

 **PEBA Academy**

**Death claims:
types**

Retirement Benefits Training
Fiscal year 2026

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SC Retirement System
and State Health Plan

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How PEBA receives member death notifications

- Employers.
- Family, friends of the deceased.
- Social Security Administration.
- South Carolina Department of Public Health.
- Obituaries.
- Funeral homes.

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Required actions after a death

- Employer:
 - Complete *Final Payroll Certification – Death* task on the Task List in EES.
 - View Death of covered employee employer checklist.
- Beneficiary:
 - Provide PEBA with certified copy of the member's death certificate.
 - Return completed benefit payment forms.
 - Send copies of your Social Security card and current driver's license.

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Types of death claims

Active members

- Deceased employee was:
 - On covered employer's payroll; and
 - Making contributions.
- Beneficiaries may be eligible for:
 - Refund of member contributions and interest;
 - Monthly survivor benefit payment;
 - Incidental death benefit payment; and
 - Accidental Death Program benefit (PORS only).

Inactive members

- Deceased employee was:
 - No longer active member; and
 - Not retired on date of death.
- Beneficiaries may be eligible for:
 - Refund of member contributions and interest; or
 - Monthly benefit payment in some cases.
- Monthly benefit payment possible if member was eligible for service retirement at time of death.

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Types of death claims

Working retired members

- Working retiree was:
 - On covered employer's payroll; and
 - Making contributions.
- Beneficiaries of working retiree may be eligible for:
 - Payment according to retiree's payment option; and
 - Active incidental death benefit.

Non-working retired members

- Beneficiaries of a retiree who was not in service with a participating employer at death may be eligible for:
 - Payment according to retiree's payment option; and
 - Retired member incidental death benefit.

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