

## RESOURCES

### PRE-NEED FUNERAL AGREEMENTS

1. the date of the agreement: pre-need funeral agreements entered into by Medicaid A/Rs on or after January 1, 1997 are required by law to be irrevocable; and
2. the language of the agreement. Irrevocable pre-need funeral agreements are required by law to contain the following disclosure statement:

**“NEW YORK LAW REQUIRES THIS AGREEMENT TO BE IRREVOCABLE FOR APPLICANTS FOR RECEIPT OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY BENEFITS UNDER SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW OR OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, AND FOR THE MONEYS PUT INTO A TRUST UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO BE USED ONLY FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES. IF ANY MONEY IS LEFT OVER AFTER YOUR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES HAVE BEEN PAID, IT WILL GO TO THE COUNTY. YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR CHOICE OF FUNERAL HOME AT ANY TIME.”**

Effective January 1, 2011 all irrevocable pre-need funeral agreements created in New York are required by law to contain the following revised disclosure statement:

**“NEW YORK LAW REQUIRES THIS AGREEMENT TO BE IRREVOCABLE FOR APPLICANTS FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY BENEFITS UNDER SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW OR OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, AND FOR THE MONEYS PUT INTO A TRUST UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO BE USED ONLY FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES. WHETHER THIS AGREEMENT IS FOR YOUR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OR FOR THOSE OF A FAMILY MEMBER, IF ANY MONEY IS LEFT OVER AFTER YOUR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES HAVE BEEN PAID, IT WILL GO TO THE COUNTY. YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR CHOICE OF FUNERAL HOME AT ANY TIME. IF THIS AGREEMENT IS FOR THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OF A FAMILY MEMBER, AFTER YOUR DEATH SUCH FAMILY MEMBER MAY CHANGE THE CHOICE OF FUNERAL HOME AT ANY TIME.”**