



ALBERTA

SENIORS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
Office of the Minister

## Ministerial Order No. 2023-027

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 10(1) of the Schedule of the *Income and Employment Supports Act*, the Minister may determine the amount or value of a supplementary income support payment or allowance and the frequency with which the payment or allowance may be provided;

AND WHEREAS section 25 of Schedule 4 of the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation outlines circumstances when a funeral payment may be provided.

I, Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to section 10(1) of the Schedule of the *Income and Employment Supports Act*, hereby:

1. Establish the amounts of funeral benefits under section 25 of Schedule 4 of the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation, as follows:

- a. Section 25(a):

- i. funeral expenses for burial or cremation, the actual cost up to \$4,421;
- ii. a funeral ceremony, the actual cost up to \$1,000;
- iii. embalming, when deemed necessary by an embalmer licensed under section 20 of the General Regulation of the *Funeral Services Act*, the actual cost up to \$750;
- iv. as outlined in the additional kilometre section 3(1) of the Schedule of the Fatality Inquiries Regulation, a rate of up to \$1.13 a kilometre after 20 kilometres, for transportation and attendant services. This rate is provided per trip when transportation is required outside the municipality where the funeral service provider is located; and
- v. the actual reasonable cost of a single cemetery plot or other resting place, perpetual fees, grave opening and closing fees plus winter fees, if applicable, and a grave liner.
  1. In accordance with section 12 of the *Cemeteries Act*, cemetery plots are paid at 50% of the amount that would ordinarily be charged.

- b. Section 25(b), the actual reasonable cost to prepare the remains for transport and to transport the remains.

2. Rescind Ministerial Order No. 2022-003 of the former Department of Community and Social Services.

This Ministerial Order comes into effect on January 2, 2024.

DATED this 26 day of Oct, 2023.



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Jason Nixon  
Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services