

+-----+
 | ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE |
 +-----+

TRANSMITTAL: 91 ADM-49

DIVISION: Administration

TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DATE: December 4, 1991

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Burials

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:	Accounting Staff Income Maintenance Staff Staff Development Coordinators
CONTACT PERSON:	Any fiscal questions concerning this release should be directed to the Bureau of Local Financial Operations: Metropolitan Office - Marvin Gold (212) 804-1108 Upstate Office - Roland Levie 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-7549
ATTACHMENTS:	None

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
90 ADM-5		600.2(g) 620.3(a)	SSL 141 PHL Article 42		

I. Purpose

The purpose of the directive is to inform local social services districts of the reimbursement policy with respect to burial of body parts.

II. Background

Section 141 of the Social Services Law makes social services districts responsible in certain instances for the burial of a resident who dies in the district or of any person found dead in the district. The expenditures of burial up to \$900 are subject to reimbursement by the State. The disposition of body parts such as appendages, digits and internal organs of a person who remains alive is not subject to Section 141 and is not subject to reimbursement. Only the burial costs of a deceased individual are reimbursable. For purposes of reimbursement, costs related to a stillborn or the products of 20 or more weeks uterogestation, if subject to burial under Article 42 of the Public Health Law as a fetal death, are subject to reimbursement.

Burial costs for an individual include all reasonable expenditures incidental to the proper burial of a deceased, indigent person, including such items as the purchase of plot, clothing, transportation of the body to place of burial, mortician service, and preparation and closing of the grave.

III. Program Implications

The reimbursement rate will be unchanged. Reimbursement is still only available up to the \$900.00 limitation. The reimbursement for:

- ADC cases is 50% Federal, 25% State and 25% Local shares;
- Non-ADC cases is 50% State and 50% Local shares.

IV. Required Action

Local districts should not claim reimbursement for the burial of body parts.

Date December 4, 1991

Trans. No. 91 ADM-49

Page No. 3

V. System Implications

NONE

VI. Additional Information

NONE

VII. Effective Date

This directive is effective December 31, 1991 retroactive to December 2, 1991.

John M. Sweeney
Assistant Commissioner
for Finance