

A.C.A. § 20-17-706

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Title 20 Public Health And Welfare
Subtitle 2. Health And Safety
Chapter 17 Death and Disposition of the Dead
Subchapter 7 -- Unclaimed Bodies

A.C.A. § 20-17-706 (2012)

20-17-706. Cost of embalming and transportation.

(a) If the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences determines that there is a need for the body, that the body is suitable for anatomical science or study, and that the body has not been embalmed, then the university, at its expense, shall immediately arrange for proper embalment of the body by a licensed embalmer, either with the person having possession, charge, or control thereof if the person is a licensed embalmer or licensed funeral director or with any other licensed embalmer or licensed funeral director.

(b) If the body has been embalmed prior to the claim of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, as is customary, or the body is embalmed by its direction according to the provisions of this subchapter, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall pay twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as a reimbursement of embalming expenses and shall assume costs for transportation of the body when shipment is at its direction.

(c) Should the body be embalmed prior to legal claim, any person or organization asserting legal claim to the body within forty-eight (48) hours after death as provided in this subchapter shall assume responsibility for at least twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the cost thereof, together with reasonable costs for transportation of the body which may have been incurred.

(d) If the deceased had provided for the use of his or her body for medical science under the Arkansas Anatomical Gift Act, § 20-17-601 et seq., and provided funds in his or her estate for burial, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be free of all claims for the expenses as ordinarily provided under subsections (a)-(c) of this section.

HISTORY: Acts 1959, No. 22, §§ 3, 14; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 82-405.1, 82-405.6; Acts 1993, No. 403, § 13.