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Subject:

**Preneed Funeral Arrangements Regulations** 

I am urging you to **DISAPPROVE** the final-form regulations on pre-need funeral arrangements.

90% of the individuals in our community homes have irrevocable burial accounts.

If the regulations are approved, and funds set aside for funeral arrangements are considered as an asset, these individuals

would loose their eligibility for SSI and Medicaid.

I am urging you to adopt Federal law and exclude irrevocable burial funds as an asset.

Please do not jeopardize these individuals who have diligently planned ahead for their funeral.

Thank you, Ann K. Rink, Administrator Community Programs St. Joseph's Center 2010 Adams Ave. Scranton, Pa 18509