

Attendant with round-trip positive space transportation over the Company's system from the American Airlines station nearest her/his residence to the location of the health care provider. A Flight Attendant shall be provided lodging, transportation for travel from the airport to/from the location of the health care provider and reimbursement for reasonable actual meals.

If the Flight Attendant drives to the site of the examination, excluding any travel to reach the American Airlines station nearest the Flight Attendant's residence for the purpose of air travel, the Company shall reimburse the Flight Attendant for transportation at IRS minimum rates, reasonable actual meals and lodging, if she/he must travel more than twenty-five (25) miles from her/his residence to the site of the examination.

C. A Flight Attendant may appeal the Company health care provider's determination in the following manner:

1. The Flight Attendant, at her/his own expense, may retain a qualified health care provider (one whose medical practice or specialization is consistent with the findings made by the Company's health care provider) of her/his own choosing to examine the Flight Attendant to confirm or refute the results of the initial examination by the Company's health care provider.
2. The Flight Attendant shall sign a release and the Company's health care provider immediately shall forward her/his complete medical file to the Flight Attendant's health care provider prior to the subsequent examination.
3. The Flight Attendant's health care provider shall forward a written report outlining the results of the second examination to the Company's health care provider for review. If the Company's and Flight Attendant's health care providers make the same determination regarding the Flight Attendant's fitness for duty, there shall be no further review of the case.
4. In the event the findings of the Flight Attendant's health care provider disagree with those of the Company's health care provider, at the Flight Attendant's option, the Company and the Flight Attendant shall jointly request, in writing, that the two (2) health care providers agree upon and appoint a third qualified and disinterested health care provider who is a specialist in the appropriate field of medicine to conduct an independent examination, of the Flight Attendant. At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled independent examination, the neutral health care provider shall be given copies of the Flight Attendant's medical files and all other reports and films relied on by the Company's and Flight Attendant's health care providers in making their determinations.
5. The neutral health care provider shall then examine the Flight Attendant and shall provide the parties' respective health care providers with a written report no later than ten (10) business days from the date of the examination. The medical dispute shall be settled on the basis of such findings and the parties agree to be bound by the determination made by the neutral health care provider regarding the Flight Attendant's fitness for duty.
6. The Flight Attendant and the Company shall each pay one-half (1/2) of the costs of the independent examination.

D. In connection with the procedures in Paragraphs A and C, if a Flight Attendant is withheld from service under the provisions of those Paragraphs and it is subsequently determined by the Company or the neutral health care provider that the Flight Attendant was actually fit to perform her/his duties, the Company shall take the following actions:

1. When a Flight Attendant is removed from flying status by the Company as a result of her/his failure to pass the Company's medical examination and appeals such action under the provisions of this Section, she/he shall, if such action is proven to be unwarranted as provided in this Section, be paid retroactively for time lost, the amount which she/he would