

222.12 Deaths investigated.

In the event of a sudden or mysterious death of a patient of a resource center or the special unit or any private institution for persons with mental retardation, an investigation shall be held by the county medical examiner. The superintendent of a resource center or a special unit or chief administrative officer of any private institution may request an investigation of the death of any patient by the county medical examiner. Notice of the death of the patient, and the cause thereof, shall be sent to the county board of supervisors and to the judge of the court having had jurisdiction over a committed patient. The fact of death with the time, place, and alleged cause shall be entered upon the docket of the court. The parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the admission of a patient to such institutions may request an investigation by the county medical examiner in the event of the death of the patient. The person or persons making the request shall be liable for the expense of such investigation and payment therefor may be required in advance. The expense of a county medical examiner's investigation when requested by the superintendent of a state resource center or a special unit shall be paid from support funds of that institution.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 3447; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, § 222.37; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 222.12]

96 Acts, ch 1129, § 113; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §51