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## TITLE 218 – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### CHAPTER 20 – INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

#### SUBCHAPTER 00 – N/A

PART 9 – General Public Assistance Program related to COVID-19

### 9.1 Covid-19 VIRUS and the Rhode Island State of Emergency

- A. Prior to the implementation of any new procedure under this regulation, the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) shall seek federal waivers or approval, when required, from the Federal agencies that provide funding and oversight for the Department of Corrections (DOC), and for the programs the Department of Human Services administers. The Director shall also consider any guidance by these Federal agencies, when available, when implementing new procedures.
- B. Upon withdrawal of the R.I. State of Emergency, as it relates to COVID-19, these new procedures shall lapse after three business days from the withdrawal of the State of Emergency for Rhode Island.

### 9.2 Standards for Vendor

#### 9.2.1 Eligibility and Payment for Funeral and Burial Expenses

- A. Eligibility for Funeral and Burial Expenses (see 218-RICR-20-00-3 §3.22.1)
1. Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the R.I. State of Emergency, DHS may provide payment for burial expenses for individuals who die as a result of COVID-19, who -are in state care through the Departments of Corrections (DOC) at the time of their death.
  2. The DOC will make reasonable inquiry for next of kin. If there is no next of kin identified, the DOC will notify the Director of DHS for burial.

#### 9.2.2 Application of Payment of Burial Cost (see 218-RICR-20-00-3 §3.22.6)

- A. Due to the COVID-19 virus and the R.I. State of Emergency, DHS will accept self-attestation as proof of resources and will not require additional verification for burial applications.

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