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Clark Bishop Commissioner	SUBJECT REFERENCE	Death Benefits AS 23.30.215	

Payment for fatalities on or after January 1, 2010, but before December 31, 2010

1. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(B) - widow or widower and one child:

- a) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$918.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:
 for the widow or widower - \$574/wk
 for the child - \$459/wk
- b) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$917.00 or below**, use the following formula:
 for the widow or widower - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .5
 for the child - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .4

2. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(C) - widow or widower and two or more children:

- a) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$826.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:
 for the widow or widower - \$310/wk
 for the children - \$723/wk
- b) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$825.00 or below**, use the following formula:
 for the widow or widower - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .3
 for the children - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .7
- c) The total weekly amount of compensation may not be less than \$75 for a widow or widower, nor less than \$50 for children.

3. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(D) and 23.30.215(a)(2)(E) - only one child and no widow or widower, or two or more children and no widow or widower:

- a) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$826.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:
 for the only child - \$1,033/wk
 for two or more children- \$1,033/wk divided equally among the children
- b) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$825.00 or below**, use the following formula:
 for the only child - employee's compensation rate divided by .8
 for two or more children - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 equally divided among the children
- c) The total weekly amount of compensation may not be less than \$25 to a child, nor less than \$50 for children.

4. There is a one-time death benefit of \$5,000 payable a surviving widow or widower, or equally divided among surviving children, per AS 23.30.215(a)(5).

5. There is a maximum funeral benefit of \$5,000 per AS 23.30.215(a)(1). For a fatality occurring after June 15, 2010, the maximum funeral benefit is \$10,000 (Chapter 77, SLA 10)