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system shall be developed in accordance with procedures issued by the Job Corps Director.

§ 638.523 Food service.

(a) The center operator shall ensure that meals for students are nutritionally well-balanced, of good quality, and sufficient in quantity, in accordance with procedures issued by the Job Corps Director. Food shall be prepared and served in a sanitary manner.

(b) Non-students shall be charged for food provided for them unless prior regional office approval has been obtained. Such charges shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the food and its preparation.

§ 638.524 Allowances and allotments.

(a) The Secretary shall periodically establish rates of allowances and allotments to be paid students pursuant to section 429 (a), (c), and (d) of the Act, and the Job Corps Director shall publish these rates as a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) The Job Corps Director shall ensure that each student receives a readjustment allowance for each paid day of satisfactory participation in Job Corps after termination from the program if he/she terminates after 210 days in pay status or after 180 days if he/she is a maximum benefits or vocational completer. In the event that a student receives a medical termination, he/she shall be eligible for the accrued readjustment allowance, regardless of length of stay or other considerations. See also paragraph (d) of this section. (Section 429(c)).

(c) The Job Corps Director shall establish procedures to allow students to authorize deductions from their readjustment allowance, which shall be matched by an equal amount from Job Corps funds and sent biweekly as an allotment by the SPAMIS Data Center to the student's spouse, child(ren) or other dependent, if such spouse, child(ren) or other dependent resides in any State in the United States.

(d) In the event of a student's death, any amount due, including the amount of any unpaid readjustment allowance, shall be paid in accordance with provisions of 5 U.S.C. 5582 (designation of

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beneficiary; order of precedence). (Section 429(c))

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§ 638.525 Clothing.

The Job Corps Director shall establish procedures to provide clothing for all students by means of a clothing purchase allowance and by center issue.

§ 638.526 Tort and other claims.

(a) Students shall be considered federal employees for purposes of the Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2671 *et seq.*). (Section 436(a)(3)). In the event a student is alleged to be involved in the damage, loss, or destruction of the property of others, or of causing personal injury to or the death of other individual(s), claims may be filed with the Center Director by the owner(s) of the property, the injured person(s), or by a duly authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant. The Center Director shall collect all of the facts, including accident and medical reports and the names and addresses of witnesses, and submit the claim for a decision to the DOL Regional Solicitor's Office. All tort claims for \$25,000 or more shall be sent to the Associate Solicitor for Employee Benefits, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

(b) Whenever there is loss or damage to persons or property, which is believed to have resulted from operation of a Job Corps center and to be a proper charge against the Federal Government, a claim for such damage may be submitted by the owner(s) of the property, the injured person(s), or by a duly authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant to the Regional Solicitor, who shall determine if the claim is cognizable under the Tort Claims Act. Claims shall be filed no later than two years from the date of such loss or damage. If it is determined not to be cognizable, the Regional Solicitor shall consider the facts and may settle the claim pursuant to section 436(b) of the Act in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.

(c) The Job Corps may pay claims to students for lost, damaged, or stolen property, up to a maximum set by the

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Job Corps Director when such loss is not due to the negligence of the student. Students shall file claims no later than two years from the date of such loss. Students shall be compensated for losses when they are the result of a natural disaster or when the student's property is in the protective custody of the Job Corps, which shall be the case when the student is AWOL. The Job Corps Director shall provide for claims to be filed with regional offices for a determination on the claim. The regional office shall promptly notify the student and the center of its determination.

§ 638.527 Federal employees' compensation.

(a) Students shall be considered federal employees for purposes of Federal employees' compensation (FEC). (Section 436(a)(2))

(b) Resident students shall be considered to be in the "performance of duty" as Federal employees from the date they leave their homes and begin authorized travel to their center of assignment until the date of their scheduled arrival at the official travel destination upon the termination from Job Corps. During this period the youths shall be known as students, and this period shall constitute their period of enrollment. During this period, resident students shall be considered as in performance of duty at all times, during any and all of their activities, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except as described in paragraph (d) of this section.

(c) Non-resident students shall be considered to be "in performance of duty" as Federal employees from the time they arrive at any scheduled center activity or program until they physically leave such activity or program.

(d) No student shall be considered as being in performance of duty status if he/she is absent without official leave (AWOL) or after arrival home on administrative leave without allowances.

(e) In computing compensation benefits for disability or death, the monthly pay of a student shall be deemed that received under the entrance salary for a grade GS-2 Federal employee, and

5 U.S.C. 8113 (a) and (b) shall apply to students.

(f) Compensation for disability shall not begin to accrue until the day following the date on which the injured student completes his or her Job Corps termination.

(g) Whenever a student is injured, develops an occupationally related illness, or dies while in the performance of duty, the Job Corps Director shall ensure that procedures set forth in the DOL Employment Standards Administration regulations at 20 CFR chapter I are followed. The Job Corps Director shall ensure that a thorough investigation of the circumstances and a medical evaluation are completed and that required forms are filed with the DOL Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

§ 638.528 Social Security.

The Act provides that students are covered by title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*) and shall pay applicable employment taxes (e.g., the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax) on their living and readjustment allowances. (Section 436(a)(1))

§ 638.529 Income taxes.

The Act provides that students are Federal employees for the purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (title 26, U.S. Code). The Job Corps Director may obtain from tax authorities information regarding taxation of student income and provide this to center operators and to the finance center.

§ 638.530 Emergency use of personnel, equipment and facilities.

The Job Corps Director may provide emergency assistance when there is a threat of natural disaster. Students may be asked to volunteer their services to help in such cases. The center operator shall arrange that any expenses consequent to such assistance shall be borne, to the extent possible, by the benefiting organization.

§ 638.531 Limitation on the use of students in emergency projects.

The Job Corps Director shall develop procedures, when necessary, to safeguard the rights and safety of students