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**Colville Tribes Enrollment Office Picks up Life Insurance
for All Tribal Members**

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NESPELEM, WA – It was announced this week in the Management and Budget Committee that the enrollment office has begun a relationship with Symetra Life Insurance for all tribal members, this includes wake and burial expenses.

The tribes have signed up for wake and death benefits for all of the members. The beneficiary will be the Colville Confederated Tribes and it will cover all tribal members, including unforeseen deaths that are not usually covered by insurances. This will help assist financially with ceremonial practices, casket coverage and eventually support memorials for the tribal members.

There are nearly fifty (50) tribes with similar insurance coverages around the nation. The Colville Confederated Tribes are working with a local insurance company and the reimbursement will be streamlined back to the Tribes once there is a death claim made by the enrollment office.

With an average of eighty-eight (88) deaths per year, the tribes have already experienced twenty-five (25) deaths this year. The tribes have confidence in this project and eventually hope to provide more services for our tribal member burial services.

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