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Check the deceased's case record for any resources that would reduce the Department's payment. These include:

- burial trust agreements and burial plots,
- insurance benefits,
- cash reserves,
- homestead property, or
- other real or personal property.

Other resources include:

Responsible Relative Resources

Treat payments, amounts arranged to be paid by responsible relatives, and life insurance benefits received by the responsible relative as available.

If the responsible relative receives a Social Security Lump Sum Death Benefit, deduct the benefit from a vendor claim only in the amount paid by the responsible relative to the vendor. If the responsible relative does not use the lump sum death benefit to make payment to the vendor, do not deduct the benefit from the vendor claim.

Example 1: Mr. B, our client, passes away. His surviving spouse, Mrs. B, receives the SSA \$255 lump sum death payment. The funeral home submits a Funeral or Burial Claim (Form 29) requesting payment of \$1,035. We decide that Mrs. B is not financially able to pay Mr. B's funeral and burial expenses. We approve payment of \$1,035 to the funeral home.

Example 2: Mrs. C, our client, passes away. Mr. C, her surviving spouse, receives the SSA \$255 lump sum death payment. Mr. C pays the funeral home \$500 toward funeral and burial expenses. The funeral home submits Form 29 requesting payment. We decide that Mr. C is not financially able to further pay the funeral and burial expenses. We approve payment of \$535 (\$1,035 - \$500).

Veteran's Administration Benefits

Burial benefits are available for veterans who have been discharged from the military under conditions other than dishonorable.

For GA clients, burial benefits are \$150 for veterans who served during:

April 6, 1917 - April 1, 1920

December 7, 1941 - January 31, 1946

June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955

August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975

The cemetery should apply for the burial benefit. A funeral home may apply only if they prepaid the charges that apply to the burial allowance.

Certain veterans may also be eligible for a \$300 basic death benefit. This benefit is primarily available to a veteran who receives monthly benefits. Contact the local VA office to find out if these benefits are

available. If available, the \$300 benefit goes to the funeral home.

Railroad Retirement Insurance Benefits

Retired employees of railroads, Railway Express Agency, Pullman Company, railroad associations, and unions may be eligible for a death benefit as well as insurance. Railroad Retirement Death Benefits will not be paid if there is a survivor(s) entitled to annuities in the month the retired employee dies.

Contact the local U.S. Railroad Retirement Board to find out if the resource is available.

Local Government Burial Funds

The county where the veteran lived must pay funeral/burial expenses for a veteran or a veteran's minor children if the veteran was honorably discharged from any war. Contact the County Clerk for this payment.

Private Organization Benefits

Treat funeral/burial benefits from employers, pensions, unions, or fraternal organizations as available, unless documentation shows they are not available to the deceased client.

Nursing Home Accounts of Deceased

Find out the amount available in the deceased's personal account and room and board account held by the nursing home.

