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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FUNERAL & BURIAL SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

ISCJ Board of Trustees has reviewed recently a complete package for funeral and burial services. These services include body pickup, transportation to ISCJ Burial Preparation Home (BPH), provide burial box, issue death certificates, provide grave lot, transportation from ISCJ to the cemetery, and opening and closing the grave. The services are available for our community and the Muslim community at large.

The funeral and burial services are performed by three different entities including ISCJ. ISCJ shall be the initial contact for families requiring the services. ISCJ Imam and ISCJ Administration shall coordinate the performance of the services from start to end. The other two entities involved in the performance of these services include the selected funeral home and the owners of the selected cemetery.

ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES:

- **FUNERAL HOME:** The services to be provided by the funeral home include body pickup, transportation to ISCJ Burial Preparation Home, provide burial box, issue death certificate, and transportation from ISCJ to the cemetery. ISCJ has received proposals for the cost of the above services from several funeral homes that have previously provided services to ISCJ. The cost from those funeral homes ranges from \$1,450 to \$2,885. Additional cost may be charged for long-distance pickups. Selection of the funeral home providing the services is to be made by the family requiring the services based on location and cost. Detailed information for the funeral home options is available at ISCJ Administration.
- **ISCJ:** The services to be provided by ISCJ include coordination of all the funeral and burial services by ISCJ Imam and Administration office, Islamic washing (Ghosl) at ISCJ BPH, Janazah prayers at ISCJ Masjid, providing a grave lot (if required), and Imam cemetery services. The nominal charges for the above services are:
 - **ISCJ:** \$300 for the use of ISCJ BPH for Islamic washing, and \$500 for those who desire to purchase a grave. The latter consists of \$200 the cost of a grave and \$300 charges for Janazah Fund for the needy.
 - **Imam:** \$500 for Imam services.
- **Cemetery:** \$825 to open and close a grave during the normal hours from 7 am to 3 pm. Additional charges of \$100 per hour after the normal hours, and up to a total of \$2,500 at night. These prices are subject to change by the cemetery.

COLLECTION OF CHARGES:

All of the above charges shall be included in one invoice issued and collected by the selected funeral home. The funeral home shall then distribute the respective charges to the cemetery owner, to ISCJ and to the Imam.

REIMBURSEMENT FROM MEDICARE OR MEDICAID:

It should be noted that Medicare or Medicaid provide reimbursement for funeral home services and cemetery services up to certain amounts for families who meet specific requirements. The funeral home shall provide the information about those requirements and the application forms for the reimbursements.

INCEPTION OF ISCJ BPH SERVICES:

ISCJ Burial Preparation Home (BPH) for Islamic washing (Ghosl) shall be ready to provide services in the beginning of February 2009.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Initial contact for funeral and burial services shall be made to:

ISCJ IMAM:

ISCJ Administration: