

Subpart D—Allowances for Preparation and Transportation of the Remains of Immediate Family Members

§ 303-70.300 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed OCONUS, 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 is prohibitive as determined by your agency head.

NOTE TO § 303-70.300: The employee must reimburse you for all furnished mortuary facilities and supplies.

§ 303-70.301 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed OCONUS, must we pay expenses to transport the remains?

Yes, if requested by the employee, you must pay to transport the remains to the residence of the immediate family member. The employee may elect an alternate destination, but it must be approved by your agency head or his/her designated representative.

§ 303-70.302 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed OCONUS, may we pay interment expenses?

No. You may not pay interment expenses when an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed OCONUS.

§ 303-70.303 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while in transit to or from the employee's duty station OCONUS, must we furnish mortuary services and/or transportation of the remains?

Yes, you must furnish transportation if requested by the employee. You must follow the guidelines in § 303-70.301 for transportation expenses. You must furnish mortuary services only if the conditions in § 303-70.300 are met.

Subpart E—Transportation of Employee's Baggage and Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) From Official Temporary Duty (TDY) Station

§ 303-70.400 Must we pay transportation costs to return the deceased employee's baggage from an official TDY station?

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.

§ 303-70.401 Are there any limitations on the baggage we must transport from an official TDY location?

Yes. You must only transport Government property and the employee's personal property, including professional books, papers, and equipment (PBP&E).

§ 303-70.402 Must we pay transportation costs to return the deceased employee's POV from the TDY location?

Yes. You must pay costs associated with returning the POV from the TDY location to the employee's permanent official station, but only if the agency had authorized the use of the employee's POV at the TDY location as more advantageous to the Government than other means of transportation.

Subpart F—Transportation of Immediate Family Members, Baggage, Household Goods, and Privately Owned Vehicles (POV)

§ 303-70.500 When the employee, on a service agreement or a mandatory mobility agreement, dies at or while in transit to or from his/her official station OCONUS, must we return the employee's immediate family, baggage, POV, and household goods to the former actual residence, new official station in CONUS, or alternate destination?

Yes. 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

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the family prior to the expiration of the one-year limit. The agency head or designated representative may approve the immediate family's relocation to one of the following:

- (a) The place of the employee's former residence at the time of assignment to duty OCONUS; or
- (b) The new CONUS location if in transit; or
- (c) An alternate destination as approved by the agency.

§ 303-70.501 Must we continue payment of relocation expenses for an employee's immediate family if the employee dies while in transit from a OCONUS official station to his/her new official station within CONUS?

Yes, if the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, you must continue payment of relocation expenses for the immediate family, provided the immediate family was included on the employee's relocation travel orders. (See § 303-70.503.)

§ 303-70.502 Must we continue payment of relocation expenses for an employee's immediate family if the employee dies after reporting to the new official station within CONUS, but the family was in transit to the new official 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, provided the immediate family was included on the employee's relocation travel orders. (See § 303-70.503.)

§ 303-70.503 What relocation expenses must we authorize for the immediate family under §§ 303-70.501 and 303-70.502?

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

- (a) Travel to the new duty station or alternate destination as approved by the agency.
- (b) Shipment of household goods not to exceed 18,000 pounds net weight to the new duty station, or to an alternate destination selected by the immediate family and approved by the agency.
- (c) Storage of household goods not to exceed 60 days with a additional 90

days extension, if approved by the agency, not to exceed a total of 150 days.

(d) Reimbursement of real estate expenses incident to the relocation, unless relocation is to the former actual residence.

(e) Temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE) not to exceed 60 days, to be paid at the per diem rate for an unaccompanied spouse or domestic partner, and immediate family, if the TQSE was originally authorized in the relocation travel orders.

(f) Shipment of one POV to the new duty station, or to an alternate destination selected by the immediate family and approved by the agency, if the POV shipment was originally authorized in the relocation travel orders.

Subpart G—Transportation of Immediate Family Members, Baggage, Household Goods, and Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) for Employees Assigned to Contingency Operation or an Operation in Response to an Emergency Declared by the President

§ 303-70.600 When an employee dies while performing official travel duties directly supporting or directly relating to a contingency operation or an operation in response to an emergency declared by the President, must we provide transportation for the employee's immediate family, baggage, and household goods from the current official station to the former actual residence or an alternate destination?

Yes. However, the employee must have died as a result of disease or injury incurred while performing official duties:

- (a) In an overseas location where the employee was performing such official duties;
- (b) Within the area of responsibility of the Commander of the United States Central Command; and
- (c) In direct support of or directly related to a military operation, including a contingency operation (as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13)) or an operation in