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I have reviewed this guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections §227.10 and §227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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Name of Individual Certifying this Document / Proposed Document

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Warden
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Signature

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2 March 2020
Date Signed
POLICY
The Division of Adult Institutions shall ensure inmates that have minimum or minimum community custody status residing in a minimum security facility may be considered for a temporary release under supervision to attend a private visitation following the death of a close family member or a visit with a terminally ill close family member.

REFERENCES
Wisconsin Statutes s. 302.15 – Activities off Grounds
Wisconsin Statutes s. 304.115 – Emergency Removal
Wisconsin Statutes s. 303.068 – Leave for qualified inmates
Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. DOC 302 – Inmate Classification, Sentence and Release Provisions
Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. DOC 306 – Security
Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. DOC 325 – Temporary Release Under Supervision

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS
ATR – Alternative to Revocation

Close Family Member – An inmate’s natural, adoptive, step and foster parents; spouse, children, grandparents, grandchildren or siblings. A parent surrogate is within the definition of parent if an inmate substantiates that a claimed surrogate did in fact act as a parent to the inmate, although the parent surrogate was not an adoptive, foster or step parent.

DAI – Division of Adult Institutions

DCC – Division of Community Corrections

Death Bed visit – Visit a terminally ill close family member for whom death is imminent.

DOC – Department of Corrections

DOC-45 – Temporary Release – Request/Order/Cancellation

DOC-1820 – Funeral or Death Bed Request
Private Funeral Visit – An event attended by the inmate and close family members. Private funeral visits shall not be more than 60 minutes in duration. It must be scheduled either to conclude 30 minutes prior to the funeral, wake, or memorial service or to begin 30 minutes after the funeral, wake or memorial service.

PROCEDURE

I. General Guidelines
   A. Each facility shall have a completed DOC-45 and DOC-1820 processed for all temporary inmate releases for funeral/death bed visits.

   B. Attendance is limited to the State of Wisconsin.

   C. The visitation shall not be at a private residence unless approved by the DAI Administrator.

   D. Visits are limited to a maximum of one hour.

   E. Only three close family members on the inmate’s approved visiting list may be present at the private funeral visitation.

   F. Only the inmate and the terminally ill close family member may be present at the private deathbed visitation, except with the Warden’s approval.

   G. Visits may be terminated at any time the escorting staff believes there is a threat to the safety of staff, the inmate or the public.

   H. An inmate is restricted to either one deathbed visit or a funeral visit for each close family member. Any exceptions shall be approved by the DAI Administrator, including any assessed costs of the visit, as determined by Wisconsin Administrative Code s. DOC 325.13.

   I. Inmate shall be notified if the request is denied or approved and if approved, the conditions of the visit. The Warden/designee may deny the visit due to security or safety concerns for the staff, inmate or public.

   J. Video visitation through a web service (Skype) may be arranged for deathbed visits if time and circumstances permit and release is not possible.

   K. The Warden/designee shall notify the DAI Administrator/designee of denied requests under this policy and forward a copy of the final DOC-1820.

   L. The DOC-45 may be canceled at any time.

   M. The decision for ATR cases to attend shall be determined by the Warden/designee in consultation with DCC Agent/Supervisor. DCC shall be responsible for the transport and supervision of the inmate.
Administrator's Approval: ____________________________ Date Signed: 12/20/19
Makda Fessahaye, Administrator
FACILITY PROCEDURE

I. Minimum and Community Custody inmates must be supervised by a DOC staff member and transported in a state vehicle.

II. Inmate shall complete the DOC-1820 and submit to assigned Social Worker/Treatment Specialist to request a funeral or death bed visit.

III. The Social Worker/Treatment Specialist shall receive DOC-1820 request from the inmate, verify information, document close family members requested, and make a recommendation.

IV. The Superintendent/designee shall ensure compliance with the policy and approve or deny the DOC-1820.

V. The Social Worker/Treatment Specialist shall document the decision in a COMPAS note. If the DOC-1820 is approved, complete the DOC-45.

VI. Security Staff shall transport the inmate in a state vehicle and ensure compliance with the instructions on the DOC-1820 and DOC-45.

VII. The Superintendent/designee shall forward a copy of the denied DOC-1820 requests to the Warden/designee.