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60 calendar days if the arbitration involves a highly technical or complex matter.

- (2) Form and content. The decision of the panel will be in writing and signed by each member of the panel. The panel will issue a reasoned decision that includes a brief and informal discussion of the factual and legal basis for the decision.
- (3) Finality of decision. A decision of the majority of the panel shall constitute a final decision, binding on all parties. Final decisions are not subject to further administrative review. Final decisions are not subject to judicial review, except as permitted by 9 U.S.C. 10.
- (4) Delivery of decision. Notice and delivery of the decision will be by facsimile or other electronic means and by regular mail to each party or its authorized representative or counsel.
- (1) Costs. FEMA will pay the fees associated with the arbitration panel, the costs of any expert retained by the panel, and the arbitration facility costs, if any. The expenses for each party, including attorney's fees, representative fees, copying costs, costs associated with attending any hearing, or any other fees not listed in this paragraph will be paid by the party incurring such costs.
- (m) *Guidance*. FEMA may issue separate guidance as necessary to supplement this section.

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Subpart H—Public Assistance Eligibility

Source: 55 FR 2307, Jan. 23, 1990, unless otherwise noted.

§ 206.220 General.

This subpart provides policies and procedures for determinations of eligibility of applicants for public assistance, eligibility of work, and eligibility of costs for assistance under sections 402, 403, 406, 407, 418, 419, 421(d), 502, and 503 of the Stafford Act. Assistance under this subpart must also conform to requirements of 44 CFR part 201, Mitigation Planning, and 44 CFR part

206, subparts G—Public Assistance Project Administration, I—Public Assistance Insurance Requirements, J—Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and M—Minimum Standards. Regulations under 44 CFR part 9—Floodplain Management and 44 CFR part 10—Environmental Considerations, also apply to this assistance.

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§ 206.221 Definitions.

- (a) Educational institution means:
- (1) Any elementary school as defined by section 801(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; or
- (2) Any secondary school as defined by section 801(h) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; or
- (3) Any institution of higher education as defined by section 1201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- (b) Force account means an applicant's own labor forces and equipment.
- (c) *Immediate threat* means the threat of additional damage or destruction from an event which can reasonably be expected to occur within five years.
- (d) *Improved property* means a structure, facility or item of equipment which was built, constructed or manufactured. Land used for agricultural purposes is not improved property.
- (e) Private nonprofit facility means any private nonprofit educational, utility, emergency, medical, or custodial care facility, including a facility for the aged or disabled, and other facility providing essential governmental type services to the general public, and such facilities on Indian reservations. Further definition is as follows:
- (1) Educational facilities means classrooms plus related supplies, equipment, machinery, and utilities of an educational institution necessary or appropriate for instructional, administrative, and support purposes, but does not include buildings, structures and related items used primarily for religious purposes or instruction.
- (2) Utility means buildings, structures, or systems of energy, communication, water supply, sewage collection and treatment, or other similar public service facilities.
- (3) Irrigation facility means those facilities that provide water for essential services of a governmental nature to