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MEMO TO: Justices of the Peace in counties served by the Travis County Medical Examiner

FROM: Keith Pinckard, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Examiner
Beth Devery, RN, JD, Chief Operations Officer

RE: Increase in fees beginning January 1, 2022

DATE: September 15, 2021

On September 14, 2021, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved a 3% increase in fees for autopsies, external examinations, court testimony and chart review. The fee increase is largely designed to address the county's increased expenses, including personnel costs. As mentioned last year, we indicated that there would most likely be smaller increases to address our increased operational expenses year over year, rather than a large increase after an extended period.

The new fees beginning on January 1, 2022 will be as follows:

Fee	New Fee	Comment
Autopsy fee	\$3,435	
External examination fee	\$1,066	
Court testimony fee	\$144/hr	Three hour min
Chart Review	\$412	

We understand that times are difficult for local governments. We will continue to strive for the highest level of service. We value our working relationships with the counties we serve and know that these fee changes will have an impact. We appreciate our partnership with you and hope that we can continue to provide services for your county. Please feel free to contact our office with comments or concerns.