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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Valdez D.; Will Sen. Liston; Pettersen	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS FOR FINAL DISPOSITION EXPENSES

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill codifies current practices regarding eligibility for public assistance for funeral, burial, and cremation expenses. It has no impact on state or local government revenue or expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The Department of Human Services operates a program to provide up to \$1,500 for funeral, burial, or cremation expenses for eligible individuals that are receiving public assistance or medical assistance (Medicaid) benefits at the time of death. The bill makes the following two changes:

- defines these assistance programs in this section to be consistent with how the statute is currently interpreted and the program is being operated; and
- clarifies that the funeral, burial, or cremation benefit is available to individuals receiving such assistance, rather than merely being eligible or having applied for assistance, which is also consistent with how the program is currently operating as eligibility cannot be determined after death.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill clarifies that individuals receiving public assistance or medical assistance benefits are eligible for funeral, burial, or cremation benefits, which matches current practice. The changes provide clarity but have no impact on state or local government operations, revenue, or expenditures.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 18, 2021.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

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