

# MARYLAND STATE ANATOMY BOARD

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## **UNCLAIMED DECEDENTS FAMILY INFORMATION**

### *1. What should the next-of-kin do if the decedent is transferred to the State Anatomy Board?*

As soon as possible, the family should contact a Maryland funeral or cremation service of their choice and make arrangement for that establishment to pick up the decedent from the State of Anatomy Board facility. The establishment will have the next-of-kin sign a release that allows them to come to the State Anatomy Board and claim the body.

Charges may be incurred for our services, which includes transportation, consumables, and storage fees. State Anatomy board fees are charged to the funeral or cremation service and maybe added to your contract with that establishment.

The State Anatomy Board should be contacted with intent to claim and funeral or cremation service the family is working with.

### *2. How long will the body be held at the State Anatomy Board until funeral arrangements can be made?*

The State Anatomy Board will hold the body for a minimum of three (3) days and as long as seven (7) days. During this time, fees for storing the decedent may be incurred.

### *3. What happens if, for whatever reason, funeral arrangements cannot be made?*

At the end of the seven (7) day hold period, decedents will be assigned to the State cremation process. Once the body is cremated by the State Anatomy Board, ashes will be buried at the State burial grounds located in Sykesville, Md. The family may request to be notified to attend the annual Memorial Service.