



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE
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To Whom It May Concern:

Effective immediately, the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will no longer accept checks for the balance remaining in a Patient Needs / Resident Trust Fund account of a deceased public assistance recipient. Upon the death of a public assistance recipient, the funds in the deceased recipient's Personal Needs Account / Resident Trust Fund balance becomes part of the decedent's estate.

Until such time that DAS is appointed by the Probate Court to be the authorized Legal Representative of a deceased public assistance recipient's estate, and notifies you of the same, all funds must be held by your facility. If DAS is appointed by the Probate Court to be the Legal Representative of a deceased public assistance recipient's estate, DAS will send you the proper documentation claiming any funds that you are holding regarding the recipient along with instructions as to how to make the check payable and to where the check should be sent.

If you have not been notified by DAS of their appointment as Legal Representative within three (3) years of the date of the death of the public assistance recipient, the funds are presumed abandoned pursuant to section 3-64a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and you should follow the procedures set forth in section 3-65a of the Connecticut General Statutes which sets forth the duties of holders of abandoned property.

Sincerely,

The Department of Social Services