



**Comparison of
 Massachusetts Vital Records Information Collaborative (MAVRIC)
 and Vitals Information Partnership (VIP)**

FEATURE	MAVRIC	VIP
Enrollment	Streamlined process allows the user to complete enrollment in one step online within the MAVRIC application through a single account set up.	Requires multiple user enrollment forms to be completed and submitted outside the VIP application.
Death Record Creation The following roles can create death records:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN/NP/PA pronouncers • Funeral Directors • Medical Certifiers • Medical Examiners • City/Town Clerks (when no Funeral Director involved) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral Directors • Medical Certifiers • Medical Examiners • City/Town Clerks (when no Funeral Director involved)
Who can initiate amendments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral Directors • Medical Certifiers • Medical Examiners • City/Town Clerks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City/Town Clerks • Medical Examiners
Automation	More automated processes, including release of records and assignment of permit and registration numbers.	Lack of automated processes which require information to be manually entered.
Validations	Ability to save and validate each page automatically as you progress.	Does not allow you to save and validate each page as you progress - needs to be saved by user upon exiting the record.
Equipment Needed for Non-Electronic Attestations and Attachments	Scanner: Attestations are scanned and added to the Attachments section in the left-hand menu of a record in MAVRIC.	Fax machine: Attachments and attestations faxed into VIP.



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Within System Messaging	Ability to send messages to other MAVRIC users through system and email to alert and view records that have been assigned.	No
Wildcard Search User performs search	Use the percentage (%) sign.	Use an asterisk (*) sign.
Printing	Ability to print forms and burial permit on demand at any time.	Limited printing capabilities and time limits on printing burial permit.
Reports	Ability to generate various routine and ad-hoc reports based on user location and type.	Limited reporting functionality
Capitalization	Follow standard capitalization rules when entering data in fields for proper nouns by capitalizing the first letter of proper nouns such as person, place, organization.	All caps
Pronouncement Process Pronouncers can start a death record and complete the <i>RN/NP/PA Pronouncement of Death</i> form.	Pronouncement is completed electronically.	Manual paper process that is faxed or handed to the Funeral Director.
Offline Medical Certifiers Medical facility staff and Funeral Directors can enter the medical portion of the death record for offline Medical Certifiers.	The Non-Electronic Attestation process includes built-in email functionality within the application to support communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information must be faxed before it can be entered into the system. No communication sent to City/Town Clerk once the attestation form is attached to the record.
Validating Social Security Number (Funeral Directors only)	Click "Validate SSN" link to the right of decedent age.	Auto-validates



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Funeral Director and Medical Certifier Roles	When record is affirmed and certified, automatically moves to the burial agent	Funeral director releases record to burial agent
Burial Permit Numbers	Burial permit numbers will be auto assigned.	Manually entered.
Record Registration (City/Town Clerks)	Only the occurrence clerk registers the record. The residence clerk will be notified upon registration.	Both occurrence and residence clerks must register the record.
City/Town Registration Numbers	MAVRIC auto assigns registration number (state file number) upon occurrence clerk registration.	Manually entered
Terminology Differences for Specific Roles		
City/Town Clerk Role	Local registrar/Sub registrar Accept for filing Keyed Amendment queue (new!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyed = clerk-initiated, incomplete data entry • Keyed (requires affirmation) = clerk-initiated needs affirmation Pending Amendment = initiated by funeral director or medical certifier requiring affirmation	City/town clerk Register the record Pending Amendment queue (those initiated by clerk)
City/Town Clerk and Burial Agent Roles	Identifier's page	Registration page
All Roles Except Medical Certifier	Affirmation	Approve

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