

# 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 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?

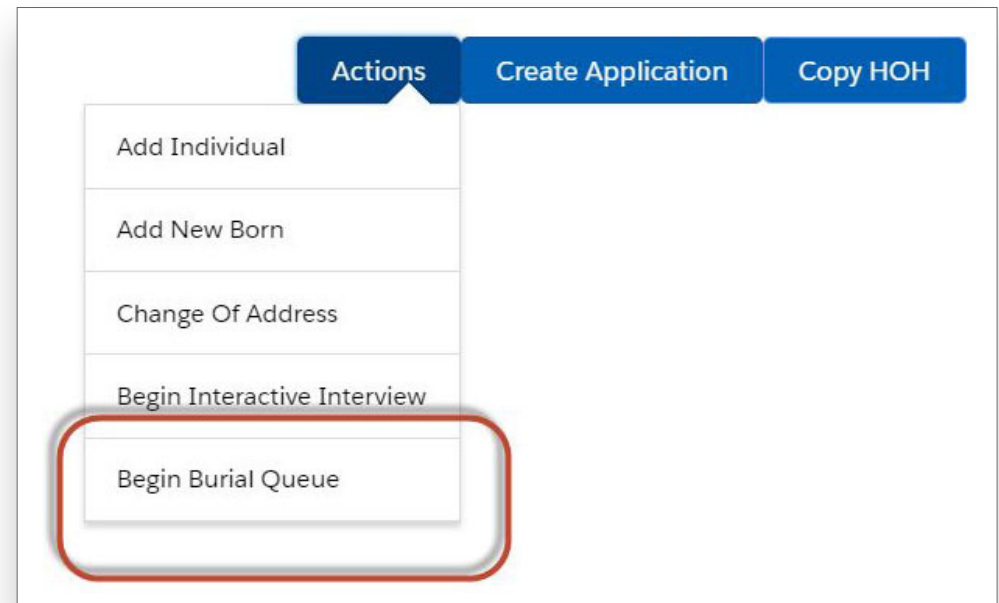
- The maximum burial grant is \$1500 for all aid codes.
- A burial grant will not be paid if the total cost for all burial services is more than \$2,500.
- The cost of a burial plot shall not be included in the \$2,500 maximum cost limit when:
  - a) The client has a prepaid burial plot valued at two 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](#).
- The county will complete form [IM-101, Provider Charges, Authorized State Contribution, and County Authorization for Cremation or Burial](#).

## Where do I go in CBMS to begin application processing?

Burials are processed in the **Burial Mini Queue**. Navigate to **Actions > Begin Burial Queue**.



## 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 TrainColorado.com.

# What happens in CMBS?

## For single clients, CBMS will:

- Check to see if the expense is equal to, below or exceeds the grant limit. If it is above the limit, the application will be denied.
- Check to see if the clients countable assets are below the \$1500 limit. If the amount is below, the lesser amount will be used. If the amount is above the limit, then \$1500 will be used.
- Calculate all countable resources and deduct them from the burial expense.

## For married clients, CBMS will:

- Check to see if the expense is equal to, below or exceeds the grant limit. If it is above the limit, the application will be denied.
- Check to see if the clients countable assets are below the \$1500 limit. If the amount is below, the lesser amount will be used. If the amount is above the limit, then \$1500 will be used.
- Calculate all countable resources and deduct them from the burial expense. All combined countable resources above \$2,000 will be deducted from the burial grant.

### *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 \$2500 will be deducted as well as assets towards the final grant calculation.*

## Address Changes

You will now have the ability to create a verification check list for resources that can be sent to the person or business that is applying for the burial on behalf of the deceased client.

