

RESOURCES

PRE-NEED FUNERAL AGREEMENTS

In reviewing an irrevocable pre-need funeral agreement, the only reason for a local social services district to break out the non-burial space items from the burial space items is to determine whether an SSI-related A/R has paid at least \$1,500 (\$3,000 for a couple) for non-burial space items under the agreement. As described above, if less than \$1,500 (\$3,000 for a couple) has been paid for non-burial space items, the SSI-related A/R may establish a supplemental burial fund in addition to the pre-need funeral agreement.

Burial space items include conventional gravesites, crypts, vaults, mausoleums, caskets, urns, or other repositories customarily and traditionally used for the remains of deceased persons. Opening and closing the grave, perpetual care of gravesite, headstones, and headstone engraving are also considered burial space items. Non-burial space items include topical disinfection, custodial care, dressing/casketing, cosmetology, supervision for visitation and/or funeral service, hearse, death notices, flowers and out-of-town shipping.

NOTE: Pre-existing irrevocable pre-need funeral agreements established in another state do not have to be converted and shall be disregarded. In addition, an out-of-state irrevocable pre-need funeral agreement does not have to contain the disclosure language set forth above.