

Social Security Administration

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within the initial 2-year period and he failed to do so through negligence or intent not to file.

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§ 410.219 Filing a claim under State workmen's compensation law; when filing such claim shall be considered futile.

(a) A claimant for benefits under this part must file a claim under the applicable State workmen's compensation law prior to a final decision on his claim for benefits under this part (see § 410.227(c)) except where the filing of a claim under such applicable State workmen's compensation law would clearly be futile.

(b) The Administration shall determine that the filing of such a claim would clearly be futile when:

(1) The period within which such a claim may be filed under such law has expired; or

(2) Pneumoconiosis as defined in § 410.110(o) is not compensable under such law; or

(3) The maximum amount of compensation or the maximum number of compensation payments allowable under such law has already been paid; or

(4) The claimant does not meet one or more conditions of eligibility for workmen's compensation payments under applicable State law; or

(5) In any other situation the claimant establishes to the satisfaction of the Administration that the filing of a claim on account of pneumoconiosis would result as a matter of law in a denial of his claim for compensation under such law.

(c) To be considered to have complied with the statutory requirement for filing a claim under the applicable State workmen's compensation law, a claimant for benefits under this part must diligently prosecute such State claim.

(d) Where, but for the failure to file a claim under the applicable State workmen's compensation law, an individual's claim for benefits under this part would be allowed, the Administration shall notify the individual in writing of the need to file such State claim as a prerequisite to such allowance. Such claim, when filed within 30 days of the date such notice is mailed to the indi-

vidual, will be considered to have been filed timely.

(e) Where, on the other hand, a claim has not been filed under the applicable State workmen's compensation law, and the Administration determines that a claim for benefits under this part would be disallowed even if such a State claim were filed, the Administration shall make such determination as may be necessary for the adjudication of the individual's claim for benefits under this part pursuant to § 410.610.

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§ 410.220 Claim for benefits; definitions.

For purposes of this part:

(a) *Claim defined.* The term *claim* means a writing asserting a right to benefits by an individual, or by a proper party on his behalf as defined in § 410.222, which writing is filed with the Administration in accordance with the regulations in this subpart.

(b) *Application defined.* The term *application* refers only to a writing on a form prescribed in § 410.221.

(c) *Claimant defined.* The term *claimant* refers to the individual who has filed a claim for benefits on his own behalf, or on whose behalf a proper party as defined in § 410.222 has filed a claim.

(d) *Applicant defined.* The term *applicant* refers to the individual who has filed an application on his own behalf, or on behalf of another, for benefits.

(e) *Execution of claim defined.* The term *to execute a claim* means to complete and sign an application (but, for an exception, see § 410.234). Irrespective of who may have prepared or completed the application, it is considered to have been executed by or on behalf of the claimant when it is signed by him or by an individual authorized to do so on his behalf (see § 410.222).

(f) *Provisions with respect to claims applicable with respect to requests.* The provisions of §§ 410.222 through 410.234 (relating to the preparation, execution, or filing of a claim for benefits) are applicable to the preparation, execution, and filing of a written request required under this part, e.g., a request to be selected as representative payee (see § 410.581 *et seq.*), a request for separate