

(4) The autopsy and analysis shall be sufficient to determine eligibility for benefits under the federal Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976.

(d) (1) The individual who performs the autopsy shall prepare detailed written findings during the progress of the autopsy. These findings and the conclusions drawn from them shall be filed in the office of the medical examiner for the county where the death occurred. The original copy of the findings and conclusions shall be filed in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

(2) (1) EXCEPT IN A CASE OF A FINDING OF HOMICIDE, A PERSON IN INTEREST AS DEFINED IN § 10-611(E)(3) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE MAY REQUEST THE MEDICAL EXAMINER TO CORRECT FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ON THE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH RECORDED ON A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH UNDER § 10-625 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE WITHIN 30 60 DAYS AFTER THE MEDICAL EXAMINER FILES THOSE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS.

(II) IF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER DENIES THE REQUEST OF A PERSON IN INTEREST TO CORRECT FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ON THE CAUSE OF DEATH, THE PERSON IN INTEREST MAY APPEAL THE DENIAL TO THE SECRETARY, WHO SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS. A CONTESTED CASE HEARING UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE A HEARING BOTH ON THE DENIAL AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ON THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

(III) THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SHALL SUBMIT FINDINGS OF FACT TO THE SECRETARY.

(IV) AFTER REVIEWING THE FINDINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER TO:

1. ADOPT THE FINDINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE; OR

2. REJECT THE FINDINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, AND AFFIRM THE FINDINGS OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

(V) THE APPELLANT MAY APPEAL A REJECTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV)2 TO A CIRCUIT COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

(VI) IF THE FINAL DECISION OF A HEARING EXAMINER THE SECRETARY, OF THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, OR OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION ON APPEAL, ESTABLISHES A DIFFERENT FINDING OR CONCLUSION ON THE CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH OF A DECEASED THAN THAT RECORDED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF DEATH, THE