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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses
(General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003**

Made - - - - - *16th June 2003*
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Coming into force - - *6th October 2003*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 138(1)(a) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(b), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 6th October 2003.

Amendment of regulation 7A of the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 1987

2. In regulation 7A(5)(b) of the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 1987 (amount of funeral payment)(c), where the sum “£100” appears there shall be substituted the sum “£120”.

Transitional provision

3. Where, in respect of a death which occurs before 6th October 2003, a claim is made for funeral expenses from the social fund, regulation 2 shall not have effect with respect to that claim.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Maria Eagle
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Work and Pensions

16th June 2003

(a) 1992 c. 4; section 138(4) is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”.

(b) See section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).

(c) S.I. 1987/481; regulation 7A was inserted by S.I. 1997/792 and has been amended by S.I. 1997/2538, 1999/3266 and 2003/471.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/481 as amended) in so far as those Regulations relate to claims for payment of funeral expenses.

In particular, regulation 2 amends regulation 7A(5)(b) of those Regulations so as to increase the amount of the cap on the residuary category of funeral expenses which may be met out of the social fund, where items and services have been provided on the death of the deceased under a pre-paid funeral plan, from £100 to £120 in respect of deaths which occur on or after 6th October 2003.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.

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