

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 691.6, the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 127, "County Medical Examiners," Iowa Administrative Code.

The Department does not have funding to reimburse Iowa counties for county medical examiner expenses for autopsies ordered on decedents who were brought into Iowa for emergency medical treatment. These amendments direct counties to submit such requests for reimbursement directly to the state appeal board for review and processing. This will make processing of such claims more efficient, streamlined and customer-friendly. Also, no funding has been allocated to the Department for reimbursement for autopsies in cases in which SIDS was the cause of death. Therefore, the amendments rescind the paragraph indicating reimbursement is available.

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The State Board of Health adopted these amendments on March 12, 2014.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 331.802(2)"c," 331.802(4) and 691.6.

These amendments will become effective on May 7, 2014.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **127.4(2)"c"** as follows:

*c. Out-of-state resident—law enforcement involvement.* The fee and expenses of a county medical examiner who performs an investigation or autopsy of a person who dies after being brought into the state for emergency medical treatment by or at the direction of an out-of-state law enforcement officer or public authority shall be paid by the state. A claim for payment shall be filed with the ~~department~~ state appeal board.

ITEM 2. Rescind and reserve paragraph **127.4(2)"e."**

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