

**DES MOINES VALLEY
HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES IS COMMITTED TO
BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF
OUR STATE'S RESOURCES.**



**THEREFORE, THE
FUNERAL EXPENSE
GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED
BY THE MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES HAVE BEEN
ADOPTED BY OUR AGENCY.**



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**Medical Assistance
Long Term
Services & Support**

**Reasonable
Funeral Expense
Guidelines**

Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services

extends its sincere sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. If your loved one or their spouse received General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) at any age, Medical Assistance after age 55, or resided in a long-term care facility, the DVHHS board has established monetary guidelines that may apply to your loved one's final funeral expenses. When applying for assistance, recipients and/or authorized representatives sign documents acknowledging the requirement to disclose all assets and the consequences of fraud. Under MN Statute 524.3-805, any assets remaining after reasonable funeral expenses are paid are subject to Medical Assistance claim by the State of MN and DVHHS.

Reasonable Funeral Expenses

Reasonable funeral expenses include costs related to goods and services provided for the final disposition of remains, items used for a funeral service, and services used to prepare the remains for burial or a funeral service. These expenses also include funeral and burial site goods and services necessary to dispose of the remains in accordance with applicable laws and the individual's religious beliefs or creed.

Reasonable Funeral Expenses to be Paid from Decedent's Estate

Obituary - (1)	\$150
Casket	\$2,750
Cemetery Plot	\$600
Cost to engrave marker	\$200
Grave Marker	\$1,500
Vault	\$1,800
Grave Opening & Closing	\$820
Cremation Urn	\$200
Urn/Vault for Cremated Remains	\$300
Certified Death Certificates (<i>Up to 5</i>)	\$175
Clothing for the Body (<i>If none available</i>)	
Cremation	
Embalming	
Ground Transportation of Remains	
Memorial Service, Viewing & Visitation	
<i>(One of the following)</i>	
◆ Public Visitation Service	
◆ Funeral Service	
◆ Grave Site Service	
Fee/ Donation for One Officiant	\$150
Music (<i>one instrument or vocalist</i>)	\$100
Winter Burial	

Expenses Not Allowed (Include, but are not limited to):

- Family Travel and Lodging
- Food and Beverages/ Server
- Memorial Cards, Thank You Cards & Guest Books
- Memorial Donations
- Flowers
- Planning Costs
- Custodian
- Police Escort
- Hairdressers

Prepaid Burial Policies

If your family member had a burial trust or prepaid burial account, these funds may be used for funeral expenses up to the dollar value of the policy. If the burial trust or prepaid burial account totals \$10,000 or more and all reasonable funeral expenses have been provided, any additional burial costs will be the family's responsibility. DVHHS may set limits on the amount of remaining assets that may be used. Any funds remaining in the prepaid burial account after all funeral expenses have been paid may be subject to estate recovery by DVHHS.

Estate Assets Include, but are not limited to:

- Cash, CD's & Uncashed Checks including payable on death and multiple owner accounts
- Checking & Savings Accounts
- Nursing Home Funds
- Prepaid Burial Excess Funds
- Real Property
- Stocks & Bonds & Trust Accounts
- Life Insurance
- Vehicles