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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-50
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Program: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

Overview

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

Payments received for COVID-19 funeral assistance are considered non-countable income and assets for SNAP and EA programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide update is to inform staff:

- of the COVID-19 funeral assistance provided by FEMA;
 - about information, resources and how to apply for COVID-19 funeral assistance; and
 - that payments received for COVID-19 funeral assistance are noncountable income and assets for SNAP and EA Programs.
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Guide Pages**

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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
