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as of the date of mailing. The date appearing on the postmark (when available and legible) shall be prima facie evidence of the date of mailing. If there is no postmark or it is not legible, other evidence may be used to establish the mailing date.

[36 FR 23752, Dec. 14, 1971, as amended at 37 FR 20637, Sept. 30, 1972]

§ 410.228 Requests and notices to be in writing.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, any request to the Administration for a determination or a decision relating to a person's right to benefits, the withdrawal of a claim, the cancellation of a request for such withdrawal, or any notice provided for pursuant to the regulations in this part 410, shall be in writing and shall be signed by the person authorized to execute a claim under § 410.222.

§ 410.229 When written statement is considered a claim; general.

(a) *Written statement filed by claimant on his own behalf.* Where an individual files a written statement with the Administration (see § 410.227) which indicates an intention to claim benefits, and such statement bears his signature or his mark properly witnessed, the filing of such written statement, unless otherwise indicated by the regulations in this part, shall be considered to be the filing of a claim for benefits: *Provided, That:*

(1) The claimant or a proper party on his behalf (see § 410.222) executes a prescribed application form (see § 410.221) that is filed with the Administration during the claimant's lifetime and within the period prescribed in paragraph (c)(1) of this section; or

(2) In the case of a claimant who dies prior to the filing of such prescribed application form within the period prescribed in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, a prescribed application form is filed with the Administration within the period prescribed in paragraph (c)(2) of this section by a party acting on behalf of the deceased claimant's estate.

(b) *Written statement filed by individual on behalf of another.* A written statement filed by an individual which indicates an intention to claim benefits on

behalf of another person shall, unless otherwise indicated thereon, be considered to be the filing of a claim for such purposes: *Provided, That:*

(1) The written statement bears the signature (or mark properly witnessed) of the individual filing the statement; and

(2) The individual filing the statement is the spouse of the claimant on whose behalf the statement is being filed, or a proper party to execute a claim on behalf of a claimant as determined by § 410.222; and

(3) Except as specified in § 410.230, a prescribed application form (see § 410.221) is executed and filed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) (1) or (2) of this section.

(c) *Period within which prescribed application form must be filed.* After the Administration has received from an individual a written statement as described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section:

(1) Notice in writing shall be sent to the claimant or to the individual who submitted the written statement on his behalf, stating that an initial determination will be made with respect to such written statement if a prescribed application form executed by the claimant or by a proper party on his behalf (see § 410.222), is filed with the Administration within 6 months from the date of such notice; or

(2) If the Administration is notified that the death of such claimant occurred before the mailing of the notice described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, or within the 6-month period following the mailing of such notice but before the filing of a prescribed application form by or on behalf of such individual, notification in writing shall be sent to a person acting on behalf of his estate, or to the deceased's last known address. Such notification will include information that an initial determination with respect to such written statement will be made only if a prescribed application form is filed within 6 months from the date of such notification.

(3) If, after the notice as described in this paragraph (c) has been sent, a prescribed application form is not filed (in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this section) within

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the applicable period prescribed in paragraph (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this section, it will be deemed that the filing of the written statement to which such notice refers is not to be considered the filing of a claim for the purposes set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

[36 FR 23752, Dec. 14, 1971, as amended at 39 FR 41525, Nov. 29, 1974]

§ 410.230 Written statement filed by or for a miner on behalf of a member of his family.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 410.229, the Social Security Administration will take no action with respect to a written statement filed by or for a miner on behalf of a member of his family until such miner's death. At such time, the provisions of § 410.229 shall apply as if such miner's claim on behalf of a member of his family had been filed on the day of the miner's death. However, for purposes of paying benefits to an otherwise entitled survivor of a miner, such written statement will be considered to be a valid claim for benefits (see §§ 410.210(c) and 410.212(a)(2)) where such member of his family qualified as a dependent for purposes of augmentation of the miner's benefits prior to his death. In such case the member of his family is not required to file a prescribed application form (see § 410.221) with the Social Security Administration (see § 410.229(b)). Nevertheless, the survivor beneficiary may be required to furnish supplemental information within 6 months of notification to do so. If such beneficiary fails to furnish the information requested within 6 months of notice to do so, benefits may be suspended, after notice of such proposed action and opportunity to be heard is provided the beneficiary. A subsequent determination to suspend benefits shall be an initial determination (see § 410.610).

[39 FR 41525, Nov. 29, 1974]

§ 410.231 Time limits for filing claims.

(a) A claim by or on behalf of a miner must be filed on or before December 31, 1973, and when so filed, is a claim for benefits under part B of title IV of the Act. (See § 410.227 for when a claim is considered to have been filed. See also § 410.202(c) for the duration of entitle-

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ment to benefits of a miner based on a claim for such benefits which is filed after June 30, 1973, and before January 1, 1974.)

(b) In the case of a miner who was entitled to benefits for the month before the month of his death, or died in the first month for which he met all the requirements for entitlement (see § 410.226), a claim for benefits by or on behalf of the widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a miner must be filed by December 31, 1973, or within 6 months after the miner's death, whichever is later. When so filed, it constitutes a claim for benefits under part B of title IV of the Act.

(c) In the case of a miner who was not entitled to benefits for the month before the month of his death, and whose death occurred prior to January 1, 1974, a claim for benefits by or on behalf of the widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a miner must be filed by December 31, 1973, or, in the case of the death of a miner occurring after June 30, 1973, and before January 1, 1974, within 6 months of such miner's death. When so filed, it constitutes a claim for benefits under part B of title IV of the Act.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, if a widow established entitlement to benefits under this part (see § 410.210), a claim by or on behalf of a surviving child of a miner or of such widow, must be filed within 6 months after the death of such miner or of such widow, or by December 31, 1973, whichever is the later.

[37 FR 20637, Sept. 30, 1972]

§ 410.232 Withdrawal of a claim.

(a) *Before adjudication of claim.* A claimant (or an individual who is authorized to execute a claim on his behalf under § 410.222), may withdraw his previously filed claim provided that:

(1) He files a written request for withdrawal.

(2) The claimant is alive at the time the request for withdrawal is filed,

(3) The Administration approves the request for withdrawal, and

(4) The request for withdrawal is filed on or before the date the Administration makes a determination on the claim.