226.34 Investigation of death — notice.

- 1. Upon the death of a patient, the county medical examiner shall conduct a preliminary investigation as required by section 218.64, in accordance with section 331.802.
- 2. If a patient in a mental health institute dies from any cause, the superintendent of the institute shall within three days of the date of death, send by certified mail a written notice of death to all of the following:
 - a. The decedent's nearest relative.
 - b. The clerk of the district court of the county from which the patient was committed.
 - c. The sheriff of the county from which the patient was committed.
- d. The regional administrator for the county from which the patient was committed. [C73, §1439; C97, §2303; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**3516**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §226.34]

2008 Acts, ch 1187, §136; 2015 Acts, ch 69, §47