

UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE RELEASE PORTAL

Introduction

The OCME Release Portal is receiving an update as early as January 2025. Part of the update are the following changes that the MA OCME team is excited to share!

Key Feature Change #1

Funeral homes will no longer need to download the Funeral Home Acknowledgement form since the acknowledgements will be built into the application.

Acknowledgements

I acknowledge that I will provide the OCME Friends & Family letter to the legal next of kin or their designee claiming the deceased. *
**By checking this box, I acknowledge that I am signing this document electronically and that my electronic signature shall serve as the legal equivalent of an original/ink signature for the purposes of this form.

I acknowledge that, when applicable, I will complete and return the Statement of Identification form via Submit Statement of ID link within 10 days of receipt.*
**By checking this box, I acknowledge that I am signing this document electronically and that my electronic signature shall serve as the legal equivalent of an original/ink signature for the purposes of this form.

Key Feature Change #2

Funeral homes will no longer be required to add the information for children & parents. They will only be required to add the legal next-of-kin information.

Next-of-Kin Information

[View Next of Kin Guidelines](#)

Next-of-Kin First Name*

Next-of-Kin Last Name*

Next-of-Kin Email Address*

Opt in for NOK to receive emails

Relationship to Decedent*

Next-of-Kin Address*

Next-of-Kin Country*

Next-of-Kin City*

Next-of-Kin State/Province*

Next-of-Kin Zip Code*

Next-of-Kin Phone Number* x

[Add Additional Next-of-Kin](#)

Key Feature Change #3

The OCME will now provide the examination type and decedent weight within the decedent association application.

Death Record Information (Completed by OCME)

OCME #

OCME Location of Decedent

MLI Assigned To

OCME Admin

Location of Death

Date of Death

Time of Death

Examination Type

Weight (in lbs)

Key Feature Change #4

The funeral homes are no longer required to input the decedent's location/date/time of death or the OCME office location.

Death Record Information (Completed by OCME)

OCME #

OCME Location of Decedent

MLI Assigned To

OCME Admin

Location of Death

Date of Death

Time of Death

Examination Type

Weight (in lbs)