§ 31.3401(a)(1)–1 Remuneration of members of the Armed Forces of the United States for active service in combat zone or while hospitalized as a result of such service.

Remuneration paid for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States performed in a month during any part of which such member served in a combat zone (as determined under section 112) or is hospitalized at any place as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in such a combat zone is excepted from wages and is, therefore, not subject to withholding. The exception with respect to hospitalization is applicable, however, only if during all of such month there are combatant activities in some combat zone (as determined under section 112). See §1.112–1 of this chapter (Income Tax Regulations).

§ 31.3401(a)(2)–1 Agricultural labor.

The term “wages” does not include remuneration for services which constitute agricultural labor as defined in section 3121(g). For regulations relating to the definition of the term “agricultural labor”, see §31.3121(g)–1.

§ 31.3401(a)(3)–1 Remuneration for domestic service.

(a) In a private home. (1) Remuneration paid for services of a household nature performed by an employee in or about a private home of the person by whom he is employed is excepted from wages and hence is not subject to withholding. A private home is a fixed place of abode of an individual or family. A separate and distinct dwelling unit maintained by an individual in an apartment house, hotel, or other similar establishment may constitute a private home. If a dwelling house is used primarily as a boarding or lodging house for the purpose of supplying board or lodging to the public as a business enterprise, it is not a private home, and the remuneration paid for services performed therein is not within the exception.

(2) In general, services of a household nature performed by an employee in or about a private home include services performed by cooks, waiters, butlers, housekeepers, governesses, maids, valets, baby sitters, janitors, laundresses, furnacemen, caretakers, handymen, gardeners, footmen, grooms, and chauffeurs of automobiles for family use.

(b) In a local college club or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority. (1) Remuneration paid for services of a household nature performed by an employee in or about the club rooms or house of a local college club or of a local chapter of a college fraternity or