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Illinois Department of Human Services

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Dear Providers:

As I stated in my August 5, 2011 letter, lack of funding for the Funeral and Burial program forced us to suspend the program.

We are pleased to inform you that additional funding was appropriated for the program in an amount that we believe will be sufficient to cover all claims for fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012). We have begun to process any claims received for deaths after August 5 and will use the funds to cover claims submitted for eligible individuals who die in this fiscal year.

The maximums remain the same at this time: \$1103 for funeral costs and \$552 for burial or cremation. Continue to submit claims either to the local DHS office or the central office, however you were previously instructed.

We do consider the Funeral and Burial Program to be a critical program for the less fortunate citizens of Illinois. The future is uncertain as Illinois remains in a difficult financial situation. We value your continued partnership throughout the funding challenges. On behalf of DHS, please accept our sincere appreciation for the services you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

Linda Saterfield, Director
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