

Eligibility Guidelines for Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands Hurricane Maria Relief Efforts

On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico creating a widespread humanitarian crisis on the island that will require many months of recovery efforts. The impact of this tragedy is still unfolding, as is the impact on our own HCA-affiliated employees. In response to the need, the Hope Fund staff is expanding our current guidelines around travel and funeral expense assistance.

Eligible family members are:

- Parent or legal guardian, stepparent
- Sibling(s)
- Current spouse or domestic partner
- Children, current stepchildren
- Grandparents and grandchildren
- Current mother-in-law and father-in-law

The Hope Fund will provide up to \$1,500 per employee for the following:

- Travel for an eligible family member from Puerto Rico (or the U.S. Virgin Islands) to the location of the employee;
- Travel for the employee to Puerto Rico (or the U.S. Virgin Islands) to care for or bury an eligible family member;
- \$500 burial expense assistance for the death of an eligible family member(s).

Requirements:

- Applicants can only apply one-time for relief assistance related to this disaster
- Applicant must include name(s) of family member(s) and location of those impacted on the application for assistance
- Applicant must provide documentation of purchased flights to or from the listed locations.
- Applicants must provide documentation of any purchased burial/funeral services for an eligible family member.