

IRREVOCABLE TRUST TITLE XIX GUIDLINES

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Title XIX Recipient may have:

- Irrevocable Trust - pre-funded up to \$10,000
- Revocable Burial Plot Allowance - pre-funded in an unlimited amount for specific burial and cemetery items and services
- Life Insurance Policy with up to a \$1,500 face value
- \$1,600 personal accounts or assets

BURIAL PLOT ALLOWANCES – REVOCABLE CONTRACT

A Revocable Burial Plot Allowance contract can be pre-funded in an amount for specific burial and cemetery items and services that meet your needs, without any dollar limitation, according to State of Connecticut General Statutes 17b-91(b) that was established in 2004.

This kind of burial plot allowance contract can only include the purchase of the following burial plot items:

- Casket or Urn
- Outer Burial Container or Vault
- Cemetery Expenses (gravesite, opening and closing charges)
- Cemetery Monument, Marker or Mausoleum and Engraving

The family may choose and pre-fund any or all of these burial plot items of their choice.

A Revocable Contract can be cancelled or transferred at any time that the person is on Title 19.

But, according to law, if the Revocable Contract is cancelled, then the funds must be returned to the State of Connecticut.

Under current I.R.S. guidelines, owners of irrevocable trusts will not receive a 1099 form, as any taxes due from those trusts are paid directly from the trust. Irrevocable trusts are exempt assets under State of Connecticut Title XIX guidelines.

“Revocable Trusts”

Owners of revocable trusts will receive a 1099 form reporting earned interest each year. If you do not have to pay federal or state tax or file a report with the government, that should not change because of your trust investment. File the 1099 as you would any bank statement of interest earned.

All Trusts:

All trusts receive an annual statement indicating principal investments and current value.

Interest is re-invested in the trust. This re-investment is what allows us to give our guarantee of services and merchandise (no cash advances) on fully funded trusts.

At time of need, if a guaranteed trust is short of funds and the funeral home services selected have not changed, there will be no further charges. If additional services were selected, you will be billed for those services only. If a guaranteed trust has an excess of funds, those funds will be returned to the family.

It takes 5 to 10 business days to process a trust, withdraw funds, or close an account.

Connecticut has one of the safest, consumer oriented trust plans available.