

## Health and Human Services

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### WILKIN COUNTY INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY

In accordance to MN statute 261.035 Wilkin County may provide funding for indigent burial under the following conditions:

- An application shall be completed and submitted to Wilkin County Health & Human Services. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The family/executor **may not supplement** the maximum rates to provide for a more expensive funeral.
- The family/executor **may pay** for printed materials, flowers, minister, church service, music, and honorariums.
- Death benefits available from such sources as insurance, Social Security, Veterans Administration, etc., must be applied against the maximum rate paid by Wilkin County.
- All Wilkin County burials must be preauthorized by Wilkin County Health & Human Services Income Maintenance Unit and approved by the Director or designee.
- Any crowdfunding sources, such as benefits, fundraisers, or online sources (i.e. GoFundMe) soliciting to pay for burial expenses, will be considered available assets to offset the costs.
- Funeral expense paid by Wilkin County will be a preferred claim against the family's estate.
- If family/executor chooses Cremation: Service with Urn is \$3,000
- **The total of reimbursable costs shall not exceed \$3,500.**
  - Services of funeral home staff \$1,600
  - Casket \$ 650
  - Outer Container (Vault) \$ 650
  - Grave Work (Opening/Closing) Actual cost charged
  - Transportation charged outside Wilkin County \$1.50 per mile