
¹ Staff Opinion 09-1 (Feb. 17, 2009).

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You also seek clarification that Opinion 09-1 is not meant to imply that a funeral provider is required to include the full basic services fee listed in its GPL in its fees for forwarding and receipt of remains, direct cremation, and immediate burial. You are correct that because the Opinion does not address that question, no such inference can be drawn from it. That issue has been raised in a separate request, and will be addressed in a forthcoming staff opinion.

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