

# Cremation Issue Chart

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ISSUE: IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED			
Law/Regulation	Is ID Required?	Information Required for ID	Any Restrictions/Limitations
N/A			
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	
20 CSR 2120-2.071 Definitions		(l) Urn—the receptacle into which the cremated remains are placed for other than transportation or short-term storage.	

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ISSUE: AUTHORIZING AGENT	
Law/Regulation	Legal Order of Authorizing Agent
§ 194.119. Right of sepulcher, the right to choose and control final disposition of a dead human body	<p>1. As used in this section, the term “right of sepulcher” means the right to choose and control the burial, cremation, or other final disposition of a dead human body.</p> <p>(1) An attorney in fact designated in a durable power of attorney wherein the deceased specifically granted the right of sepulcher over his or her body to such attorney in fact;</p> <p>(2) For a decedent who was on active duty in the United States military at the time of death, the person designated by such decedent in the written instrument known as the United States Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, in accordance with P.L. 109-163 , Section 564, 10 U.S.C. Section 1482 ;</p> <p>(3) The surviving spouse;</p> <p>(4) Any surviving child of the deceased. If a surviving child is less than eighteen years of age and has a legal or natural guardian, such child shall not be disqualified on the basis of the child's age and such child's legal or natural guardian, if any, shall be entitled to serve in the place of the child unless such child's legal or natural guardian was subject to an action in dissolution from the deceased. In such event the person or persons who may serve as next-of-kin shall serve in the order provided in subdivisions (5) to (9) of this subsection;</p> <p>(5)(a) Any surviving parent of the deceased; or</p> <p>(b) If the deceased is a minor, a surviving parent who has custody of the minor; or</p> <p>(c) If the deceased is a minor and the deceased's parents have joint custody, the parent whose residence is the minor child's residence for purposes of mailing and education;</p> <p>(6) Any surviving sibling of the deceased;</p> <p>(7) The next nearest surviving relative of the deceased by consanguinity or affinity;</p> <p>(8) Any person or friend who assumes financial responsibility for the disposition of the deceased's remains if no next-of-kin assumes such responsibility;</p>
ISSUE: FINAL DISPOSITION	
Law/Regulation	Any Guidelines or Requirements of Disposition of Cremated Remains Including Mailing Requirements
§ 194.119. Right of sepulcher, the right to choose and control final disposition of a dead human body	<p>3. The next-of-kin of the deceased shall be entitled to control the final disposition of the remains of any dead human being consistent with all applicable laws, including all applicable health codes.</p>