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DEFINITIONS

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Offender: A person under the legal care, custody, supervision, or authority of the Idaho Board of Correction, including a person within or out of the state of Idaho pursuant to an agreement with another state or contractor.

Position Control Number (PCN): The method in which state of Idaho employee positions are authorized and monitored by the state of Idaho Legislature.

Program Cost Account (PCA) Code: A five character alphanumeric code entered in the Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) that is used to identify a specific program structure.

Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS): The state of Idaho's Office of the State Controller's computer system that is used for processing and reporting accounting transactions.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to establish guidelines for the prepayment of expenses associated with the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) transporting the offender to a family member's funeral **or** when the death of a family member is imminent.

SCOPE

This SOP applies to all IDOC facilities **and** contract correctional facilities. All IDOC facilities include correctional facilities, community work centers (CWCs), probation and parole district offices, and Central Office.

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Note: Hereinafter, all of the above mentioned facilities will be referred to as ‘facilities’ except where a process is specific to a particular facility.

RESPONSIBILITY

Chief of the Division of Management Services

The chief of the Division of Management Services (or designee) is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the provisions provided herein.

Executive Financial Officer

The executive financial officer (or designee) shall be responsible for implementing this SOP and for ensuring IDOC employees and contractors are practicing the guidelines, standards, and procedures provided herein.

Financial Specialist Senior

The designated financial specialist senior (located in the Fiscal Unit at Central Office) shall be responsible for maintaining the offender trust accounting computer system.

Financial Technician(s)

The designated financial technician(s) (located in the Fiscal Unit at Central Office) shall be responsible for transitioning funds and reconciling offender receivables.

Facility Heads

Facility heads (or designees) shall be responsible for:

- Appointing a staff member to provide escorted emergency transport service to an offender;
- Appointing a staff member to communicate escorted emergency transport rules with the offender’s family member(s); and
- Ensuring staff members adhere to the guidelines provided herein.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Prepayment of Escorted Emergency Transport Service

Offender Prepayment Responsibilities

The offender must agree to prepay escorted emergency transport service expenses (meals aka per diem, hourly wages, and vehicle mileage) expected to be incurred by the escorting officer **and/or** the IDOC. The offender shall be provided a quote in accordance with the subsection titled [Quotes, Billings, and Refunds](#). If the offender has sufficient funds in his Offender Trust Account to prepay the escorted emergency transport service expenses, he shall submit an [Offender Personal Funds Withdrawal Slip](#) to an appropriate facility staff member. (The offender shall reflect the Idaho Department of Correction as the payee.) If the offender does not have sufficient funds in his Offender Trust Account and a family member cannot make prepayment, the offender shall not be allowed transport.

Offender Family Member Prepayment Responsibilities

The offender's family may also agree to prepay escorted emergency transport service expenses (meals aka per diem, hourly wages, and vehicle mileage) incurred by the escorting officer **or** IDOC. Money orders **or** cashier's checks are the IDOC's approved method of payment. Money orders and cashier's checks must be made payable to the Idaho Department of Correction.

Note: Personal checks and cash will not be accepted for prepayment. If received, the receiving facility shall return the prepayment to sender.

To help ensure accurate accountability, it is recommended that the offender's family member reference the offender's name, offender number, and the reason for the deposit (e.g., escorted emergency transport) somewhere on the money order or cashier's check.

If the family member is unable to deliver **or** ensure delivery of the money order or cashier's check to the facility prior to the date the escorted emergency transport service is needed, the offender's housing facility shall arrange with another IDOC facility, Central Office, or probation and parole district office that is nearby the family member's home to accept walk-in delivery of the fully quoted amount of prepayment.

Note: To avoid a delay in transporting the offender, it is very important that the offender's housing facility inform the other IDOC facility, Central Office, or probation and parole district office staff of the fully quoted amount of prepayment to receive from the family member.

Process Steps: Prepayment Process

Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Offender's Housing Facility Staff	1	Review SOP 322.02.01.001 , <i>Transports: Medical, Court, Family Emergency, and State</i> .
Offender's Housing Facility Staff	2	If the escorted emergency transport service request meets the requirements of SOP 322.02.01.001 , complete appendix A, <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> .

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Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Offender's Housing Facility Staff	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a copy of the quote to the offender in accordance with the subsection titled Quotes, Billings, and Refunds; and Arrange for the offender or offender's family member to forward prepayment of the escorted emergency transport service expenses. See the subsection titled Offender Prepayment Responsibilities or Offender Family Member Prepayment Responsibilities. <p>Note: If the offender has sufficient funds in his Offender Trust Account for the prepayment, obtain an Offender Personal Funds Withdrawal Slip from the offender, and ensure the offender reflects the Idaho Department of Correction as the payee.</p>
Offender's Housing Facility Staff	4	<p>Scan and email (or fax) a copy of the <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> to the following personnel, and maintain the original copy on file.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The designated financial specialist senior (located in the Fiscal Unit at Central Office); and The designated technical records specialist (located in the Payroll Unit at Central Office). <p>Note: If the offender has sufficient funds in his Offender Trust Account and completed an Offender Personal Funds Withdrawal Slip, also scan and email (or fax) a copy of the 'withdrawal slip' to the designated financial technician (located in the Fiscal Unit at Central Office). Maintain the original copy of the 'withdrawal slip' on file.</p> <p>Note: The process continues with section 2 of this SOP.</p>

Quotes, Billings, and Refunds

Quotes – Facilities shall provide the offender a copy of the escorted emergency transport service quote (using appendix A, *Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form*) **and** verify that the offender has sufficient funds in his Offender Trust Account to prepay for the service.

Billings and Refunds – If the actual cost of the escorted emergency transport service was: (a) greater than what the quote indicated, the offender will not be billed the difference; or (b) less than what the quote indicated, the offender will not be refunded the difference.

Note: Any exceptions to this rule shall be approved by the applicable division chief (or designee).

2. Receiving and Processing Prepayments

If the offender agreed to prepayment by submitting an Offender Personal Funds Withdrawal Slip, the following process will begin at step 4.

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If the offender's family member(s) agreed to prepayment by submitting a money order **or** cashier's check, the following process will begin at step 1.

Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Facility Staff Member Receiving the Prepayment	1	Note: Only complete steps 1 through 3 of this process step table when the offender's family member(s) has agreed to pay the escorted emergency transport service expenses by submitting a money order or cashier's check.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicable, contact the offender's housing facility to inform their facility staff that the prepayment was received; and Verify whether the prepayment is the correct fully quoted amount.
		Note: Personal checks and cash shall not be accepted for prepayment. If a personal check or cash is received, return the prepayment to the sender. (The process stops here until a money order or cashier's check for the fully quoted amount of prepayment is received.)
Facility Staff Member Receiving the Prepayment	2	<p>If the correct and fully quoted amount of prepayment was received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Non-Central Office facility staff member receiving the prepayment</u> – Scan and email or photocopy and fax a copy of the money order or cashier's check to the designated financial specialist senior (located in the Fiscal Unit at Central Office); and <u>Any facility staff member receiving the prepayment</u> – Mail or deliver the money order or cashier's check to the designated financial specialist senior (located in the Fiscal Unit at Central Office).
Offender's Housing Facility Staff and Fiscal Unit Financial Specialist Senior (or designee)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Housing facility staff task only</u> – If the prepayment received is the correct fully quoted amount, you may go ahead and proceed with escorting the offender to the approved destination. Also direct the escorting officer(s) to section 4 of this SOP. <u>Financial specialist senior task only</u> – Upon receiving the money order or cashier's check from the facility staff member who received the prepayment, give the money order or cashier's check and a copy of the completed <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> to the Fiscal Unit financial specialist (accounts receivable).
		Note: The process for processing money orders and/or cashier's checks skips to section 3 of this SOP.

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Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Fiscal Unit Financial Technician	4	Note: Only complete steps 4 through 7 of this process step table when the offender has agreed to pay the escorted emergency transport service expenses by submitting an Offender Personal Funds Withdrawal Slip.
		When received from the offender's housing facility, verify that the 'withdrawal slip' is completely filled out.
		Note: A 'withdrawal slip' that is not completely or properly filled out shall be returned to the offender to be corrected. If time constraints do not allow, call the facility and ask that they fax the corrected withdrawal slip after the offender corrects it.
Fiscal Unit Financial Technician	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via the offender trust accounting computer system, enter the required data to the offender's trust account and generate a check; and • Assemble the batch and place the following into the Fiscal Unit's safe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The batch, ◆ The 'withdrawal slip', ◆ The check, and ◆ The copy of the completed <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i>.
		Note: The Fiscal Unit (located at Central Office) provides batch training to all financial technicians.
Fiscal Unit Financial Specialist Senior (or designee)	6A	<p>Each day, check the Fiscal Unit's safe and retrieve the batch, the 'withdrawal slip', the check, and the completed <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> and do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the validity of the check by comparing against the 'withdrawal slip' and the batch; • Sign the check (see note box) and give the check and the completed <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> to the Fiscal Unit financial technician to deposit; • File the white copy of the 'withdrawal slip', a copy of the completed <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i>, and batch; and • Return the yellow copy of the 'withdrawal slip' to the offender.

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Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Fiscal Unit Financial Specialist Senior (or designee)	6B	Note: Checks for five hundred dollars (\$500) or more must have two (2) authorized check signer signatures. After you have signed the check, any of the following persons may also sign the check: Fiscal Unit executive financial officer; Fiscal Unit financial specialist, principal (STARS); the Fiscal Unit financial specialist (cost of supervision); and the Budget Unit budget analyst, principle.
Fiscal Unit Financial Technician	7	Deposit the check at the state of Idaho's Treasurer's Office.

3. Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) Processing

All money orders **and** cashier's checks received from the offender's family for the prepayment of escorted emergency transport service expenses shall be deposited into the general fund, miscellaneous expenses, in accordance with the following process steps.

Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Fiscal Unit Financial Specialist (accounts receivable)	1	In continuation of section 2 of this SOP, receive the money order or cashier's check and a copy of the completed <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> from the Fiscal Unit financial specialist.
Fiscal Unit Financial Specialist (accounts receivable)	2	Enter the STARS and use the <i>Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form</i> to process the deposit as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Personnel costs</u> – Use transaction code 10P. Use position control number (PCN) 9666. <u>Meal (per diem) and vehicle mileage costs</u> – Use transaction code 105. Use sub-object detail code 5356 for meal expenses, and use sub-object detail code 5360 for vehicles.

4. Escorting Officer: Personnel, Meal (Per Diem), and Vehicle Mileage Expenses

To cover the escorted emergency transport service expenses (meals aka per diem, hourly wages, and vehicle mileage) incurred by the escorting officer(s) **or** IDOC, the following steps must be completed.

Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Escorting Officer(s)	1A	<u>If a Travel advance is needed</u> – Visit the electronic department of correction (E-Doc), locate the Travel Request Form, complete and submit the form per the instructions provided on the form, and then proceed to step 2.
		Note: Advances must be in the form of a check or if time constraints do not allow, the Fiscal Unit (located at Central Office) may authorize use of purchase card (P-card).

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Functional Roles and Responsibilities	Step	Tasks
Escorting Officer(s)	1B	If a <u>Travel advance is not needed</u> – Proceed to step 2.
Escorting Officer(s)	2	Contact the Payroll Unit (located at Central Office) and have a technical records specialist provide instructions on how to time code your timesheet based on the specific circumstances regarding your escort detail.
Escorting Officer(s)	3	From the start until the end of the escort detail, maintain a log to record the dates and number of hours spent traveling/working during the course of your escort detail. Also maintain all receipts associated with vehicle and meal costs.
Escorting Officer(s)	4	At the conclusion of your escort detail, visit the E-DOC and locate the Travel Expense Voucher. Complete the voucher and submit it and all receipts associated with vehicle and meal costs per the instructions provided on the voucher. Note: If a travel advance was obtained, contact the designated Fiscal Unit financial technician (located at Central Office) for instruction. The Fiscal Unit financial technician will process escort detail expenses through the STARS.
Escorting Officer(s) or Facility Time and Attendance Staff	5	Using the log maintained by the officer(s), enter the Idaho Employee Time Entry System (I-time), and record the hours traveled/worked (using the appropriate time codes as instructed by Payroll Unit staff) for the escort detail.

REFERENCES

Appendix A, *Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form*

[Offender Personal Funds Withdrawal Slip](#)

Standard Operating Procedure [322.02.01.001](#), *Transports: Medical, Court, Family Emergency, and State*

State of Idaho, Idaho State Treasurer's Officer (www.sto.idaho.gov)

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**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
Escorted Emergency Transport Prepayment Form**

Offender's Name: _____ IDOC#: _____

Date of Escort/Transport: _____ Destination: _____

Reason for Escort/Transport: _____

Escorting Officer's Name: _____

Estimated Duration of Entire Trip: _____

Associated Costs

- ◆ Personnel - \$25 x ___ hours = _____
- ◆ Vehicle - ___ miles x _____ cents per mile = _____
- ◆ Meals (per diem) = _____
- ◆ **Total Costs =** _____

Receipt to Appropriation Program Cost Account (PCA) Code (security) _____

Approval/Authorization

- Approved
- Denied

Facility Head's Printed Name

Signature

Date

Copy Distribution:
Division Deputy Chief
Payroll Unit (Central Office)
Fiscal Unit (Central Office)

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