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HEA 1337 Final Disposition of Fetal Remains

Beginning June 1, 2023, clients will have the option of allowing SBMF to handle the final disposition of fetal remains after testing.

SBMF has partnered with a local funeral home to make this process possible. SBMF will hold the remains for 30 days from receipt before they are released to Billings Funeral Home for final disposition.

There will be no change to the current process of sending fetal remains to SBMF for testing. Only remains that require testing should be sent to SBMF. If no sample remains after testing, the client will be notified via letter.

SBMF must have written consent, signed by the parents, allowing us to handle the final disposition. If remains are to be returned to their originating location, clear instructions must be sent with the remains informing SBMF of this request. A signed contract between the client and SBMF will be required. SBMF will charge a \$25 monthly fee for this service for each month fetal remains are received.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Meghan Berkheiser, mberkheiser@sbmf.org, or Laura Lehman, llehman@sbmf.org.

Questions: Please contact **CLIENT SUPPORT** at **574-236-7263**

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