

BURIAL KEY POINTS — QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the Burial Assistance program?

The Burial Assistance program is a benefit available to eligible clients that covers reasonable and necessary costs for burial services. The program assists with paying for funeral, burial and cremation expenses for a customer who was receiving HCA, OAP, AND-SO, AND-CS and/or Colorado Medicaid assistance at the time of their death.

What services does the Burial Assistance program include?

- Transportation of the body from the place of death to the funeral home, memorial site, burial plot, or other storage facility
- Storage of the body prior to final disposition and/or storage of the cremated remains for no more than one hundred twenty (120) days
- Embalming, when necessary
- Purchase of a casket, urn, or other receptacle for the cremated remains
- Purchase of a gravesite, vault, vault liner, or crematorium niche
- Purchase and placement of the grave marker and/or perpetual care of the gravesite, vault, or crematorium niche
- Funeral or memorial service
- Cremation of the body
- Burial or interment of the body or cremated remains
- Incidental items related to burial services



What are the limits of the Burial Grant?

- The maximum burial grant is \$1500 for all aid codes
- A burial grant will not be paid if the total cost for all burial services is more than \$2,500
- The cost of a burial plot shall not be included in the \$2,500 maximum cost limit when:
 - a. The client has a prepaid burial plot valued at two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or less at the time of purchase; or,
 - b. A burial plot was purchased by someone other than the deceased client and donated to the deceased client

What forms are connected to the Burial Assistance program?

- The client will complete form **IM-100, Application for Funeral, Burial, and/or Cremation Assistance form**
- The county will complete form **IM-101, Provider Charges, Authorized State Contribution, and County Authorization for Cremation or Burial form**
- Both forms can be found at training.colorado.gov.

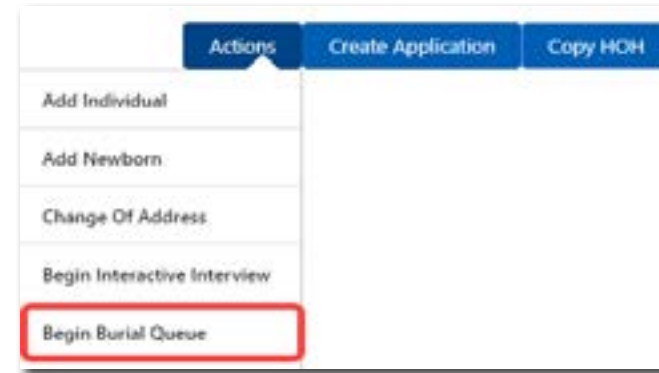
Who receives the benefit payment?

A burial grant payment is made directly to the approved provider. For detailed information on how to enter this data, refer to the AF Burial Processing Manual at training.colorado.gov.

Where do I go in CBMS to begin application processing?

Burials are processed in the **Burial Mini Queue**.

Navigate to **Actions > Begin Burial Queue**.



For single clients, CBMS will:

- Check to see if the expense is equal to, below, or exceeds the maximum total cost for burial services. If it exceeds the maximum total cost, the application will be denied.
- Check to see if any of the client's resources are available for use towards the burial bill. If they are, they will be used.
- Check to see if the countable assets of responsible parties are below the \$2000 limit. If the amount is below, resources will not be used to reduce the burial amount. If the amount is above the limit, then the amount that exceeds the limit, \$1500 max, will be used.
- Combine the amount of the client's available resources with the amount of the responsible parties and deduct them from the maximum burial benefit of \$1500.

Address Changes: You have the ability to create a verification checklist for resources that can be sent to the person or business that is applying for the burial on behalf of the deceased client.

For married clients, CBMS will:

- Check to see if the expense is equal to, below, or exceeds the maximum total cost for burial services. If it exceeds the maximum total cost, the application will be denied.
- Check to see if the countable assets of responsible parties are below the \$2000 limit. If the amount is below, resources will not be used to reduce the burial amount. If the amount is above the limit, then the amount that exceeds the limit, \$1500 max, will be used.
- Calculate the portion of responsible parties' countable resources that exceeds the above limit and deduct them from maximum burial benefit of \$1500.

Remember: Any contributions made towards the final expenses will be taken into consideration for the grant calculation. Essentially, anything that has been paid towards the burial bill will be deducted as well as assets towards the final grant calculation.

