

in its place at the end of the paragraph and removing paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5).

**§ 302.37 [Removed and Reserved]**

9. Section 302.37 is removed and reserved.

10. In § 302.54, paragraph (a) is removed, paragraphs (b) and (c) are redesignated (a) and (b), respectively, the reference to "Until September 30, 1995" in newly designated paragraph (b)(1)(i) is revised to read "Until September 30, 1997", and newly designated paragraph (a)(2) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 302.54 Notice of collection of assigned support.**

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(a) \* \* \*

(2) The monthly notice must list separately payments collected from each absent parent when more than one absent parent owes support to the family and must indicate the amount of current support collected, the amount of arrearages collected and the amount of support collected which was paid to the family.

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**§ 302.80 [Amended]**

11. Section 302.80 is amended by revising the reference to "Part 306 of this chapter" in paragraph (a) to read "§§ 303.30 and 303.31 of this chapter."

**§ 302.85 [Amended]**

12. In section 302.85, reference to "October 1, 1995" in paragraph (a)(2) is revised to read "October 1, 1997."

**PART 303—STANDARDS FOR PROGRAM OPERATIONS**

13. The authority citation for Part 303 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 651 through 658, 660, 663, 664, 666, 667, 1302, 1396a(a)(25), 1396b(d)(2), 1396b(o), 1396b(p), and 1396(k).

**§ 303.10 [Removed and Reserved]**

14. Section 303.10 is removed and reserved.

**§ 303.31 [Amended]**

15. In § 303.31, reference to "§ 306.50(a)" is revised to read "§ 303.30(a)" in paragraphs (b)(6) and (b)(7).

16. Section 303.73 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 303.73 Applications to use the courts of the United States to enforce court orders.**

The IV-D agency may apply to the Secretary for permission to use a United States district court to enforce a support order of a court of competent jurisdiction against an absent parent

who is present in another State if the IV-D agency can furnish evidence in accordance with instructions issued by the office.

**§ 303.100 [Amended]**

17. In § 303.100, reference to "October 1, 1995" in paragraph (g)(3) is revised to read "October 1, 1997."

**PART 304—FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION**

18. The authority citation for Part 304 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 651 through 655, 657, 1302, 1396a(a)(25), 1396b(d)(2), 1396b(o), 1396(p), and 1396(k).

**§ 304.10 [Amended]**

19. In § 304.10, the parenthetical phrase "(with the exception of Subpart G, Matching and Cost Sharing and Subpart I, Financial Reporting Requirements)" is replaced with "(with the exception of 45 CFR 74.23, Cost Sharing or Matching and 45 CFR 74.52, Financial Reporting)."

**§ 304.20 [Amended]**

20. In § 304.20, paragraph (b)(1)(iii) introductory text is amended by replacing "Subpart P, Procurement Standards, 45 CFR Part 74" with "in accordance with the Procurement Standards found in 45 CFR 74.40 et seq.", paragraph (b)(1)(vi) is amended by revising reference to "§ 302.16 of this chapter" to read "§ 304.15", paragraph (b)(3)(iv) is amended by revising the term "attachment" to read "withholding"; paragraph (b)(8) is amended by revising the reference "§ 302.2" to read "§ 303.2" and, paragraph (b)(11) is amended by revising "Part 306, Subpart B, of this chapter" with "§§ 303.30 and 303.31 of this chapter".

**§ 304.23 [Amended]**

21. In § 304.23, paragraph (g) is amended by replacing "Part 306 of this chapter" with "§§ 303.30 and 303.31 of this chapter".

**§ 304.95 [Removed and Reserved]**

22. Section 304.95 is removed and reserved.

**PART 306—OPTIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT [REMOVED AND RESERVED]**

23. Part 306 is removed and reserved.

**PART 307—COMPUTERIZED SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS**

24. The authority citation for part 307 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 652 through 658, 664, 666, 667, and 1302.

**§ 307.5 [Amended]**

25. In § 307.5, reference to "October 1, 1995" in paragraph (a) is revised to read "October 1, 1997."

**§ 307.15 [Amended]**

26. In § 307.15, reference to "October 1, 1995" in paragraph (b)(2) is revised to read "October 1, 1997."

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**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Part 6104**

**RIN 3090-AG29**

**Board of Contract Appeals; Rules of Procedure for Travel and Relocation Expenses Cases**

**AGENCY:** Board of Contract Appeals, General Services Administration.

**ACTION:** Interim rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document specifies the procedures the GSA Board of Contract Appeals will apply to the Board's review of a request from an agency disbursing or certifying official, or agency head, for a Board decision on a question involving a payment the official will make, or a voucher presented to a certifying official for certification, which concerns a claim against the agency for reimbursement of expenses incurred by a federal civilian employee while on official temporary duty or in connection with relocation to a new duty station.

**DATES:** This rule is effective December 20, 1996, and will expire on July 26, 1997. Comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this interim rule may be mailed to Margaret S. Pfunder, GSA Board of Contract Appeals, 18th & F Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20405, or sent electronically by using the following Internet address: Margaret.Pfunder@gsa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret S. Pfunder, Deputy Chief Counsel, GSA Board of Contract Appeals, (202) 501-0272.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The General Services Administration certifies that this revision will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities

within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

#### B. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the proposed revision does not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or the collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

#### C. Background

Until recently amended by section 204 of the General Accounting Office Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-316)(GAO Act), 31 U.S.C. 3529 provided that, upon the request of a disbursing or certifying official or the head of an agency, the Comptroller General would issue a decision on a question involving a payment to be made by the disbursing official or head of the agency, or a voucher to be certified by a certifying official. Those decisions issued by the Comptroller General were commonly known as "advance decisions," since the Comptroller General's decision was sought by agency officials before making payments or certifying vouchers for payment.

Section 204 of the GAO Act amends 31 U.S.C. 3529 by referencing an earlier transfer of functions from the Comptroller General to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget authorized by section 211 of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1996 (Pub. L. 104-53) (LBAA). Section 211 of the LBAA also authorized the Director to delegate any of those functions to another agency or agencies. On June 30, 1996, the Director delegated some of the functions contained in 31 U.S.C. 3702—the authority to review claims made against the United States for reimbursement of expenses incurred by federal civilian employees while on official temporary duty travel or in connection with relocation to a new duty station—to the Administrator of General Services, who redelegated that function to the Chairman of the GSA Board of Contract Appeals.

With respect to a function transferred to OMB under section 211 of the LBAA

and delegated by OMB to another agency, section 204 of the GAO Act provides that the head of that agency has the authority to issue the "advance decisions" authorized by 31 U.S.C. 3529 on questions involving such functions. Thus, the Administrator of General Services is authorized to issue "advance decisions" on questions involving reimbursement of expenses incurred by federal civilian employees while on official temporary duty travel or in connection with relocation to a new duty station. The Administrator has redelegated that function to the Chairman of the GSA Board of Contract Appeals, along with the authority to adopt and issue rules necessary for the issuance of these decisions. This interim rule has been approved by majority vote of the Board's members.

#### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 6104

Administrative practice and procedure, Government procurement, Travel and relocation expenses.

### PART 6104—RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR TRAVEL AND RELOCATION EXPENSES CASES

1. The authority citation for part 6104 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 202(n), 204, Pub. L. 104-316, 110 Stat. 3826; Sec. 211, Pub. L. 104-53, 109 Stat. 535; 31 U.S.C. 3529; 31 U.S.C. 3702; 41 U.S.C. 601-613.

2. Section 6104.9 is added effective December 20, 1996 until July 26, 1997 to read as follows:

#### § 6104.9 Decisions authorized under 31 U.S.C. 3529 [Rule 409].

(a) *Request for decision.* (1) A disbursing or certifying official of an agency, or the head of an agency, may request a decision from the Board on a question involving a payment the disbursing official or head of the agency will make, or a voucher presented to a certifying official for certification, which concerns a matter specified in 6104.1. Such a decision is referred to as a "Section 3529 decision."

(2) A request for a Section 3529 decision shall be in writing; no particular form is required. The request

must refer to a specific payment or voucher; it may not seek general legal advice. The request should—

(i) Explain why the official is seeking a Section 3529 decision, rather than taking action on his or her own regarding the matter;

(ii) State the question presented and include citations to applicable statutes, regulations, and cases; and

(iii) Include—

(A) The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile machine number (if available) of the official making the request;

(B) The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number (if available) of the employee affected by the specific payment or voucher; and

(C) Any other information which the official believes the Board should consider.

(b) *Notice of docketing.* A request for a Section 3529 decision will be docketed by the Office of the Clerk of the Board. A written notice of docketing will be sent promptly to the official and the affected employee. The notice of docketing will identify the judge to whom the request has been assigned.

(c) *Service of copy.* The official submitting a request for a Section 3529 decision shall send to the affected employee copies of all material provided to the Board.

(d) *Additional submission.* If the affected employee wishes to submit any additional information to the Board, he or she must so inform the Board within 10 calendar days after receiving the copy of the request for decision and supporting material. The judge will establish the time frame for any such submission.

(e) *Proceedings and decisions.* 6104.5 and 6104.6 govern proceedings relating to requests for Section 3529 decisions and the issuance of such decisions.

Dated: December 16, 1996.  
Stephen M. Daniels,  
Chairman, GSA Board of Contract Appeals.  
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