PENSION AND FIDUCIARY Service

**PMC VSR Intermediate Core Course**

**Phase 5: Proficiency Development**  
**Part 1(d): Beyond Basic Eligibility**

Determine Burial Benefits Eligibility

Appendix B

May 2024

Exercise Worksheet

Group Activity – Match the Term/Action

**Directions**: Based on the material covered, provide a response to the following.

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| **Description** | **Select the Term/Correct Action** |
| recognized method of disposing of remains if the deceased Veteran’s body is turned over to a medical school for scientific purposes | * Burial at sea * Green cremation * Cremation * Medical school donation |
| the place shown by the death certificate or other acceptable evidence of death | * Place of death * Plot * Proof of death * Interment |
| a verdict of a coroner's jury of the State or community where death occurred | * Proof of death * Death certificate * Last place of residence * Covered Veterans’ cemetery |
| signed VA Form 21P-530EZ, and the block that identifies the responsible party for interment expenses is checked yes | * pay the plot or interment allowance, *only* if eligibility exists * pay all burial benefits *only* if eligibility exists * pay the transportation benefit *only* if eligibility exists * deny the transportation benefit as there is no indication the claimant incurred the expense |
| the place where the Veteran lived at the time of death | * place of death * last place of residence * proof of death * covered Veterans’ cemetery |
| under the NCA’s jurisdiction or Arlington National Cemetery closest to the Veteran’s last place of residence | * last place of residence * covered Veterans’ cemetery * nearest national cemetery * place of death |
| remains of an identified Veteran who has not been claimed by relatives or friends, who does not have sufficient resources available in the Veteran’s estate to cover the burial and funeral expenses, and whose burial is not the responsibility of any other Federal, State, or local agency | * proof of death * place of death * unclaimed Veteran remains * cremation |
| signed VA Form 21P-530EZ, and the block that identifies the responsible party for burial expenses is checked no | * pay all burial whether regardless of eligibility status * deny the burial allowance * pay all burial benefits only if eligibility exists * no further action required; clear the EP and move to the next claim |
| An electronic version of the 21P-530EZ, was received and all sections are complete except the section labeled for plot or interment allowance is entirely blank | * deny the claim for burial allowance * establish EP 600 and develop the claim * deny the claim for plot or interment * grant the plot and interment allowance, and tell the claimant to prove payment isn’t warranted |