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AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Department for Children and Families

BULLETIN NO.: 08-26

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SUBJECT: General Assistance Burial Expense Standards

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 7/1/08

INSTRUCTIONS

- Maintain Manual - See instructions below.**
- Proposed Regulation - Retain bulletin and attachments until you receive Manual Maintenance Bulletin: _____**
- Information or Instructions - Retain until _____**

MANUAL REFERENCE(S): P-2690

This bulletin updates general assistance allowable burial expenses.

Vertical lines in the left margin indicate significant changes. Dotted lines at the left indicate changes to clarify, rearrange, correct references, etc., without changing content.

Manual Maintenance

General Assistance Procedures

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P-2690 Allowable Burial Expenses (WAM 2644-2646)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES When a funeral director requests GA payment for professional services, compare the charges to the amounts below.

Allowable Total Maximum GA will not pay any burial expenses for an otherwise eligible applicant if a funeral home charges more than \$1312 for professional services. The professional services allowable total maximum is \$1312.

Itemized Services GA may pay for the following services, if provided by the funeral home, up to the maximum per item listed below.

- embalming and additional preparation of remains \$ 68.00*
or
- preparation of remains without embalming \$ 41.00
- arrangements and supervision \$420.00
- death and burial certificates \$ 6.00
- use of equipment and facilities:
 - funeral establishment \$139.00
(other than preparation room)
 - preparation room \$ 35.00
 - hearse \$ 64.00

*Reimbursement at the \$68.00 level is allowed only when the remains have been embalmed.

Payment Maximum GA will not pay more than \$732 for the total professional services.

The Difference Friends or family may use contributions to pay charges for professional services not paid by GA as long as they pay no more than the difference between the professional services allowable total maximum and the professional services payment maximum. The difference is \$580.

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P-2690 Allowable Burial Expenses (WAM 2644-2646) (Continued)OTHER
EXPENSES

GA may pay the following burial-related expenses, as provided, up to the maximum amounts shown.

- religious service \$ 25.00
- newspaper death notice \$ 20.00
- transportation by hearse per mile \$ 2.00

The same rate is used for in or out-of-state transportation of the deceased by hearse. See rule 2644.2 for limitations on out-of-state transportation.