

## § 304-3.9

### **§ 304-3.9 May I use premium-class other than first-class common carrier accommodations when a non-Federal source pays in full for my transportation expenses to attend a meeting?**

Yes, you may use premium other than first-class common carrier accommodations if your agency authorizes you to do so in accordance with § 304-5.5 of this chapter.

### **§ 304-3.10 May I use first-class common carrier accommodations when a non-Federal source pays in full for my transportation expenses to attend a meeting?**

Generally no. You may not use first-class common carrier accommodations unless you meet one of the criteria for first class travel contained in §§ 301-10.123, 301-10.162 and 301-10.183 of this title and are authorized to do so by your agency in accordance with § 304-5.6 of this chapter.

### **§ 304-3.11 Am I limited to the maximum subsistence allowances (per diem, actual expense, or conference lodging) prescribed in applicable travel regulations for travel expenses paid by a non-Federal source?**

Generally yes. Subsistence expenses are usually limited to the maximum subsistence allowances (per diem, actual expenses or conference lodging) prescribed in Chapter 301 of this title for travel in CONUS, by the Secretary of Defense for travel in non-foreign areas and by the Secretary of State for travel in foreign areas. However, acceptance of payment for, and when applicable, reimbursement by an agency to an employee and the accompanying spouse of such employee are not subject to the maximum per diem or actual subsistence expense rates when traveling in CONUS or in non-foreign areas under the following conditions:

(a) The non-Federal source pays the full amount of the subsistence expense, as authorized by your agency; and

(b) The subsistence expense paid by the non-Federal source is comparable in value to that offered to or purchased by other meeting attendees; and

(c) Your agency has approved acceptance of payment from the non-Federal source prior to your travel; if your

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agency has not approved any acceptance from the non-Federal source, you may not exceed the maximum allowances. See § 304-3.13.

NOTE: The maximum subsistence allowances established by the Secretary of State for travel to foreign areas may not be exceeded.

### **§ 304-3.12 Must I receive advance approval from my agency before I perform travel paid by a non-Federal source to attend a meeting?**

Yes, you must receive advance approval from your agency before performing travel paid by a non-Federal source to attend a meeting except as provided in § 304-3.13.

### **§ 304-3.13 After I begin travel to a meeting, what should I do if a non-Federal source offers to pay for one or more of my travel expenses without my or my agency's prior knowledge?**

(a) If your agency has already authorized acceptance of payment for some of your travel expenses for that meeting from a non-Federal source, then you may accept on behalf of your agency, payment for any of your additional travel expenses from the same non-Federal source as long as—

(1) The expenses paid or provided in kind are comparable in value to those offered to or purchased by other similarly situated meeting attendees; and

(2) Your agency did not decline to accept payment for those particular expenses in advance of your travel.

(b) If your agency did not authorize acceptance of any payment from a non-Federal source prior to your travel, then—

(1) You may accept, on behalf of your agency, payment from a non-Federal source as authorized in this section—

(i) Only the types of travel expenses that are authorized by your travel authorization (*i.e.*, meals, lodging, transportation, but not recreation or other personal expenses); and

(ii) Only travel expenses that are within the maximum allowances stated on your travel authorization (*e.g.*, if your travel authorization states that you are authorized to incur lodging expenses up to \$100 per night, you may