

ADOPTIONS SECTION

HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Notice of Readoption

Chief State Medical Examiner Rules

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:70

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Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:6B-7.

Effective Date: May 12, 2023.

New Expiration Date: May 12, 2030.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, the Chief State Medical Examiner rules at N.J.A.C. 8:70 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules were scheduled to expire on July 28, 2023. The Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner (OCSME) has reviewed these rules and determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

N.J.A.C. 8:70 establishes the standards by which all medical examiner facilities in the State of New Jersey must operate. These standards are developed by OCSME in accordance with the Revised Medical Examiner Act, N.J.S.A. 26:6B-1 et seq., and establish the proper procedures for the operations of medical examiner facilities in New

Jersey, including: the conduct of autopsies; jurisdiction between counties; the handling of objections to autopsy; investigative standards for unidentified bodies; definitions; collection of specimens for toxicological and histological analysis; release of records; filing of annual reports; morgue storage requirements; the conduct of medicolegal death investigations; medical examiner death certification and amendments to death certificates; notification requirements from deaths caused by contagious or infectious disease; eligibility standards for medical examiners and forensic pathologists in New Jersey; and enforcement of eligibility standards in New Jersey.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:70 is readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven year period.