**Section 117.50 Funerals and Burials**

a) Funeral and burial services shall be provided to eligible deceased individuals in accordance with Section 117.53.

b) Payment for Funeral Expenses

1) The maximum allowable amount which the Department may pay for funeral expenses of an eligible decedent is:

A) $700 effective 11/17/99, $850 effective 7/1/00, and $1000 effective 7/1/01 for an adult or child 5 years of age or older;

B) $436 effective 11/17/99, $529 effective 7/1/00, $622 effective 7/1/01, and $1000 effective 1/1/02 for a child between the ages of 3 months and 5 years; and

C) $350 effective 11/17/99, $425 effective 7/1/00, $500 effective 7/1/01, and $1000 effective 01/1/02 for a child under 3 months of age or stillborn.

2) On January 1, 2006, July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, the Department shall increase the maximum reimbursement amount by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, if any, during the 12 months immediately preceding that January 1 or July 1. On April 6, 2020, the Department shall increase the maximum reimbursement amount for funeral expenses of an eligible decedent to $1370.

3) Prior to 1/1/02, the maximum allowable amount the Department would pay for funeral expenses of an eligible decedent was based on the decedent's age.

c) The maximum allowable amount which the Department will pay for burial (including cremation) expenses of an eligible decedent is $350 effective 11/17/99, $425 effective 7/1/00, and $500 effective 7/1/01. On January 1, 2006, July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, the Department shall increase the maximum reimbursement amount by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, if any, during the 12 months immediately preceding that January 1 or July 1. On April 6, 2020, the Department shall increase the maximum reimbursement amount for burial (including cremation) expenses to $686.

d) When there is no hospital facility for disposal of amputated limbs by cremation or if burial is desired by the recipient, an allowance of $15 for burial of amputated limbs may be paid to a funeral director.

e) No additional payment shall be made for burial of amputated limbs with the remainder of the body.

f) The maximum allowable amount which the Department will pay for an Anatomical Gift case is $100 effective 11/17/99, $121 effective 7/1/00, and $142 effective 7/1/01 for the funeral home services and $50 for a memorial service held in the funeral home. In a Anatomical Gift case, the body has been donated for scientific study.

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