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to be 5 days after the date of such notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary.

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§ 410.679 Finality of findings with respect to other claims for benefits based on the disability or death of a miner.

Findings of fact made in a determination or decision in a claim by one party for benefits may be revised in determining or deciding another claim for benefits based on the disability or death of the same miner, even though such findings may not be revised in the former claim because of the provisions of § 410.672.

§ 410.680 Imposition of reductions.

The imposition of reductions constitutes an initial determination with respect to each month for which a reduction is imposed. A finding that a reduction is not to be imposed is an initial determination for each month with respect to which the circumstances upon which such finding was based remain unchanged. The suspension of benefits, pending a determination as to the applicability of a reduction equivalent to the amount of a deduction because of excess earnings under section 203(b) of the Social Security Act shall not, however, constitute an initial determination (see § 410.615(a)).

§ 410.681 Change of ruling or legal precedent.

Good cause shall be deemed not to exist where the sole basis for reopening the determination or decision is a change of legal interpretation or administrative ruling upon which such determination or decision was made.

§ 410.682 General applicability.

The provisions of §§ 410.672, 410.673, and 410.679 to 410.681, inclusive, shall be applicable notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this subpart F.

§ 410.683 Certification of payment; determination or decision providing for payment.

When a determination or decision has been made under any provision of §§ 410.610 to 410.678, inclusive, to the effect that a payment or payments of

benefits should be made to any person, the Administration shall, except as hereafter provided, certify to the U.S. Treasury Department the name and address of the person to be paid, the amount of the payment or payments and the time at which such payment or payments should be made.

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§ 410.683b Transfer or assignment.

The Administration shall not certify any amount for payment to an assignee or transferee of the person entitled to such payment under the Act, nor shall the Administration certify such amount for payment to any person claiming such payment by virtue of an execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process or by virtue of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding against or affecting the person entitled to the payment under the Act.

[37 FR 20654, Sept. 30, 1972]

§ 410.684 Representation of party; appointment of representative.

A party in an action leading to an initial or reconsidered determination, hearing, or review, as provided in §§ 410.610 to 410.678, inclusive, may appoint as his representative in any such proceeding only an individual who is qualified under § 410.685 to act as a representative. Where the individual appointed by a party to represent him is not an attorney, written notice of the appointment must be given, signed by the party appointing the representative, and accepted by the representative appointed. The notice of appointment shall be filed at an office of the Administration, with a hearing examiner, or with the Appeals Council of the Administration, as the case may be. Where the representative appointed is an attorney, in the absence of information to the contrary, his representation that he has such authority, shall be accepted as evidence of the attorney's authority to represent a party.

§ 410.685 Qualifications of representative.

(a) *Attorney.* Any attorney in good standing who (1) is admitted to practice before a court of a State, territory,

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district or insular possession or before the Supreme Court of the United States or an inferior Federal court, (2) has not been disqualified or suspended from acting as a representative in proceedings before the Social Security Administration, and (3) is not, pursuant to any provision of law, otherwise prohibited from acting as a representative, may be appointed as a representative in accordance with § 410.684.

(b) *Person other than attorney.* Any person (other than an attorney described in paragraph (a) of this section) who (1) is of good character, in good repute, and has the necessary qualifications to enable him to render valuable assistance to an individual in connection with his claim, (2) has not been disqualified or suspended from acting as a representative in proceedings before the Social Security Administration, and (3) is not, pursuant to any provision of law, otherwise prohibited from acting as a representative, may be appointed as a representative in accordance with § 410.684.

[36 FR 23760, Dec. 14, 1971, as amended at 37 FR 17707, Aug. 30, 1972]

§ 410.686 Authority of representative.

A representative, appointed and qualified as provided in §§ 410.684 and 410.685, may make or give, on behalf of the party he represents, any request or notice relative to any proceeding before the Administration under part B of title IV of the Act, including reconsideration, hearing and review, except that such representative may not execute a claim for benefits, unless he is a person designated in § 410.222 as authorized to execute a claim. A representative shall be entitled to present or elicit evidence and allegations as to facts and law in any proceeding affecting the party he represents and to obtain information with respect to the claim of such party to the same extent as such party. Notice to any party of any administrative action, determination, or decision, or request to any party for the production of evidence may be sent to the representative of such party, and such notice or request shall have the same force and effect as if it had been sent to the party represented. (For fees to representatives for services

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performed before the Administration for an individual, see § 410.686b.)

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§ 410.686a Proceedings before a State or Federal court.

(a) *Representation of claimant in court proceeding.* Any service rendered by any representative in any proceeding before any State or Federal court shall not be considered services in any proceeding before the Social Security Administration for purposes of §§ 410.686 and 410.686b. However, if the representative has also rendered services in connection with the claim in any proceeding before the Administration, as defined in § 410.686e, he must specify what, if any, amount of the fee he desires to charge is for services performed before the Administration, and if he charges any fee for such services, he must file the petition and furnish all of the information required by § 410.686c(a).

(b) *Attorney fee allowed by a Federal court.* In any case where a Federal court in any proceeding under part B of title IV of the Act renders a judgment favorable to a claimant who was represented before the court by an attorney, and the court, pursuant to section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, allows to the attorney as part of its judgment a fee not in excess of 25 percent of the total of past-due benefits to which the claimant is entitled by reason of the judgment, the Administration may certify the amount of such fee for payment to such attorney out of, but not in addition to, the amount of the past-due benefits payable (see § 410.686d(a)). No other fee may be certified for direct payment to such attorney for such representation.

(c) *Past-due benefits defined.* The term *past-due benefits* as used in paragraph (b) of this section means the total accumulated amount of benefits payable under part B of title IV of the Act by reason of the court's judgment through the month prior to the month of the judgment favorable to the claimant who was represented by the attorney.

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