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<b>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</b>	<b>BULLETIN</b>	<b>Number</b> <b>18-06</b>	<b>Date</b> December 21, 2018
Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter Commissioner	<b>SUBJECT</b> <b>REFERENCE</b>	Death Benefits AS 23.30.215	

**Payment for fatalities on or after January 1, 2019, but on or before December 31, 2019.**

**1. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(A) - widow or widower with no children:**

The weekly compensation rate is 80% of the spendable weekly wage, up to a maximum of \$1,211.

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

a) If the employee's weekly compensation rate is **\$1,076.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:

for the widow or widower -                   \$673/wk  
for the child -                                 \$538/wk

b) If the employee's weekly compensation rate is **\$1,075.00 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 weekly compensation rate is **\$969.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:

for the widow or widower -                   \$363/wk  
for the children -                               \$848/wk

b) If the employee's weekly compensation rate is **\$968.00 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

**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 weekly compensation rate is **\$969.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:

for the only child -                           \$1,211/wk  
for two or more children -                   \$1,211/wk divided equally among the children

b) If the employee's weekly compensation rate is **\$968.00 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

**4. Compensation may not be less than \$75 for a widow or widower nor less than \$25 weekly to a child or \$50.00 for children, per AS 23.30.215(b).**

**5. 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).**

**6. There is a maximum funeral benefit of \$10,000 per AS 23.30.215(a)(1).**