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### Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Transportation of a Deceased Medicaid Recipient**

Issue Date: 04/22/2019

Run Length: 6 weeks

Provider Type(s): All

Message: Alaska Medicaid cannot pay for any recipient services, including transportation costs, after a Medicaid recipient dies. However the Division of Public Assistance may pay for some or all of the costs associated with transporting a deceased Medicaid recipient's body back to their home community if the Medicaid recipient was transported from their last place of residence to the place of death using Medicaid funding and they are determined eligible for the General Relief Assistance burial program.

The cost of an escort's return trip is covered by Medicaid if a Medicaid recipient dies while receiving medical treatment away from their home community, and Medicaid approved travel for an escort to accompany the recipient. If a change of return date is necessary, the escort is responsible for making arrangements with the airline, through the Medicaid Travel Office.

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