

(U) The Importance of Updating Your Beneficiary Designations

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- (U) Have you recently thought about your beneficiary designations for your retirement annuity, <u>FEGLI</u>, unpaid compensation and <u>TSP</u>? If your family status changes due to marriage, birth or adoption of a child, divorce or death, you may want to update your designation. Any time you complete a new form, it, supersedes any previous designations. If you have never completed a beneficiary form, the normal order of precedence is listed below:
- (U) It is necessary to designate a beneficiary **only** if you want payment to be made in a way other than the following order of precedence:
 - 1. To the widow or widower.
 - 2. If none of the above, to the child or children, with the share of any deceased child distributed among the descendants of that child.
 - 3. If none of the above, to the parents in equal shares or the entire amount to the surviving parent.
 - 4. If none of the above, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate.
 - 5. If none of the above, to the other next of kin who are entitled under the laws of the domicile of the insured at the date of death.
- (U) If you decide to complete designation-of-beneficiary forms, be sure to keep them current. Each form requires 2 witnesses of your signature and neither of those witnesses can be a listed beneficiary. Do not submit an altered form (cross outs, write overs). If you need to correct or change the information you have entered on the form, start over on a new form.
- (U) There are four designation-of-beneficiary forms:
 - 1. TSP Thrift Saving Plan (TSP3)
 - 2. FEGLI Federal Employees'Group Life Insurance (SF2823)
 - 3. Unpaid Compensation Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee (SF1152)
 - 4. Retirement CSRS SF2808 or FERS SF3102

(U) Tips on form completion:

- Make sure to complete and print out both copies (employee and original)
- Send TSP forms directly to the TSP (mailing address on instructions for form completion)
- Send CSRS form directly to OPM (mailing address listed on link for form)
- Send FERS, FEGLI and Unpaid Compensation forms to your HR Advisor

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