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(c) In the case of a miner who was not entitled to benefits for the month before the month of his death, and whose death occurred prior to January 1, 1974, a claim for benefits by or on behalf of the widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a miner must be filed by December 31, 1973, or, in the case of the death of a miner occurring after June 30, 1973, and before January 1, 1974, within 6 months of such miner's death. When so filed, it constitutes a claim for benefits under part B of title IV of the Act.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, if a widow established entitlement to benefits under this part (see § 410.210), a claim by or on behalf of a surviving child of a miner or of such widow, must be filed within 6 months after the death of such miner or of such widow, or by December 31, 1973, whichever is the later.

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#### § 410.232 Withdrawal of a claim.

(a) *Before adjudication of claim.* A claimant (or an individual who is authorized to execute a claim on his behalf under § 410.222), may withdraw his previously filed claim provided that:

- (1) He files a written request for withdrawal.
- (2) The claimant is alive at the time the request for withdrawal is filed,
- (3) The Administration approves the request for withdrawal, and
- (4) The request for withdrawal is filed on or before the date the Administration makes a determination on the claim.

(b) *After adjudication of claim.* A claim for benefits may be withdrawn by a written request filed after the date the Administration makes a determination on the claim provided that:

- (1) The conditions enumerated in paragraphs (a) (1) through (3) of this section are met; and
- (2) There is repayment of the amount of benefits previously paid because of

the claim that is being withdrawn or it can be established to the satisfaction of the Administration that repayment of any such amount is assured.

(c) *Effect of withdrawal of claim.* Where a request for withdrawal of a claim is filed and such request for withdrawal is approved by the Administration, such claim will be deemed not to have been filed. After the withdrawal (whether made before or after the date the Administration makes a determination) further action will be taken by the Administration only upon the filing of a new claim, except as provided in § 410.233.

#### § 410.233 Cancellation of a request for withdrawal.

Before or after a written request for withdrawal has been approved by the Administration, the claimant (or a person who is authorized under § 410.222 to execute a claim on his behalf) may request that the "request for withdrawal" be canceled and that the withdrawn claim be reinstated. Such request for cancellation must be in writing and must be filed, in a case where the requested withdrawal was approved by the Administration, no later than 60 days after such approval. The claimant must be alive at the time the request for cancellation of the "request for withdrawal" is filed with the Administration.

#### § 410.234 Interim provisions.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, a written request for benefits which is filed before January 31, 1972, and which meets the requirements of this subpart except for the filing of a prescribed application form, shall be considered a claim for benefits. Nevertheless, where a prescribed application form has not been filed, the Administration may require that such a form be completed and filed before adjudicating the claim. (See § 410.240(a).)

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, where (1) a request has been made before the effective date of this regulation that a claim for benefits be withdrawn and (2) such request has been approved (see § 410.232), such claim may nevertheless be reinstated and adjudicated under the provisions of

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the Black Lung Benefits Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-303).

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### § 410.240 Evidence.

(a) *Evidence of eligibility.* A claimant for benefits shall submit such evidence of eligibility as is specified in this section. The Administration may at any time require additional evidence to be submitted with regard to entitlement or the right to receive payment.

(b) *Insufficient evidence of eligibility.* Whenever a claimant for benefits has submitted no evidence or insufficient evidence of eligibility, the Administration will inform the claimant what evidence is necessary for a determination of eligibility and will request him to submit such evidence within a specified reasonable time which may be extended for a further reasonable time upon the claimant's request.

(c) *Reports by beneficiary; evidence of nonoccurrence of termination, suspension, or reduction event.* Any individual entitled to a benefit who is aware of any circumstance which, under the provisions of this part could affect his entitlement to benefits, his eligibility for payment, or the amount of his benefit, or result in the termination, suspension, or reduction of his benefit, shall promptly report such circumstance to the Administration. The Administration may at any time require an individual receiving, or claiming that he is entitled to receive, a benefit, either on behalf of himself or on behalf of another, to submit a written statement giving pertinent information bearing upon the issue of whether or not an event has occurred which would cause such benefit to be terminated, or which would subject such benefit to reductions or suspension under the provisions of the Act. The failure on the part of such individual to submit any such report or statement, properly executed, to the Administration, shall subject such benefit to reductions, suspension, or termination, as the case may be.

(d) *Place and manner of submitting evidence.* Evidence in support of a claim shall be filed at an office of the Administration or with an employee of the Administration authorized to receive such evidence at a place other than

such office. Such evidence may be submitted as part of a prescribed application form if the form provides for its inclusion, or it may be submitted in addition to such prescribed form and in the manner indicated in this section.

(e) *Certification of evidence by authorized individual.* In cases where a copy of a record, document, or other evidence, or an excerpt of information therefrom, is acceptable as evidence in lieu of the original, such copy or excerpt shall, except as may otherwise clearly be indicated thereon, be certified as a true and exact copy or excerpt by the official custodian of any such record or by an employee of the Administration authorized to make certifications of any such evidence.

(f) *Evidence of total disability or death due to pneumoconiosis.* For evidence requirements to support allegations of total disability or death due to pneumoconiosis; for the effect of the failure or refusal of an individual to present himself for an examination or test in connection with the alleged disability, or to submit evidence of disability; and for evidence as to the cessation of disability, see subpart D of this part 410.

(g) *Evidence of matters other than total disability or death due to pneumoconiosis.* With respect to the following matters, evidence shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Regulations No. 4 (part 404 of this chapter) cited hereinafter, as if the claim for benefits under the Act were an application for benefits under section 202 of the Social Security Act. Evidence as to:

(1) *Age:* §§ 404.715 through 404.716 of this part;

(2) *Death:* §§ 404.720 through 404.722 of this part;

(3) *Marriage and termination of marriage:* §§ 404.723 through 404.728 of this part;

(4) *Relationship of parent and child:* §§ 404.730 through 404.750 of this part;

(5) *Domicile:* § 404.770 of this part;

(6) *Living with or member of the same household:* § 404.760 of this part.

(h) *Reimbursement for reasonable expenses in obtaining medical evidence.* Claimants for benefits under this part shall be reimbursed promptly for reasonable medical expenses incurred by them for services from medical sources of their choice, in establishing their