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§ 873.702 Proof of dependency.

(a) A child is considered to be dependent on a employee or former employee if he/she is:

(1) A legitimate child,

(2) An adopted child,

(3) A stepchild or recognized natural child who lived with the employee or former employee in a regular parent-child relationship,

(4) A recognized natural child for whom a judicial determination of support has been obtained, or

(5) A recognized natural child to whose support the employee or former employee makes regular and substantial contribution.

(b) For the purposes of a claim under this part, an otherwise eligible child must have been dependent on the employee or former employee at the time of the child's death in order to qualify as a family member.

(c) The following are examples of proof of regular and substantial support. More than one of the following proofs may be required to show support.

(1) Evidence of eligibility as a dependent child for benefits under State or Federal programs,

(2) Proof of inclusion of the child as a dependent on the employee's or former employee's income tax returns,

(3) Canceled checks, money orders, or receipts for periodic payments from the employee or former employee for or on behalf of the child.

(4) Evidence of goods or services which show regular and substantial contributions,

(5) Any other evidence which the Office of Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance shall find to be sufficient proof of support or of paternity or maternity.

(d) The Office of Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance may deny an individual coverage as a dependent child, if:

(1) Evidence shows that the employee or former employee did not recognize the child as his/her own despite a willingness to support the child, or

(2) Evidence calls the child's paternity or maternity into doubt, despite the employee's or former employee's recognition and support of the child.

(e) For the purposes of an employee's election of family optional insurance upon the acquisition of a child, as provided in § 873.205, the employing agency shall base any requisite determination of dependency on the criteria expressed in paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of this section.

§ 873.703 Child incapable of self-support.

(a) Upon receipt of a claim for family optional insurance in the event of death of a child over the age of 21 years, the Office of Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance shall determine, on the basis of such evidence as it deems necessary, whether the deceased child was incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability which existed before the child became 22 years of age.

(b) In the event of an employee's election of family optional insurance under § 873.205, where the opportunity to elect is based solely on the acquisition of a child over age 21, the employee shall submit to the employing office at the time of filing the election, a certificate of the physician that the child is incapable of self-support because of a physical or mental disability which existed before the child became 22 years of age, and which can be expected to continue for more than one year. The certificate shall include a statement of the name of the child, the nature of his/her disability, the period of time it has existed, and its probable future course and duration. The certificate shall be signed by the physician and show his/her office address.

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