



AGING SERVICES OF NORTH CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Formerly the Montachusett Home Care Corporation

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

Conditions for Eligibility

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien who paid for funeral expenses after January 20, 2020, for an individual in the U.S. and was caused by or was likely a result of COVID-19.
- Open to all who qualify regardless of income and death must have occurred in US, including territories.

What Documentation is Needed?

- Official death certificate that must attribute death directly or indirectly to COVID-19
- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.)
 - Must include applicant's name, deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses and the dates at which the expenses happened
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically towards funeral costs
 - They cannot duplicate benefits from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance from voluntary agencies, government agencies or other sources.

What Information is Needed?

- Social Security number and date of birth for the applicant and the deceased individual
- Current mailing address and current phone number for the applicant
- Location or address where the deceased individual passed away
- Information about burial or funeral insurance policies
- Information about other funeral assistance received, such as donations and CARES Act grants and assistance from voluntary organizations
- Routing and account number of the applicant's checking or savings account

What is Covered?

- Transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual
- Transfer of remains, casket or urn, and burial plot or cremation niche
- Marker or headstone, clergy or officiant services and arrangement of the funeral ceremony
- Use of funeral home equipment or staff and Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing and certifying multiple death certificates
- Additional expenses mandated by any applicable government laws or ordinances
- Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application per state

How to Apply?

- This application is call in only and the call will only take 20 minutes.
- The COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number is: 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585
- Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time
- There is currently no expiration on this resource and online resource can be found [here](#) or here is an [applicant friendly infographic](#)

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