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TO: Nursing Facilities, Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Inpatient Hospitals, and Rest Homes Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mark E. Reynolds, Acting Commissioner

RE: REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT OF FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES

Background

The Division has revised its regulations to delete reference to payment of funeral and burial expenses. Under state law, payment of funeral and burial expenses for indigent persons is the responsibility of the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA).

This bulletin explains how requests for payment of funeral and burial expenses are handled.

Requests Directed to DTA

Effective July 1, 1999, all requests for payment of funeral and burial expenses for MassHealth members who die without leaving sufficient funds or a financially responsible relative to pay for funeral and burial expenses are to be directed to the appropriate DTA or SSI Regional Office. A directory of DTA and SSI regional offices is attached to this bulletin.

Payment of Funeral and Burial Expenses

A separate DTA application form, called **Application for Payment of Funeral and Burial Expenses, F&B-1 (7/99)**, must be completed on behalf of the deceased person and submitted to DTA before requests for payment are considered. The application can be obtained from a DTA or SSI Regional Office, and may be filled out by a relative, friend, funeral director, medical examiner, or other person who can complete the application process, and provide the necessary verifications to DTA.

Questions

Please direct any questions about this bulletin to the MassHealth Policy Hotline at (617) 210-5331.
