

An important message from Lee Guardianship Services, Inc...

Upon the death of a trust Beneficiary, Lee Guardianship Services, Inc. (LGS) is prohibited to make any further disbursements from the trust account, *including payment for funeral expenses*.

In accordance with Social Security Administration requirements as outlined in their Program Operations Manual System (POMS) sections SI 01120.203B.1.h, and SI 0112m0.203B.3.a. and b., most payments after the death of the beneficiary, including those for funeral expenses, prior to reimbursement of medical assistance to the State, are **prohibited**.

As a result, LGS encourages all beneficiaries, or their advocates, to take advantage of prepaid irrevocable burial options that are available. Most prepaid burial plans may be funded through the beneficiary's trust account, but must be done so prior to death.