which is pending or has been denied shall be entitled to a review of the part C claim by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs under the BLBRA of 1977.

(b) Denied or pending with the Social Security Administration—approved by the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs. A person who has filed a part B claim with the Social Security Administration which is pending or has been denied and who has also filed a part C claim with the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, which has been approved, shall be entitled, upon request, to a review of the pending or denied part B claim in light of the BLBRA of 1977 by either the Social Security Administration or the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, in accordance with this subpart.

(c) Pending or denied by the Social Security Administration and the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs. A person who has filed a claim both with the Social Security Administration and the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs and whose claims are either pending with or have been denied by both agencies shall have the claim reviewed under the BLBRA of 1977 by the Social Security Administration if such review is requested by the claimant. If the claim is not approved by the Social Security Administration it shall be forwarded to the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs for further review as provided in §410.704(c)(2). During the pendency of review proceedings by the Social Security Administration, if any, no action shall be taken by the Secretary of Labor with respect to the part C claim which is pending or has been denied by DOL. If the claimant does not respond to notification of his or her right to review by the Social Security Administration within 6 months of the notice (see §410.704(c)) unless the period is enlarged for good cause shown, the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs shall proceed under DOL’s regulations at 20 CFR part 727 to review the claim originally filed with the Secretary of Labor. If the claimant, upon notification by the Social Security Administration of his or her right to review (see §410.704(a)) requests that the claim originally filed with the Social Security Administration be forwarded to the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs for review, or if more than one claim has been filed with the Secretary of Labor by the same claimant, such claims shall be merged and processed with the first claim filed with the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.

§410.706 Effect of the Social Security Administration determination of entitlement.

Under section 435 of the BLBRA of 1977 a determination of entitlement made by the Social Security Administration under this subpart G is binding on the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs as an initial determination of eligibility.

§410.707 Hearings and appeals.

The review of any determination made by the Social Security Administration of a claim under this subpart will be made by the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs. If the Social Security Administration does not approve the claim following its review under this subpart, the claim will be referred to the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, and the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs will automatically review the claim. The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs will provide an opportunity for the claimant to submit additional evidence if it is needed to approve the claim. See §410.704(e)(2) of this subpart. If the Social Security Administration approves the claim but the claimant disagrees with any part of the Social Security Administration’s determination, he or she may request the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs to review the Social Security Administration’s determination. See §410.704(e)(1) of this subpart.