Exception number information (for up to/over 150% per diem):

1- When costs in the area have escalated for a brief period, either during special events or disasters.

2- When lodging accommodations are not available in the area at or below the Maximum Lodging Amount, and the savings achieved from occupying less expensive lodging at a removed site would be consumed by additional transportation and other costs.

3- When the traveler attends a meeting, conference, convention, or training session where they are expected to have business interaction with other participants in addition to scheduled events, and it is anticipated that maximum benefit will be achieved by authorizing the traveler to stay at the lodging facility.

4- When a traveler is assigned to accompany an elected official, foreign dignitary, or others as authorized by law, and is required to stay in the same lodging facility.

5- To comply with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or when the health and safety of the traveler is at risk.

6- When a meeting room is required and it is more economical to acquire special lodging accommodations, e.g., a suite, than to acquire a meeting room and a room for lodging.

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