

#### § 410.340

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share in the beneficiary's intestate personal property; or

(e) Such individual is the natural son or daughter of a beneficiary but does not bear the relationship of child to such beneficiary under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section, and is not considered to be the child of the beneficiary under paragraph (d) of this section, such individual shall nevertheless be considered to be the child of such beneficiary if the beneficiary and the mother or the father, as the case may be, of such individual went through a marriage ceremony resulting in a purported marriage between them which, but for a legal impediment (see § 410.391), would have been a valid marriage.

(f) Such individual is the natural son or daughter of a beneficiary but does not have the relationship of child to such beneficiary under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section, and is not considered to be the child of the beneficiary under paragraph (d) or (e) of this section, such individual shall nevertheless be considered to be the child of such beneficiary if:

(1) Such beneficiary, prior to his entitlement to benefits, has acknowledged in writing that the individual is his son or daughter, or has been decreed by a court to be the father of the individual, or he has been ordered by a court to contribute to the support of the individual (see § 410.395(c)) because the individual is his son or daughter; or

(2) Such beneficiary is shown by satisfactory evidence to be the father of the individual and was living with or contributing to the support of the individual at the time such beneficiary became entitled to benefits.

(g) Such individual is the natural son or daughter of a beneficiary but does not have the relationship of child to such beneficiary under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section, and is not considered to be the child of the beneficiary under paragraph (d) or (e) of this section, such individual shall nevertheless be considered to be the child of such beneficiary for months no earlier than June 1974, if:

(1) Such beneficiary has acknowledged in writing that the individual is his son or daughter, or has been decreed by a court to be the father of the

individual, or he has been ordered by a court to contribute to the support of the individual (see § 410.395(c)) because the individual is his son or daughter; and in the case of a deceased individual such acknowledgement, court decree, or court order was made before the death of such beneficiary; or

(2) Such beneficiary is shown by satisfactory evidence to be the father of the individual and was living with or contributing to the support of the individual at the time such request for benefits is made.

[36 FR 23756, Dec. 14, 1971, as amended at 37 FR 20639, Sept. 30, 1972; 41 FR 33550, Aug. 10, 1976]

#### § 410.340 Determination of relationship; parent, brother, or sister.

An individual will be considered to be the parent, brother, or sister of a miner if the courts of the State in which such miner was domiciled (see § 410.392) at the time of his death would find, under the law they would apply in determining the devolution of the miner's intestate personal property, that the individual is the miner's parent, brother, or sister. Where, under such law, the individual does not bear the relationship to the miner of parent, brother, or sister, but would, under State law, have the same status (*i.e.*, right to share in the miner's intestate personal property) as a parent, brother, or sister, the individual will be deemed to be such. An individual will be considered to be the parent, brother, or sister of a miner if the individual is the step-parent, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister of the miner, or is the parent, brother, or sister of the miner by adoption.

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#### § 410.350 Determination of dependency; wife.

An individual who is the miner's wife (see § 410.310) will be determined to be dependent upon the miner if:

(a) She is a member of the same household as the miner (see § 410.393); or

(b) She is receiving regular contributions from the miner for her support (see § 410.395(c)); or

(c) The miner has been ordered by a court to contribute to her support (see §410.395(e)); or

(d) She is the natural mother of the son or daughter of the miner; or

(e) She was married to the miner (see §410.310) for a period of not less than 1 year.

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**§410.351 Determination of dependency; divorced wife.**

An individual who is the miner's divorced wife (see §410.311) will be determined to be dependent upon the miner if:

(a) She is receiving at least one-half of her support from the miner (see §410.395(g)); or

(b) She is receiving substantial contributions from the miner pursuant to a written agreement (see §410.395 (c) and (f)); or

(c) There is in effect a court order for substantial contributions to her support to be furnished by such miner (see §410.395 (c) and (e)).

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**§410.360 Determination of dependency; widow.**

(a) *General.* An individual who is the miner's widow (see §410.320) will be determined to have been dependent on the miner if, at the time of the miner's death:

(1) She was living with the miner (see §410.393); or

(2) She was dependent upon the miner for support or the miner has been ordered by a court to contribute to her support (see §410.395); or

(3) She was living apart from the miner because of his desertion or other reasonable cause; or

(4) She is the natural mother of his son or daughter; or

(5) She had legally adopted his son or daughter while she was married to him and while such son or daughter was under the age of 18; or

(6) He had legally adopted her son or daughter while she was married to him and while such son or daughter was under the age of 18; or

(7) She was married to him at the time both of them legally adopted a child under the age of 18; or

(8) She was married to him for a period of not less than 9 months immediately prior to the day on which he died (but see paragraph (b) of this section).

(b) *Waiver of 9-month requirement*—(1) *General.* Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the requirement in paragraph (a)(8) of this section that the surviving spouse of a miner must have been married to him for a period of not less than 9 months immediately prior to the day on which he died in order to qualify as such miner's widow, shall be deemed to be satisfied where such miner dies within the applicable 9-month period, if his death:

(i) Is accidental (as defined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section), or

(ii) Occurs in line of duty while he is a member of a uniformed service serving on active duty (as defined in §404.1013 (f) (2) and (3) of this chapter), and such surviving spouse was married to such miner for a period of not less than 3 months immediately prior to the day on which he died.

(2) *Accidental death.* For purposes of paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section, the death of a miner is accidental if such individual receives bodily injuries solely through violent, external, and accidental means and, as a direct result of the bodily injuries and independently of all other causes, loses his life not later than 3 months after the day on which he receives such bodily injuries. The term *accident* means an event that was unpremeditated and unforeseen from the standpoint of the deceased individual. To determine whether the death of an individual did, in fact, result from an accident the Administration will consider all the circumstances surrounding the casualty. An intentional and voluntary suicide will not be considered to be death by accident; however, suicide by an individual who is so insane as to be incapable of acting intentionally and voluntarily will be considered to be death by accident. In no event will the death of an individual resulting from violent and external causes be considered a suicide unless there is direct proof that the fatal injury was self-inflicted.

(3) *Applicability.* The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply if the Administration determines that at the