

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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Chapter CC49--Officers' Relations, Services, and Benefits  
Subchapter CC49.5--Death Benefits  
Personnel INSTRUCTION 2--Burial Payments

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Section A. Purpose and Scope

This regulation authorizes payment by the Public Health Service (PHS) of certain expenses associated with the burial of commissioned officers who die while on active duty or deceased dependents of active duty commissioned officers.

Section B. Authorities

Burial payments as described in this regulation are authorized by 42 U.S.C. 213a(a)(6). The types of services that may be procured in connection with burial are authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1482.

Section C. Burial Payments

1. Commissioned officers. Upon the death of a commissioned officer, the Secretary or his/her designee may pay the necessary expenses for the items enumerated in 10 U.S.C. 1482, in accordance with and subject to the prescribed limitations. The amount payable shall be comparable to, but shall not exceed, that payable by the Secretary of Defense when a member of the Armed Forces dies while on active duty.

2. Dependents of Commissioned Officers. The Secretary or his/her designee may authorize the transportation of the remains of a dependent (as defined in 37 U.S.C. 401) of a commissioned officer who is on active duty, except active duty for training. Transportation is authorized to the home of the decedent, or to any other place determined to be an appropriate place of interment.
3. Reimbursement. In any case where expenses, which are authorized to be paid under Sections C.1 or C.2, above, are borne by a relative or other representative of the decedent, reimbursement of such expenses may be authorized by the Secretary or his/her designee. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amounts specified in Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual, Subchapter CC29.5, INSTRUCTION 2; and, for transportation of remains, the cost which would have been incurred by PHS for transportation by common carrier.

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