
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Social Security (Infected Blood and Thalidomide) Regulations 2017

Amendments to the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006

- 6.—(1) The Housing Benefit Regulations 2006⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—
- (a) in the appropriate place insert—
- ““approved blood scheme” means a scheme established or approved by the Secretary of State, or trust established with funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the purpose of providing compensation in respect of a person having been infected from contaminated blood products;”;
- (b) in the definition of “qualifying person”, after “the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme” insert “, an approved blood scheme”.
- (3) In each of the following provisions, after “the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme” insert “, an approved blood scheme”—
- (a) regulation 42(7)(a) (notional income);
- (b) regulation 46(6) (income treated as capital);
- (c) regulation 49(4)(a) (notional capital);
- (d) regulation 74(9)(b) (non-dependant deductions);
- (e) paragraph 35(1) and (7) of Schedule 5 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings);
- (f) paragraphs 24(1) and (7) and 34 of Schedule 6 (capital to be disregarded).
- (4) In regulation 74, after sub-paragraph (9)(c) insert—
- “(d) any payment made under or by a trust, established for the purpose of giving relief and assistance to disabled persons whose disabilities were caused by the fact that during their mother’s pregnancy she had taken a preparation containing the drug known as Thalidomide, and which is approved by the Secretary of State.”.
- (5) In regulation 86(4)(a)(ii) (evidence and information), omit “, the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme”.
- (6) In Schedule 6, after paragraph 62 add—
- “**63.** Any payment made under or by a trust, established for the purpose of giving relief and assistance to disabled persons whose disabilities were caused by the fact that during their mother’s pregnancy she had taken a preparation containing the drug known as Thalidomide, and which is approved by the Secretary of State.”.

(1) S.I. 2006/213. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2007/2868, 2008/2767 and 3157, 2010/641, 2011/2425, 2013/591 and 2017/329, 422 and 689.

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