

Funeral and Hospital-Visit Transport

Families may now request that a current SCDC inmate attend the viewing or funeral of a deceased relative or visit a sick relative in the hospital when the sick relative is near death. Inmates will ONLY be eligible to attend one service/visit – a hospital visit OR a viewing OR a funeral; interment not included. They may not make more than one visit.

Listed below are the only family members whose imminent death, viewing, or funeral qualifies for an inmate transport request and their relationship must be verified by SCDC on the inmate's visitation list or list of relatives on file:

- The inmate's parent or parent substitute identified on an inmate's visitation list
- The inmate's child
- The inmate's brother or sister
- The inmate's wife or husband
- The inmate's grandparent
- The inmate's grandchild

DO NOT CALL to request transport for an inmate until you have all of the information needed for SCDC to process the request. Once you have gathered the following information, please contact the institutional chaplain to submit your request:

- The inmate's name and SCDC number, if you have it
- The name of the sick or deceased and that person's relationship to the inmate
- The location and time of the hospital visit, viewing, or funeral
- Your name, phone number, and relationship to the inmate so that SCDC may contact you once the request is processed

The list of chaplains can be located at the bottom of this page:

[http://www.doc.sc.gov/programs/volunteers.html#Chaplain Contact Information](http://www.doc.sc.gov/programs/volunteers.html#Chaplain>Contact Information)

Costs for the transport must be paid by the inmate or the inmate's family on their behalf. These costs must be paid in advance, at least 24 hours prior to the transport. Payments CANNOT be made through JPay. Payment for an inmate's transportation to either the hospital, viewing, or funeral service for an approved family member may be made [here](#). Please note, this is a third party vendor, not SCDC, and any issues should be reported directly to the vendor.

Please note that this is ONLY a request. Not all inmates will be eligible for transport. The following are examples of some, but not all, situations that make an inmate ineligible for transport due to security risks:

- The inmate is currently housed in RHU, SSR, or death row
- The inmate has attempted, planned, or participated in any escape attempts
- The inmate has had any disciplinary convictions within the past year

Once the request is processed, a SCDC employee will notify you of our decision. Do not make a payment for an inmate to be transported until after you have been notified of their approval.