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(c)(1) The current spouse annuity commences on the day after the separated employee would have attained—

(i) Age 62 if the separated employee had less than 20 years of creditable service,

(ii) Age 60 if the employee had at least 20 years of creditable service but less than 30 years of creditable service; or

(iii) The minimum retirement age if the employee had at least 30 years of creditable service.

(2)(i) The current spouse may elect to receive an adjusted annuity beginning on the day after the death of the separated employee.

(ii) The rate of the adjusted annuity equals the annuity computed under paragraph (b) of this section multiplied by the factor in appendix A of this subpart for the age of the retiree as of the birthday before the retiree's death.

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**§ 843.312 Payment to former spouses.**

(a) Any benefit (or a portion of any benefit) payable to a current spouse under this subpart is payable to a former spouse instead if the former spouse is entitled to that benefit under the terms of a qualifying court order or an election under subpart F of part 842 of this chapter.

(b) A current spouse annuity may not exceed the difference between—

(1) The amount of the annuity that would otherwise be payable to the current spouse under this subpart; and

(2) The amount of the annuity payable to any former spouse of the deceased employee, retiree, or separated employee based on an election made under subpart F of part 842 of this chapter or a qualifying court order.

(c) The basic employee death benefit paid to a current spouse may not exceed the difference between—

(1) The amount that would otherwise be payable to the current spouse under § 843.310; and

(2) The portion of the basic employee death benefit payable to a former spouse based on a qualifying court order.

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**§ 843.313 Elections between survivor annuities.**

(a) A current spouse annuity cannot be reinstated under § 843.305 unless—

(1) The surviving spouse elects to receive the reinstated current spouse annuity instead of any other payments (except any accrued but unpaid annuity and any unpaid employee contributions) to which he or she may be entitled under FERS, or any other retirement system for Government employees, by reason of the remarriage; and

(2) Any lump sum paid on termination of the annuity is returned to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

(b) A current spouse is entitled to a current spouse annuity based on an election under § 842.612 only upon electing this current spouse annuity instead of any other payments (except any accrued but unpaid annuity and any unpaid employee contributions) to which he or she may be entitled under FERS, or any other retirement system for Government employees.

(c) A former spouse who marries a retiree is entitled to a former spouse annuity based on an election by that retiree under § 842.611, or a qualifying court order terminating that marriage to that retiree only upon electing this former spouse annuity instead of any other payments (except any accrued but unpaid annuity and any unpaid employee contributions) to which he or she may be entitled under FERS, or any other retirement system for Government employees.

(d) As used in this section, “any other retirement system for Government employees” does not include Survivor Benefit Payments from a military retirement system or social security benefits.

[57 FR 54681, Nov. 20, 1992]

**§ 843.314 Amount of survivor annuity where service includes credit for service with a nonappropriated fund instrumentality.**

The survivor annuity in the case of an employee or survivor whose service includes service with a nonappropriated fund instrumentality made creditable by an election under subpart D of part 847 of this chapter is

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computed under part 847 of this chapter.

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APPENDIX A TO SUBPART C OF PART 843—PRESENT VALUE CONVERSION FACTORS FOR EARLIER COMMENCING DATE OF ANNUITIES OF CURRENT AND FORMER SPOUSES OF DECEASED SEPARATED EMPLOYEES

With at least 10, but less than 20 years of creditable service—

Age of separated employee at birthday before death	Multiplier
26	0.0280
27	.0309
28	.0340
29	.0375
30	.0413
31	.0454
32	.0500
33	.0550
34	.0605
35	.0665
36	.0731
37	.0804
38	.0884
39	.0973
40	.1071
41	.1179
42	.1298
43	.1430
44	.1577
45	.1739
46	.1920
47	.2121
48	.2346
49	.2597
50	.2878
51	.3193
52	.3544
53	.3934
54	.4365
55	.4842
56	.5367
57	.5948
58	.6591
59	.7305
60	.8103
61	.8996

With at least 20, but less than 30 years of creditable service—

Age of separated employee at birthday before death	Multiplier
36	0.0901
37	.0991
38	.1090
39	.1199
40	.1319
41	.1452
42	.1600
43	.1762
44	.1943
45	.2144
46	.2367
47	.2615
48	.2892

Age of separated employee at birthday before death	Multiplier
49	.3202
50	.3548
51	.3936
52	.4369
53	.4851
54	.5383
55	.5971
56	.6620
57	.7337
58	.8131
59	.9015

With at least 30 years of creditable service—

Age of separated employee at birthday before death	Multipliers by separated employee's year of birth		
	After 1964	From 1949 to 1964	Before 1949
46	0.3224	0.3573	0.3962
47	.3562	.3948	.4378
48	.3940	.4367	.4842
49	.4362	.4835	.5361
50	.4835	.5359	.5942
51	.5363	.5945	.6592
52	.5954	.6599	.7317
53	.6610	.7327	.8124
54	.7336	.8132	.9017
55	.8139	.9021	.0000
56	.9023		

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APPENDIX B TO SUBPART C OF PART 843—AVERAGE TOTAL WAGES TABLE

Calendar year	Amount
1951	\$2,799.16
1952	2,973.32
1953	3,139.44
1954	3,155.64
1955	3,301.44
1956	3,532.36
1957	3,641.72
1958	3,673.80
1959	3,855.80
1960	4,007.12
1961	4,086.76
1962	4,291.40
1963	4,396.64
1964	4,576.32
1965	4,658.72
1966	4,938.36
1967	5,213.44
1968	5,571.76
1969	5,893.76
1970	6,186.24
1971	6,497.08
1972	7,133.80
1973	7,580.16
1974	8,030.76
1975	8,630.92
1976	9,226.48
1977	9,779.44
1978	10,556.03
1979	11,479.46
1980	12,513.46
1981	13,773.10

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Calendar year	Amount
1982 .....	14,531.34
1983 .....	15,239.24
1984 .....	16,135.07
1985 .....	16,822.51
1986 .....	17,321.82
1987 .....	18,426.51
1988 .....	19,334.04
1989 .....	20,099.55
1990 .....	21,027.98
1991 .....	21,811.60

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**Subpart D—Child Annuities**

**§ 843.401 Purpose.**

This subpart explains the survivor benefits payable under FERS to children based on the deaths of employees and retirees.

**§ 843.402 Eligibility requirements.**

A surviving child of an employee or retiree who dies after completing 18 months of civilian service creditable under FERS is entitled to an annuity under this subpart.

**§ 843.403 Proof of parentage.**

(a) A judicial determination of parentage conclusively establishes the paternity of a child.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, a child born to the wife of a married person is presumed to be the child of the wife's husband. This presumption may be rebutted only by clear and convincing evidence that the husband is not the father of the child.

(c) When paternity is not established under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, paternity is determined by a preponderance of the credible evidence as defined in § 1201.56(c)(2) of this title.

**§ 843.404 Proof of adoption.**

(a) An adopted child is—

(1) A child adopted by the employee or retiree before the death of the employee or retiree; or

(2) A child who lived with the employee or retiree and for whom a petition for adoption was filed by the employee or retiree and who is adopted by the current spouse of the employee or

retiree after the death of the employee or retiree.

(b) The only acceptable evidence to prove status as an adopted child under paragraph (a)(1) of this section is a copy of the judicial decree of adoption.

(c) The only acceptable evidence to prove status as an adopted child under paragraph (a)(2) of this section is copies of—

(1) The petition for adoption (clearly showing the date filed); and

(2) The judicial decree of adoption.

**§ 843.405 Dependency.**

To be eligible for survivor annuity benefits, a child must have been dependent on the employee or retiree at the time of the employee's or retiree's death.

**§ 843.406 Proof of dependency.**

(a) A child is considered to have been dependent on the deceased employee or retiree if he or she is—

(1) A legitimate child; or

(2) An adopted child; or

(3) A stepchild or recognized natural child who lived with the employee or retiree in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the employee's or retiree's death; or

(4) A recognized natural child for whom a judicial determination of support was obtained; or

(5) A recognized natural child to whose support the employee or retiree made regular and substantial contributions.

(b) The following are examples of proofs of regular and substantial support. More than one of the following proofs may be required to show support of a natural child who did not live with the employee or retiree in a regular parent-child relationship and for whom a judicial determination of support was not obtained.

(1) Evidence of eligibility as a dependent child for benefits under other State or Federal programs;

(2) Proof of inclusion of the child as a dependent on the decedent's income tax returns for the years immediately before the employee's or retiree's death;