

Pmt. of Expenses, Death of Certain Employees

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NOTE TO § 303-70.200: Costs for an outside case are not authorized for transportation by hearse. Costs for transportation by hearse or other means cannot exceed the cost of common carrier (that is normally used for transportation of remains). Transportation costs to the place of burial cannot exceed the actual cost of transportation to the employee's residence.

Subpart D—Transportation of Immediate Family Members, Baggage, and Household Goods

§ 303-70.300 Must we pay transportation costs to return the deceased employee's baggage?

Yes, you must pay transportation costs to return the deceased employee's baggage to his/her official station or residence. However, you may not pay insurance of or reimbursement for loss or damage to baggage.

[FTR Amdt. 76, 64 FR 2434, Jan. 14, 1999, as amended by FTR Amdt. 2010-07, 75 FR 72968, Nov. 29, 2010]

§ 303-70.301 Are there any limitations on the baggage we may transport?

Yes. You may only transport government property and the employee's personal property.

§ 303-70.302 When the employee dies at or while in transit to or from his/her official station outside CONUS, must we return the employee's immediate family, baggage and household goods to the residence or alternate destination?

Yes. However, your agency head or his/her designated representative must approve the family's election to return to an alternate destination, and the allowable expenses cannot exceed the cost of transportation to the decedent's residence. Travel and transportation must begin within one year from the date of the employee's death. A one-year extension may be granted if requested by the family prior to the expiration of the one-year limit.

§ 303-70.303 Must we continue payment of relocation expenses for an employee's immediate family if the employee dies while in transit to his/her new duty station within CONUS?

Yes, if the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, you must continue payment of relocation expenses for the immediate family if the immediate family was included on the employee's relocation travel orders. (See § 303-70.305.)

§ 303-70.304 Must we continue payment of relocation expenses for an employee's immediate family if the employee dies after reporting to the new duty station within CONUS, but the family was in transit to the new duty station or had not begun its en route travel?

Yes, if the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, you must continue payment of relocation expenses for the immediate family if the immediate family was included on the employee's relocation travel orders. (See § 303-70.305.)

§ 303-70.305 What relocation expenses must we authorize for the immediate family under §§ 303-70.303 and 303-70.304?

When the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, the following expenses must be authorized:

- (a) Travel to the new duty station; or
- (b) Travel to an alternate destination, selected by the immediate family, not to exceed the remaining constructive cost of travel to the new duty station.
- (c) Temporary quarters not to exceed 60 days, to be paid at the per diem rate for an unaccompanied spouse or domestic partner and immediate family.
- (d) Shipment of household goods to the new or old duty station, or to an alternate destination selected by the immediate family. However, the cost may not exceed the constructive cost of transportation between the old and the new duty stations.
- (e) Storage of household goods not to exceed 90 days.
- (f) Reimbursement of real estate expenses incident to the relocation.
- (g) Shipment of POV to the new or old duty station, or to an alternate

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destination, selected by the immediate family. However, the cost may not exceed the constructive cost of transportation between the old and the new duty stations.

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Subpart E—Preparation and Transportation Expenses for Remains of Immediate Family Members

§ 303-70.400 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed outside CONUS, must we furnish mortuary services?

Yes, if requested by the employee and when:

- (a) Local commercial mortuary facilities or supplies are not available; or
- (b) The cost of available mortuary facilities or supplies are prohibitive as determined by your agency head.

NOTE TO § 303-70.400: The employee must reimburse you for all furnished mortuary facilities and supplies.

§ 303-70.401 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed outside CONUS, must we pay expenses to transport the remains?

Yes, if requested by the employee, payment must be made to transport the remains to the residence of the immediate family member. The employee may elect an alternate destination, which must be approved by your agency head or his/her designated representative. In that case, the allowable expenses cannot exceed the cost of transportation to the decedent's residence.

§ 303-70.402 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed outside CONUS, may we pay burial expenses?

No.

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§ 303-70.403 When a family member, residing with the employee, dies while in transit to or from the employee's duty station outside CONUS, must we furnish mortuary services and/or transportation of the remains?

You must furnish transportation if requested by the employee. You must follow the guidelines in § 303-70.401 for transportation expenses. You must furnish mortuary services only if the conditions in § 303-70.400 are met.

Subpart F—Policies and Procedures for Payment of Expenses

§ 303-70.500 Are receipts required for claims for reimbursement?

Yes.

§ 303-70.501 To whom should we make payment?

You should pay:

- (a) The person performing the service; or
- (b) Reimburse the person who made the original payment.

Subpart G—Escort of Remains

SOURCE: FTR Amdt. 86, 64 FR 45891, Aug. 23, 1999, unless otherwise noted.

§ 303-70.600 How many persons may we authorize travel expenses for to escort the remains of a deceased employee?

Travel expenses may be authorized for no more than two persons.

§ 303-70.601 Under what circumstances may we authorize the escort of remains?

Escort of remains may be authorized when the employee's death occurs:

- (a) While in a travel status away from his/her official station in the United States; or
- (b) While performing official duties outside the United States or in transit thereto or therefrom.

§ 303-70.602 What travel expenses may we authorize for the escort of remains?

You may authorize any travel expenses in accordance with chapter 301