

**§18057. Payments on death**

Any amount of group life insurance and group accidental death insurance in force on any employee at the date of the employee's death must be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim, in the following order of precedence. [PL 2009, c. 515, §1 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 515, §3 (AFF).]

**1. Designated beneficiary.** First, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries whom the employee designated in writing, if the written designation was received in the retirement system office or postmarked before the employee's death.  
[PL 2025, c. 221, §29 (AMD).]

**2. Surviving spouse.** Second, if no beneficiary qualifies under subsection 1, to the surviving spouse of the employee.  
[RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §130 (COR).]

**2-A. Executor or personal representative.** Third, if no one qualifies under subsection 1 or 2, to the employee's duly appointed executor or personal representative for distribution according to the provisions of a lawfully executed will. This subsection is applicable only if the retirement system is notified of the appointment of the executor or personal representative within 6 months of the date of death of the employee.  
[PL 2009, c. 515, §1 (NEW); PL 2009, c. 515, §3 (AFF).]

**3. Children.** Fourth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2 or 2-A, to the surviving child or children of the employee and descendants of deceased children by representation.  
[PL 2025, c. 221, §30 (AMD).]

**4. Parents.** Fifth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2, 2-A or 3, to the surviving parent or parents of the employee.  
[PL 2009, c. 515, §1 (AMD); PL 2009, c. 515, §3 (AFF).]

**5. Executor or conservator.**  
[PL 2009, c. 515, §1 (RP); PL 2009, c. 515, §3 (AFF).]

**6. Next of kin.** Sixth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2, 2-A, 3 or 4, to other surviving next of kin of the employee entitled under the laws of domicile of that employee at the time of the employee's death.  
[PL 2025, c. 221, §31 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1985, c. 801, §§5,7 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 480, §5 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 515, §1 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 515, §3 (AFF). RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §130 (COR). PL 2025, c. 221, §§29-31 (AMD).

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