

Clinical Social Work

**Funeral and Burial Expanses - Financial Assistance**

Social Security Death Payment

**Benefits** - $255 one-time death payment and possibly ongoing survivor benefits

**Eligibility**- A surviving spouse who was living in the same household with the worker at the time of death may receive a special lump-sum death payment of $255. In certain circumstances other family members may be eligible.

Survivors may also be eligible for ongoing survivor benefits.

**How to Access**- call Social Security at 800-772-1213 and inform them of the recipient's death. Social Security will determine if the family is eligible for the death benefit as well as arrange for any ongoing survivor benefits. Survivors must apply for the death payment within two years of the date of death.

**For more information**- [ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov/) [ssa.gov/planners/survivors/ifyou.html](https://www.ssa.gov/planners/survivors/ifyou.html)