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§ 102.1 Purpose.

This part implements Section 2 of the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 (the Act). The Act directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish procedures for providing benefits to certain individuals who sustained a covered injury as the direct result of the administration of the smallpox vaccine or other covered countermeasure, and to certain individuals who sustained a

covered injury as the direct result of accidental vaccinia inoculation through contact with certain persons vaccinated with the smallpox vaccine or with individuals accidentally inoculated by them. Also, if the Secretary determines that an individual died as a result of a covered injury, the Act provides for certain survivors of that individual to receive death benefits.

§ 102.2 Summary of available benefits.

(a) The Act authorizes three forms of benefits to requesters deemed eligible by the Secretary:

(1) Payment or reimbursement for reasonable and necessary medical services and items to diagnose or treat a covered injury or its health complications, as described in § 102.31.

(2) Lost employment income incurred as a result of a covered injury, as described in § 102.32.

(3) Death payments to survivors if the Secretary determines that the death of the smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact was the direct result of a covered injury, as described in § 102.33.

(b) The benefits paid under the Program, with the exception of death benefits paid under § 102.82(c), are secondary to any obligation of any third-party payor to pay for such benefits. Death benefits paid under § 102.82(c) are secondary to death and disability benefits under the PSOB Program. The benefits paid under the Program usually will only be paid after the requester has pursued all other available coverage from all third-party payors with an obligation to pay for or provide such benefits (e.g., medical insurance for medical items, workers' compensation program(s) for lost employment income). However, as provided in § 102.84, the Secretary has the discretion to pay benefits under this Program before a potential third-party payor makes a determination on the availability of similar benefits and has the right to later pursue a claim against any third-party payor with a legal or contractual obligation to pay for, or provide, such benefits.

§ 102.3 Definitions.

This section defines certain words and phrases found throughout this

part. Words and phrases that are used only in limited situations are defined in specific sections of this part.

(a) *Accidental vaccinia inoculation* means the transfer of vaccinia virus from an existing vaccination site (the skin surface where the vaccinia virus entered the body through vaccination) or inoculation site (the skin or mucous membrane surface where the vaccinia virus entered the body through means other than vaccination) on a person to a second person, resulting in a contact case.

(b) *Act* means the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108–20, 117 Stat. 638.

(c) *Approval* means a decision by the Secretary that the requester will be paid benefits under the Program.

(d) *Benefits* means benefits and/or compensation.

(e) *Child* means any natural, illegitimate, adopted, or posthumous child or stepchild of a deceased smallpox vaccine recipient or vaccinia contact who, at the time of the recipient or contact's death is:

(1) 18 years of age or under; or

(2) Over 18 years of age and a student as defined in section 8101 of title 5, United States Code; or

(3) Over 18 years of age and incapable of self-support because of physical or mental disability.

(f) *Contact case* means a case in which a person developed an initial vaccinia lesion or vaccinia infection through an exposure other than being vaccinated him/herself.

(g) *Covered countermeasure* means smallpox (vaccinia) vaccines, cidofovir and its derivatives, or Vaccinia Immune Globulin, when used to prevent or treat the smallpox disease or control or treat the adverse effects of vaccinia vaccination or inoculation or of the administration of another countermeasure.

(h) *Covered injury* means an injury determined by the Secretary, in accordance with subpart C of this part, to be:

(1) An injury meeting the requirements of the Table, which is presumed to be the direct result of the administration of a smallpox vaccine or accidental vaccinia inoculation; or

(2) More likely than not, the direct result of: