

**Implementing Order No.:** IO 4-88

**Title:** MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES FOR SERVICES

**Ordered:** 9/28/17

**Effective:** 10/9/17

**AUTHORITY:**

Section 1.01 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, Chapter 406 of the Florida Statutes, and Chapter 11G of the Florida Administrative Code.

**SUPERSEDES:**

This Implementing Order supersedes previous Implementing Order 4-88, ordered September 17, 2015, and effective October 1, 2015.

**POLICY:**

This Implementing Order establishes a schedule of fees for services provided by the Medical Examiner Department (ME), including expert witness fees, body disposition reviews, Indigent Cremation Services (ICS) fees, autopsies on non-ME cases, ME examination and death certification of non-ME cases, death certification review of non-ME cases, public records fees, paternity testing requests, laboratory service fees, photographic service fees, late payment fines, and evidence storage fees. This fee schedule is intended to cover costs to the county for the provision of these services.

**PROCEDURE:**

Administration of this Implementing Order is designated to the Director of the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, who will be responsible for the collection of fees and the delivery of the required services according to Chapter 406 of the Florida Statutes. The fees listed herein shall be in effect from the time of Board approval.

**FEE SCHEDULE:**

The fee schedule adopted by this Implementing Order is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The official fee schedule is also filed with and subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and on file with the Clerk thereof. Fees that are charged by the Medical Examiner Department shall be the same as those listed in the official fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the County Commission.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

**Miami-Dade Medical Examiner  
Fee Schedule**

The Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department will impose the charges listed below for each of the services identified:

**Expert Witness Fees**

Fees for expert testimony services provided by the medical, toxicology, and other professional staff are comparable to those charged in the private sector. Hourly rates are billable to the nearest quarter of an hour.

**District Medical Examiner, Associate Medical Examiner, and Toxicology Laboratory Director**

Court time, deposition time, conference and phone conference time	\$330/hr or \$2,200/day
Review of records and Preparation time	\$110/hr
Wait or travel time to testify in court or at deposition (up to one-hour, thereafter at "Court time . . ." rate)	\$85/hr

**Other Professional Staff (including Toxicologist, Investigators, Photographers, and Supervisors)**

Court time, deposition time, conference and phone conference time	\$165/hr or \$1,100/day
Review of records and Preparation time	\$85/hr
Wait or travel time to testify in court or at deposition (up to one-hour limit thereafter at "Court time . . ." rate)	\$55/hr

**Medical Examiner Approval Fees**

Florida Statutes mandate that the Medical Examiner review each body disposition request arising within the county that involves cremation, anatomical donation, burial at sea, or fetal death.	\$65/case
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**Indigent Cremation Services**

The Indigent Cremation Services (ICS) program assists indigent families with final disposition.

Families providing proof of receiving current government assistance under one or more of the programs listed below will pay:	\$110
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- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Families unable to provide proof of receiving current government assistance will be charged a fee equivalent to the per-cremation cost incurred by Miami-Dade County of:	\$400
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\* All hourly rates are billable to the nearest quarter of an hour.

ICS Storage Fee

Charge to families choosing to make private arrangements after a body has been transported and stored at the ME facility

\$330

ICS Pre-Approval Administrative Review Fee

\$55

ICS Pre-Approval Administrative Review Fee (Guardianship Programs)

Charge for indigent adults who are adjudicated incapacitated and assigned to a non-profit guardian program.

\$27.50

ICS Shipping Fee

Requests from families for mailing or shipping cremains via USPS

Domestic \$85

**Pathology Services for non-ME Cases**

Requests occasionally arise from county citizens for autopsy services on cases that do not fall under ME jurisdiction (outside of Chapter 406 of the Florida Statutes)

Autopsy of non-ME case(s) processed by Department (excluding Laboratory services or other expenses that will be also charged)

\$5,500/case

Autopsy of non-ME case(s) processed by ME pathologist off-site (Administrative/supply fee) (excluding Laboratory services or other expenses that will be also charged)

\$110/request

ME examination and death certification of non-ME case(s)(excluding Laboratory services or other expenses that will be also charged)

\$770/case

**Death Certification Review**

Cause of death review fee for burial, entombment, or removal from state

\$22

Research and correction fee for improperly certified cause of death

\$220

**Public Records**

Public records requests for Medical Examiner reports (e.g., autopsy protocol, toxicology report) will be charged as per Florida Statute 119.07

Copies or duplications of X-rays

\$5/copy

Photo duplication – See schedule for Photographic and Imaging Services (below).

**Paternity Testing**

Requests are made to the ME Toxicology Laboratory for biological samples from decedents to be prepared for DNA paternity testing. Fee covers the cost of personnel time and supplies used to prepare and ship the samples to independent laboratories for analysis.

Paternity testing sample preparation

\$55

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## Laboratory Services

The ME Toxicology Laboratory provides toxicology services to other districts as well as to outside law enforcement agencies. Prices may be negotiated for bulk contracts on a per-case fee based on a minimum number of cases per year. Otherwise, individual test fees indicated below will apply. Additional tests may be implemented and will be billed on a comparable basis to established fees.

Test	Specimen	Test Type	Method	Spec Quantity	Analyte	New Price	Test Description
Cannabinoid Screen (ELISA)	Blood, tissue	Screen	ELISA	2 mL	N/A	\$12.60	ELISA screen for cannabinoids
Carbon Monoxide (CO-OX)	Blood	Screen/Quantitation	CO-OXIMETER	3 mL	Carboxyhemaglobin	\$31.50	Spectrophotometric analysis (Co-oximeter) for % carboxyhemaglobin
Cyanide Quantitation (GC-NPD)	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	GC-NPD	2 mL	Cyanide	\$63.00	Quantitation of cyanide by GC-NPD
Cyanide Screen (Cyantissimo Paper)	Blood, tissues	Screen	DIFFUSION	2 mL	Cyanide	\$31.50	Colorimetric semi-quantitation of cyanide using Cyantissimo paper
ELISA (single test)	Blood, serum, tissue	Screen	ELISA	3 mL	Request	\$12.60	Individual ELISA screening tests for any of the following: Cannabinoids, Methamphetamine, Benzoylcegonine, Opiates, Fentanyl, Oxycodone, Buprenorphine, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines (*note: additional items will be added as developed)
ELISA Screen - 4	Blood, Serum, Tissue homogenates, Urine	Screen	ELISA	1 mL	Barbs, Benzos, Cocaine, Opiates	\$50.40	Screen for barbiturates, benzodiazepines, benzoylcegonine, and opiates by ELISA
Elisa Screen - 6	Blood, Serum, Tissue homogenates, Urine	Screen	ELISA	1 mL	Barbs, Benzos, Cocaine, Opiates/oxycodone, Carisoprodol	\$70.00	Screen for barbiturates, benzodiazepines, benzoylcegonine, opiates/oxycodone, Carisoprodol by ELISA

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Test	Specimen	Test Type	Method	Spec Quantity	Analyte	New Price	Test Description
EMIT (single test)	Urine, gastric	Screen	EMIT	2 mL	N/A	\$12.60	Individual EMIT screening tests for any of the following: Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzoylcegonine, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Opiates, Oxycodone, Phencyclidine, Buprenorphine, Methadone
Fentanyl screen (ELISA)	Blood, tissues	Screen	ELISA	2 mL	Fentanyl	\$12.60	ELISA screen for fentanyl
Paraphernalia analysis	Pill, syringes, spoons, etc.	Screen	GC-MS	N/A	N/A	\$123.90	Qualitative analysis by GC-MS of syringes, pipes, etc. for abused drugs
Pills and powder qualitative analysis	Pills, powders	Screen	GC-MS	N/A	N/A	\$123.90	Qualitative analysis by GC-MS of pills and powders
Urine Drug Confirmation (GC-MS)	Urine	Confirmation	GC-MS	1 mL	Multiple drugs	\$63.00	Full scan GC-MS confirmation of urine drug screen results
Volatile Screen I (Headspace GC-FID)	Blood, ocular, tissues, bile, gastric	Screen/Quantitation	Headspace-GC-FID	1 mL	Ethanol, methanol, acetone, isopropanol	\$36.75	Headspace GC screen for volatile substances including ethanol, methanol, acetone, isopropanol
Screen by Color Tests	Urine	Screen	Colorimetry	10 mL	Salicylates	\$15.00	Urine screen for salicylates
Urine & Gastric Screen by GCMS	Urine, gastric	Screen	GC/MS	5 mL	Acidic, basic, neutral drugs	\$74.00	General screen of urine and gastric for acid, basic, and neutral drugs
ELISA Screen by DSX	Blood, tissues	Screen	ELISA	5mL, 20g	Benzodiazepines, cocaine, opiates, cannabinoids, oxycodone,	\$12.60	Targeted ELISA screen for a single drug
Cyanide Screen by Diffusion	Blood, tissues	Screen	Colorimetry	5mL, 20g	Cyanide	\$25.00	Screen for Cyanide by microdiffusion
EMIT Screen	Urine	Screen	EMIT	5mL	Amphetamine, benzodiazepines, opiates, cannabinoids, oxycodone	\$74.00	Urine drug screen for amphetamines, benzodiazepines, benzoylcegonine, cannabinoids, opiates, and oxycodone

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Volatiles by GCMS	Blood, tissues	Screen	Headspace GC/MS	5mL	Volatile organics	\$134.00	Screen for volatiles compounds
Benzodiazepine Screen by LCMSMS	Blood, tissues	Screen	LC/MS/MS	5mL	Benzodiazepines	\$124.00	Screen/confirmation for common benzodiazepines
General screen by LCMSMS – Analgesic drugs	Blood, tissues	Screen	LC/MS/MS	5mL	Opiates, opioids,	\$124.00	Screen/confirmation for analgesic drugs
General Screen by LCMSMS - Antipsychotics	Blood, tissues	Screen	LC/MS/MS	5mL	Antipsychotics, SSRI	\$124.00	Screen/confirmation for anti-psychotic drugs
General Screen by LCMSMS	Blood, tissues	Screen	LC/MS/MS	5mL	General basic, acidic, neutral drugs	\$135.00	Screen/confirmation for general basic, acidic, and neutral drugs
Screen for Acid, Neutral & Basic Drugs	Blood, tissues	Screen	GC/MS/NPD	5mL	General basic, acidic, neutral drugs	\$145.00	General screen for basic, acidic, and neutral drugs
Carbon Monoxide Confirmation	Blood, tissues	Confirmation/screen	Colorimetry, diffusion	5mL, 20g	Carbon Monoxide	\$31.50	Screen/confirmation of carbon monoxide
Screen/confirmation of designer stimulants	Blood, tissues	Screen/confirmation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Amphetamines, cathinones, hallucinogens	\$135.00	Screen/confirmation of designer stimulants, including cathinones, amphetamines
Confirmation of Cannabinoids by GC-MS/MS	Blood, urine	Confirmation	GC/MS/MS	5mL	THC, metabolites	\$124.00	Confirmation of cannabinoids and metabolites
Ethylene Glycol Screen/Quant by GC/MS/MS	Blood, urine	Screen/quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL	Ethylene Glycol	\$124.00	Screen/quantitation of ethylene glycol
GHB Screen/Quant by GC-MS/MS	Blood, urine	Screen/quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL	GHB	\$124.00	Screen/quantitation of GHB
Zolpidem Quant by GC-MS/MS	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Zolpidem	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of Zolpidem
Tramadol Quant by GC-MS/MS	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Tramadol, O-desmethyltramadol	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of Tramadol and ODM Tramadol

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Methadone Quant by GC-MS/MS	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Methadone, EDDP	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of Methadone and EDDP
Benzo Mix 1 Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Alprazolam, clonazepam, 7-aminoclonazepam	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of alprazolam, clonazepam, 7-aminoclonazepam
Antihistamine Quant by GC-NPD	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	GC - NPD	5mL, 20g	Diphenhydramine, doxylamine, chlorpheniramine	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of diphenhydramine, doxylamine, chlorpheniramine
Ketamine Quant by GC-MS/MS	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Ketamine, Norketamine	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of ketamine, norketamine
Stimulant Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Amphetamines, MDMA, MDA, methylone, ethylone, Alpha-PVP	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of amphetamine, methamphetamine, MDMA, MDA, methylone, ethylone, and alpha-PVP
Dextromethorphan Quant by GC-NPD	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	GC-NPD	5mL, 20g	Dextromethorphan	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of dextromethorphan
Benzo Mix 2 Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Diazepam, nordiazepam, oxazepam, temazepam, chlordiazepoxide	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of diazepam, nordiazepam, oxazepam, temazepam, and chlordiazepoxide
Abuse Panel Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Cocaine, cocaethylene, fentanyl, morphine, 6-MAM, codeine, alprazolam	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of cocaine, cocaethylene, benzoylecgonine, morphine, 6-MAM, codeine, fentanyl, and alprazolam
NBOMe Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissues	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	NBoME drugs, 25I and 25C	\$185.00	Quantitative measurement of 25C-NBOMe and 25I-NBOMe
Synthetic Fentanyl Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissue	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Fentanyl analogs	\$185.00	Quantitative measurement of Fentanyl and analogs
Acid-Neutral Quant by GC-FID	Blood, tissue, gastric	Quantitation	GC-FID	5mL, 20g	Butalbital, pentobarbital, carisoprodol, meprobamate	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of barbiturates, carisoprodol

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Quetiapine Quant by LC-MS/MS	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	LC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Quetiapine	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of quetiapine
Opiate Quant by GC-MS/MS	Blood, tissues, gastric	Quantitation	GC/MS/MS	5mL, 20g	Hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxycodone, oxymorphone	\$174.00	Quantitative measurement of hydrocodone, oxycodone, hydromorphone, and oxymorphone

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## Photographic and Imaging Services

The ME Forensic Imaging Bureau provides photographic and imaging services to law enforcement officers and attorneys as well as to departmental employees.

Product Name	Product Description	New Unit Price
<b>Color or Black &amp; White Prints</b>		
Color or B&W	8X11	\$5.50
Color or B&W	8X12	\$7.75
Color or B&W	4X6	\$0.55
Color or B&W	5X7	\$2.20
Color or B&W	6X9	\$2.75
Color or B&W	8X10	\$4.40
Color or B&W	11X14	\$8.80
Color or B&W	12X18	\$9.90
CD From Digital Media Up to 40 Images	N/A	\$22.00
CD or DVD Duplication	N/A	\$28.00
DVD From Digital Media	N/A	\$32.00
<b>B&amp;W</b>		
Black and White Film Processing	120	\$16.50
Black and White Film Processing	220	\$16.50
Black and White Film Processing 24 Exp.	35MM	\$16.50
Black and White Film Processing 36 Exp.	35MM	\$16.50
<b>Laser Copies</b>		
B&W Laser	8.5X11	\$0.12
B&W Laser	11X17	\$0.22
B&W Laser Legal	8.5X14	\$0.20
Color Laser	8.5X11	\$1.10
Color Laser	11X17	\$1.35
Color Laser Legal	8.5X14	\$1.65
<b>Flatbed Scanning</b>		
Flatbed Scanning Service	Any Size	\$11.00
<b>Index Prints</b>		
Index Print (Jumbo)	8X11	\$5.50
Index Print With Film Processing	4X6	\$2.20
Index Print Without Film Processing	4X6	\$3.30
<b>Lamination</b>		
Lamination 11 1/4" X 8 3/4	11 1/4" X 8 3/4	\$6.60
Lamination 14 1/4" X 8 3/4	14 1/4" X 8 3/4	\$7.70
Lamination 2 5/8" X 3 7/8	2 5/8" X 3 7/8	\$3.30
Lamination 5X7	5X7	\$3.85
Lamination 9X11	9X11	\$5.50

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<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Product Description</b>	<b>New Unit Price</b>
<b>Single Matt Cut or Mounting</b>		
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	8X11	\$5.50
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	8X12	\$6.60
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	4X6	\$2.20
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	5X7	\$3.30
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	6X9	\$4.40
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	8X10	\$5.50
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	11X14	\$7.70
Single Matt Cut or Mounting	12X18	\$8.80
<b>Scans</b>		
Scan Medium Quality	N/A	\$6.60
Scan Slide	2X2	\$1.35
Scan Low Quality	N/A	\$3.30
Scan High Quality Jpeg	N/A	\$9.90
Passport Photos	2 2X2's	\$8.75
<b>Slides</b>		
Slides Re-Mount	2X2	\$1.10
Slides Duplication	2X2	\$3.30
<b>Audio &amp; Video Services</b>		
Audio Tape	N/A	\$5.50
Audio Tape Duplication	N/A	\$11.00
Digital Video Tape	N/A	\$13.20
VHS Video Tape	N/A	\$5.50
Video Tape Duplication	N/A	\$40.00
<b>Specialties</b>		
<p>Because of the specialized technology and training needed to provide certain photographic services, charges for items listed below as "Specialties" will include the cost of the photographer's time in addition to the cost of materials. The cost for materials will be added to the photographer's hourly rates listed below. Work done after hours will be charged the time and half rate. Time will be billed to the nearest quarter of an hour.</p>		
Photo/Art Design Services	N/A	\$138.00
Badge Photo/ City of Miami/Mosaics	N/A	\$138.00
High Speed Photography	N/A	\$138.00
Copy Work Per Image to a CD	N/A	\$138.00
Photoshop / Poser etc.	N/A	\$138.00
Computer Graphics / PowerPoint	N/A	\$138.00
Pulling Stills From a Video	N/A	\$138.00
Video Tape Editing	N/A	\$138.00
Video Tape Production	N/A	\$138.00
On Location Photography	N/A	\$880.00
Rush Service (Same Day)	Any of the Above	Double (2x) Regular Unit Price
Equipment/supply fee for off-site photographic services	N/A	\$52.00

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**Forensic Training Workshops**

The Medical Examiner Department conducts a variety of workshops annually for the purpose of training students and other professionals in various aspects of the science of death investigation. The fee represents per/student enrollment.

Police-Medicolegal Death Investigation Workshop	\$850
Medicolegal Death Investigation Workshop (FDLE – Partnership Class)	\$425
Forensic Photography Workshop	\$825
Death Certification and Reporting	\$100
Forensic Odontology Workshop	\$1,000
Toxicology Workshop	\$300
Special Topics in Forensics	\$100

**Late Payments and Worthless Checks**

Accounts past due 30-59 days	\$25
Accounts past due 60-89 days	\$35
Accounts past due 90 or more days	\$45

Funeral home accounts past due 30 days will not be able to receive approvals on requests for cremations.

Worthless checks will be handled in accordance with County Administrative Order 4-86.

**Case Evidence Storage Fee**

Evidence stored at the Medical Examiner in excess of 30 days	\$25
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