

## § 301-70.200

transportation you authorize, you must:

(a) Limit reimbursement to the constructive cost of the authorized method of transportation, which is the sum of travel and transportation expenses the employee would reasonably have incurred had the employee traveled by the method of transportation deemed to be most advantageous to the Government. The calculation will necessarily involve assumptions. Examples of related expenses that could be considered constructive costs include, but are not limited to, taxi and TNC fares, baggage fees, rental car costs, tolls, ferry fees, and parking charges; and

(b) Charge leave for any duty hours that are missed as a result of travel by POV.

[FTR Amdt. 70, 63 FR 15971, Apr. 1, 1998, as amended at 88 FR 2845, Jan. 18, 2023]

### Subpart C—Policies and Procedures Relating to Per Diem Expenses

#### § 301-70.200 What governing policies must we establish for authorization and payment of per diem expenses?

You must establish policies and procedures governing:

(a) Who will authorize a rest period;

(b) Circumstances allowing a rest period during prolonged travel (see § 301-11.20 for minimum standards);

(c) If, and in what instances, you will allow an employee to return to their official station on non-workdays;

(d) Who will determine if an employee will be allowed to return to their official station on a case by case basis.

(e) Who will determine in what instances you will pay a reduced per diem rate;

(f) Who will determine, and in what instances, to issue a blanket authorization for actual expenses under § 301-70.201 or when actual expenses are appropriate in individual cases; and

(g) Who will determine, and in what instances, an employee will be able to claim the full M&IE allowance even though meals are furnished to the em-

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ployee by the Government, in accordance with §§ 301-11.18(b) and 301-11.18(c).

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#### § 301-70.201 May we issue a blanket actual expense authorization for our employees during a Presidentially-Declared Disaster?

Yes. A blanket authorization regarding actual expense reimbursement may be issued to your employees assigned to perform TDY travel in an area subject to a Presidentially-Declared Disaster. These authorizations must apply to a specific Declaration, and must end on the expiration date of the Declaration, or one year from the date the Declaration is issued, whichever is sooner. A blanket authorization issued under this section shall not apply to any travel performed pursuant to chapter 302 of this title.

[FTR Amdt. 2011-03, 76 FR 55275, Sept. 7, 2011]

### Subpart D—Policies and Procedures Relating to Miscellaneous Expenses

#### § 301-70.300 How should we administer the authorization and payment of miscellaneous expenses?

You should limit payment of miscellaneous expenses to only those expenses that are necessary and in the interest of the Government.

#### § 301-70.301 What governing policies must we establish for payment of miscellaneous expenses?

You must establish policies and procedures governing:

(a) Who will determine when excess baggage is necessary for official travel;

(b) When you will pay for communications services, including whether you will pay for a telephone call to the employee's home or place where the employee's dependent children are;

(c) Who will determine if other miscellaneous expenses are appropriate for reimbursement in connection with official travel, including but not limited to, fees for the use of automated teller

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machine (ATMs) when using the Government contractor-issued travel charge card and expenses for laundry, cleaning, and pressing of clothing.

[FTR Amdt. 70, 63 FR 15971, Apr. 1, 1998, as amended by FTR Amdt. 2016-02, 81 FR 63136, Sept. 14, 2016]

### Subpart E—Policies and Procedures Relating to Travel of an Employee with a Disability or Special Need

#### **§ 301-70.400 How should we authorize and administer the payment of additional travel expenses for an employee with a disability or special need?**

You should authorize and administer the payment to reasonably accommodate employee(s) with disabilities in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 701, *et seq.*) and 5 U.S.C. 3102 and part 301-13 of this chapter. An employee with a special need should be treated the same as an employee with a disability. You must determine that additional travel expenses are necessary to accommodate the employee's needs.

[FTR Amdt. 2006-03, 71 FR 24597, Apr. 26, 2006, as amended at 85 FR 39849, July 2, 2020]

#### **§ 301-70.401 What governing policies and procedures must we establish regarding travel of an employee with a disability or special need?**

You must establish the policies and procedures governing:

(a) Who will determine if an employee has a disability or special need which requires accommodation, including when documentation is necessary under §§ 301-10.103 and 301-10.121, and when a determination may be based on a clearly visible and discernible physical condition; and

(b) Who will determine how to reasonably accommodate the employee and what expenses you will pay.

[FTR Amdt. 70, 63 FR 15971, Apr. 1, 1998, as amended by FTR Case 2020-300-1, 87 FR 55706, Sept. 12, 2022]

## § 301-70.502

### Subpart F—Policies and Procedures for Emergency Travel of Employee Due to Illness or Injury

#### **§ 301-70.500 What governing policies and procedures should we establish relating to emergency travel?**

Each agency must determine:

(a) When you will authorize emergency travel under part 301-30;

(b) Who will determine if the employee's situation warrants payment for emergency travel expenses;

(c) When and by whom travel to an alternate location other than official station or point of interruption will be authorized; and

(d) Who will determine when and if the definition of family may be extended and to whom.

#### **§ 301-70.501 Does per diem continue when an employee interrupts a travel assignment because of an incapacitating illness or injury?**

Yes, when an employee interrupts a travel assignment because of an incapacitating illness or injury and takes leave (annual or sick), per diem will be allowed, not to exceed the maximum rate for the location where the interruption occurs, for a reasonable period, normally not to exceed 14 calendar days (including fractional days) for any one period of absence. You may approve a longer period if justified.

[FTR Amdt. 108, 67 FR 57967, Sept. 13, 2002]

#### **§ 301-70.502 Are there any limitations to the payment of these expenses?**

Yes, there are limitations to the payment of these expenses. Per diem is not payable, or if paid, must be collected from the employee when—

(a) The employee is confined to a hospital or medical facility that is within the proximity of the official station or that is the same one the employee would have been admitted to if the illness or injury had occurred while at the official station; and/or

(b) The Government provides or reimburses the employee for hospitalization under any Federal statute (including hospitalization in a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center or military hospital) other than 5 U.S.C.