What is the Burial Assistance program?
A benefit for eligible customers that is available if requested within a month after their death (30 days).

After 30 days, the benefit is still available but will need to be evaluated by the county department.

No benefit will be issued if requested a year after the date of death.

What does the Burial Assistance program cover?
• Storage of the deceased’s remains up to 120 days
• Necessary transportation of the body
• Embalming or cremation
• Purchase of a casket, urn, or other receptacles
• 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
• Burial or interment
• Funeral or memorial service

When is a burial benefit available?
• When the deceased was receiving Old Age Pension (OAP), Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND-SO or AND-CS), Home Care Allowance (HCS), and/or Colorado Medicaid assistance.
• When there are not enough funds available from either the deceased’s estate or the deceased’s legally responsible supporting person.
• When the total cost for all burial services is not more than $2,500.

Does the burial plot count towards the $2,500 limit?
• The burial plot is not counted if it is a prepaid plot that was $2,000 or less when purchased.
• It does not count if it was donated to the deceased.
• It does not need to be counted if the total cost of burial services is less than $1,500.

What forms should my client complete to apply for the Burial Assistance program?
IM 100 and IM 101.

How do I begin the process to request Burial Assistance?
In CBMS, select Actions and then select Begin Burial Queue.

Who receives the benefit payment?
The burial service providers.