



# Tick-Borne Rickettsial Disease Case Report

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number, street)  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ NETSS ID No.: (if reported)            
Case ID (13-18) Site (19-21) State (22-23)

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Postal abrv:   (24-25) History of travel outside county of residence within 30 days of onset of symptoms?: 1 YES 2 NO 9 Unk  
1 Male 9 Unk  
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5. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) 6. Race: (69) 1 White 3 American Indian Alaskan Native 5 Pacific Islander 7. Hispanic ethnicity: (70) 1 Yes 2 No 9 Unk  
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