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§ 115.601 When is an estate account established?
An estate account is established when we receive notice of an account holder’s death.

§ 115.501 How long will an estate account remain open?
An estate account will remain open until the funds have been distributed in accordance with the distribution and/or probate order.

§ 115.502 Who inherits the money in an IIM account when an account holder dies?
At the end of all probate procedures, funds remaining in a decedent’s estate account will be distributed from the decedent’s estate account and paid directly to or deposited into an IIM account of the decedent’s heirs, beneficiaries, or other persons or entities entitled by law to receive the funds, where applicable. See 25 CFR part 15.

§ 115.503 May money in an IIM account be withdrawn after the death of an account holder but prior to the end of the probate proceedings?
(a) If you are responsible for making the funeral arrangements of a decedent who had an IIM account and you have an immediate need for emergency assistance to pay for funeral arrangements prior to burial, you may make a request to the BIA for up to $1,000 from the decedent’s IIM account if the decedent’s IIM account has more than $2,500 in the account at the date of death.
(b) You must apply for this assistance and submit to the BIA an original itemized estimate of the cost of the service to be rendered and the identification of the service provider.
(c) We may approve reasonable costs up to $1,000 that are necessary for the burial services.
(d) We will make payments directly to the providers of the service(s).

§ 115.600 If BIA decides to restrict your IIM account under § 115.102 or § 115.104, what procedures must the BIA follow?
If under § 115.102 or § 115.104, the BIA has decided to limit your access to your IIM account (i.e., decided to supervise the IIM account), or if the BIA has decided to pay creditors with funds from your IIM account, including creditors with judgments from Courts of Indian Offenses for which preliminary procedures are prescribed in 25 CFR 11.208, the BIA must notify you or your guardian, as applicable, to provide you or your guardian, as applicable, with an opportunity to challenge the BIA’s decision to restrict your IIM account as specified in subpart E.

§ 115.601 Under what circumstances may the BIA restrict your IIM account through supervision or an encumbrance?
(a) The BIA may restrict your IIM account through supervision if the BIA:
(1) Receives an order from a court of competent jurisdiction that you are non-compos mentis; or
(2) Receives an order or judgment from a court of competent jurisdiction that you are an adult in need of assistance because you are “incapable of