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ISSUE: IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED			
Law/Regulation	Is ID Required?	Information Required for ID	Any Restrictions/Limitations
149A.95 CREMATORIES AND CREMATION. Subd. 8.Identification of body.	Yes	All licensed crematories shall develop, implement, and maintain an identification procedure whereby dead human bodies can be identified from the time the crematory accepts delivery of the remains until the cremated remains are released to an authorized party. After cremation, an identifying disk, tab, or other permanent label shall be placed within the cremated remains container before the cremated remains are released from the crematory. Each identification disk, tab, or label shall have a number that shall be recorded on all paperwork regarding the decedent. This procedure shall be designed to reasonably ensure that the proper body is cremated and that the cremated remains are returned to the appropriate party.	
ISSUE: ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER FOR CREMATION			
Law/Regulation	Is It Required?	Definition of Alternative Container	
N/A			
ISSUE: URN			
Law/Regulation	Any requirements for Urn/ Temporary Container	Definition of Urn/Temporary Container	
N/A			

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ISSUE: AUTHORIZING AGENT	
Law/Regulation	Legal Order of Authorizing Agent
700.3206 Right and power to make decisions about funeral arrangements and handling, disposition, or disinterment of decedent's body; presumption; funeral representative designation; priority; "exercise their rights or powers under subsection	<p>(3) The following have the rights and powers under subsection (1) in the following order of priority:</p> <p>(a) If the decedent was a service member at the time of the decedent's death, a person designated to direct the disposition of the service member's remains according to a statute of the United States or regulation, policy, directive, or instruction of the Department of Defense.</p> <p>(b) A funeral representative designated under subsection (2).</p> <p>(c) The surviving spouse.</p> <p>(d) Subject to subdivision (e), the individual or individuals 18 years of age or older in the following order of priority:</p> <p>(i) The decedent's children.</p> <p>(ii) The decedent's grandchildren.</p> <p>(iii) The decedent's parents.</p> <p>(iv) The decedent's grandparents.</p> <p>(v) The decedent's siblings.</p> <p>(vi) A descendant of the decedent's parents who first notifies the funeral establishment in possession of the decedent's body of the descendant's decision to exercise his or her rights under subsection (1).</p> <p>(vii) A descendant of the decedent's grandparents who first notifies the funeral establishment in possession of the decedent's body of the descendant's decision to exercise his or her rights under subsection (1).</p> <p>(e) If an individual described in subdivision (d) had the right to dispose of the decedent's body under subsection (1), but affirmatively declined to exercise his or her right or failed to exercise his or her right within 48 hours after receiving notification of the decedent's death, the individual does not have the right to make a decision about the disinterment of the decedent's body or possession of the decedent's cremated remains.</p>
ISSUE: FINAL DISPOSITION	
Law/Regulation	Any Guidelines or Requirements of Disposition of Cremated Remains Including Mailing Requirements
333.2848 Authorization for final disposition of dead body or fetus; time; form; retention of permit; religious service or ceremony not required; cremation; moving body; permit issued by other state.	<p>(3) If final disposition is by cremation, the medical examiner of the county in which death occurred shall sign the authorization for final disposition.</p> <p>(4) A body may be moved from the place of death to be prepared for final disposition with the consent of the physician or county medical examiner who certifies the cause of death.</p> <p>(5) A permit for disposition issued under the law of another state that accompanies a dead body or dead fetus brought into this state is authorization for final disposition of the dead body or dead fetus in this state. Mich. Comp. Laws 333.2848 Authorization for final disposition of dead body or fetus; time; form; retention of permit; religious service or ceremony not required; cremation; moving body; permit issued by other state.</p>