

§ 410.686e

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(ii) The amount of attorney's fee set by the Social Security Administration, or

(iii) The amount agreed upon between the attorney and the claimant.

(2) *Persons other than attorneys.* The Administration assumes no responsibility for the payment of any fee which a representative as defined in § 410.685(b) (person other than an attorney) has been authorized to charge in accordance with the provisions of § 410.686b and will not deduct such fee from benefits payable under the Act to any beneficiary.

(c) *Responsibility of the Social Security Administration.* The Social Security Administration assumes no responsibility for the payment of a fee based on a revised determination where the request for administrative review was not filed timely. (See paragraph (b) of this section for payment of attorney fees authorized by the Social Security Administration.)

[37 FR 17708, Aug. 30, 1972, as amended at 41 FR 10426, Mar. 11, 1976]

§ 410.686e Services rendered for an individual in a proceeding before the Administration under part B of title IV of the Act.

Services rendered for an individual in a proceeding before the Administration under part B of title IV of the Act consist of services performed for an individual in connection with any claim before SSA under part B of title IV of the Act, including any services in connection with any asserted right calling for an initial or reconsidered determination by the Administration, and a decision or action by a hearing examiner or by the Appeals Council of the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals of the Administration, whether such determination, decision, or action is rendered before or after remand of a claim by a court. Such services include, but are not limited to, services in connection with a claim for benefits; a request for modification of the amount of benefits; the reinstatement of benefits; proof of support; and proof of employment as a coal miner.

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§ 410.687 Rules governing the representation and advising of claimants and parties.

No attorney or other representative shall:

(a) With intent to defraud, in any matter willfully and knowingly deceive, mislead, or threaten by word, circular, letter, or advertisement, either oral or written, or any claimant or prospective claimant or beneficiary with respect to benefits or any other initial or continued right under the Act; or

(b) Knowingly charge or collect, or make any agreement to charge or collect, directly or indirectly, any fee in connection with any claim except under the circumstances prescribed in § 410.686b, or knowingly charge, demand, receive, or collect for services rendered before a Federal court in connection with a claim under part B of title IV of the Act, any amount in excess of that allowed by a court as described in § 410.686a(b).

(c) Knowingly make or participate in the making or presentation of any false statement, representation, or claim as to any material fact affecting the right of any person to benefits under part B of title IV of the Act, or as to the amount of any benefits; or

(d) Divulge, except as may be authorized by regulations now or hereafter prescribed by the Commissioner, any information furnished or disclosed to him by the Administration relating to the claim or prospective claim of another person (see § 410.120).

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§ 410.687a Effective date.

The provisions of §§ 410.686a, 410.686b, 410.686c, 410.686d, and 410.686e, shall be effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (8-31-72), with respect to all claims processed thereafter, and shall apply to all legal services rendered in connection with those claims for which a fee has not been fully paid before this effective date, notwithstanding the fact that fee contracts for such services may have been entered into, or services rendered, before this effective date.

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