

§ 410.670

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§ 410.670 Review by Appeals Council.

Where an Administrative Law Judge has determined the matter of extending the time for filing such request (whether he has allowed or denied the request for such extension), the Appeals Council on its own motion may review such determination and either affirm or reverse it. In connection with this review, the Appeals Council may consider whatever additional evidence relevant to this request a party may wish to present.

§ 410.670a Judicial review.

A civil action may be commenced in a district court of the United States with respect to a decision of the Appeals Council, or to a decision of the Administrative Law Judge (formerly called *hearing examiner*) where the request for review of such decision is denied by the Appeals Council, as provided in section 205 (g) and (h) of the Social Security Act, as incorporated by section 413(b) of the Act.

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§ 410.670b Interim provision for the adjudication of certain claims filed prior to May 19, 1972.

(a) *General.* Section 6 of the Black Lung Benefits Act of 1972 added a section 431 to title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 which requires the Commissioner to review, under the terms of the 1972 amendments, all claims for benefits which were filed prior to May 19, 1972 (the date of enactment of the 1972 amendments), and which were either pending before the Administration on that date, or which had been previously disallowed. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, and in keeping with the objective of providing for effective and expeditious processing of the large backlog of claims that have to be reexamined under the 1972 amendments, all such claims for benefits will be adjudicated under the terms of the amended Act in accordance with this section.

(b) *Cases remanded by the Federal courts.* (1) Those claims described in paragraph (a) of this section which are remanded to the Commissioner by the

Federal courts are reviewed in the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.

(2) A decision will be rendered by an Administrative Law Judge (formerly called *hearing examiner*) in all such claims which can be allowed under the 1972 amendments on the evidence then of record. Such decision shall be considered the Administrative Law Judge's decision referred to in § 410.654, and a party to the decision may request review thereof by the Appeals Council in accordance with §§ 410.660 and 410.661.

(3) A copy of such Administrative Law Judge's decision shall be mailed to such party at his last known address. The date of mailing of such decision will replace the date of any prior notice of an initial determination for purposes of § 410.672.

(4) Those claims described in paragraph (a) of this section which are remanded to the Commissioner by the Federal courts and which cannot be allowed in the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals under the 1972 amendments on the evidence then of record, shall be remanded to the Administration's Bureau of Disability Insurance for a new determination.

(c) *Claims pending in the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.* (1) Those claims described in paragraph (a) of this section which are pending before an Administrative Law Judge or the Appeals Council and which can be allowed under the 1972 amendments on the evidence then of record will be decided by an Administrative Law Judge or the Appeals Council, and this decision will constitute the decision referred to in § 410.654 or § 410.665(c).

(2) A copy of such Administrative Law Judge's decision shall be mailed to such party at his last known address. The date of mailing of such decision will replace the date of any prior notice of an initial determination for purposes of § 410.672. Such claims pending before an Administrative Law Judge or the Appeals Council which cannot be allowed under the 1972 amendments on the evidence then of record shall be remanded to the Administration's Bureau of Disability Insurance for a new determination.

(d) *Claims pending in, or remanded to the Bureau of Disability Insurance.* (1)