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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General)
Amendment Regulations 2003**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>27th February 2003</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>6th March 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>7th April 2003</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon 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 Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 7th April 2003.

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

2. In regulation 7A(2)(g) and (5)(b) of the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 1987 (amount of funeral payment)(c), in each place where the sum “£600” appears there shall be substituted the sum “£700”.

Transitional provision

3. Where, in respect of a death which occurs before 7th April 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.

27th February 2003

Malcolm Wicks
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Work and Pensions

(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 and 1999/3266.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

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(2)(g) 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 from £600 to £700 in respect of deaths which occur on or after 7th April 2003.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.

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