

**641—127.4 (331,691) Fees.****127.4(1) *Payment of fee and expenses.***

*a.* A medical examiner shall receive from the county of appointment a fee for each preliminary investigation and report submitted in a case in which a death affects the public interest. A county medical examiner shall also receive from the county of appointment the examiner's actual expenses.

*b.* A pathologist or other physician who performs an autopsy under medical examiner authorization shall be paid for the services by the county of appointment.

**127.4(2) *Reimbursement.***

*a. County of residence different from county of appointment—Iowa resident.* The county of the decedent's residence shall reimburse the county of appointment for the fee and expenses paid by the county of appointment.

*b. Death caused by criminal defendant.* If the person's death is caused by a criminal defendant who has been convicted and sentenced for murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, or homicide by vehicle, the county of the person's residence may recover from the defendant the fee and expenses.

*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 state appeal board.

*d. Out-of-state resident—no law enforcement involvement.* The fee and expenses of a county medical examiner who performs an investigation or autopsy of an out-of-state resident shall be paid by the county of appointment.

*e. Child under the age of two.* Rescinded IAB 4/2/14, effective 5/7/14.

[ARC 1403C, IAB 4/2/14, effective 5/7/14]