document and measure 2 5/8 inches by 4 inches. The entire document that parents received measures 3 1/2 inches by 8 inches. See sample below.



The Dickinson County Recorder's office is assisting IDPH in the exchange process. Please bring the birth certificate wallet card along with your picture ID to our office on the first floor of the courthouse in Spirit Lake, IA. We will provide you with an *Application for Certified Copy of Iowa Vital Record* form to complete and then assist in exchanging the wallet for a full-sized certificate. There is no cost to the entitled customer for this service.

If you prefer to complete this exchange process by mail, you may download the "Wallet Birth Certificate Exchange Application" from our website (<http://dickinsoncountyiowa.org/recorder-vital-military-records-and-passports/>), complete the form, have it notarized and send it along with a copy of your driver's license and the original wallet card to the Iowa Department of Public Health address listed on the form. Due to the number of certificates to be replaced, it is expected to take IDPH four to six weeks to process your request and send the replacement birth certificate via mail.

If you have questions about this exchange process, please call the Dickinson County Recorder's office at (712)336-1495 or stop in at the courthouse.