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SUBJECT: Burial Funds

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This is to remind local districts of Food Stamp policy on resources. As stated in Food Stamp Source Book (FSSB) Section XVI-C-3, resources which are inaccessible are excluded as a resource. In addition to inaccessible resources being excluded, FSSB Section XVI-C-9 states that resources of a household member who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are excluded. This is true even if not everyone in the household is receiving SSI. Also, households in which all members are in receipt of or authorized to receive SSI are categorically eligible for food stamps. This means that the household is exempt from the food stamp resource limit. See FSSB Section V-B-1.5.

The regional Developmental Disabilities Services Offices of the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities maintain burial funds for clients. These burial funds are separately identifiable and inaccessible to the client.

Based on the exclusions discussed above, these burial funds are not to be counted as a resource for food stamp purposes.

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