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farthest point within the appropriate geographic area. In determining the maximum amount allowable for travel between these two points, we or the State agency apply the rules in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section and the limitations in paragraph (d) (1) and (4) of this section. If the distance between these two points does not exceed 75 miles, we or the State agency will not reimburse any of your representative's travel expenses.

(4) If a change in the location of the hearing is made at your request from the location we or the State agency selected to one farther from your residence or office, neither your additional travel expenses nor the additional travel expenses of your representative and witnesses will be reimbursed.

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**§416.1499 When and how to claim reimbursement.**

(a)(1) Generally, you will be reimbursed for your expenses after your trip. However, travel advances may be authorized if you request prepayment and show that the requested advance is reasonable and necessary.

(2) You must submit to us or the State agency, as appropriate, an itemized list of what you spent and supporting receipts to be reimbursed.

(3) Arrangements for special means of transportation and related unusual costs may be made only if we or the State agency authorizes the costs in writing in advance of travel, unless the costs are unexpected or unavoidable. If they are unexpected or unavoidable we or the State agency must determine their reasonableness and necessity and must approve them before payment may be made.

(4) If you receive prepayment, you must, within 20 days after your trip, provide to us or the State agency, as appropriate, an itemized list of your actual travel costs and submit supporting receipts. We or the State agency will require you to pay back any balance of the advanced amount that exceeds any approved travel expenses within 20 days after you are notified of the amount of that balance. (State agencies may have their own time lim-

its in place of the 20-day periods in the preceding two sentences.)

(b) You may claim reimbursable travel expenses incurred by your representative for which you have been billed by your representative, except that if your representative makes a claim for them to us or the State, he or she will be reimbursed directly.

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**Subpart O—Representation of Parties**

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**§416.1500 Introduction.**

You may appoint someone to represent you in any of your dealings with us. This subpart explains, among other things—

- (a) Who may be your representative and what his or her qualifications must be;
- (b) How you appoint a representative;
- (c) The payment of fees to a representative;
- (d) Our rules that representatives must follow; and
- (e) What happens to a representative who breaks the rules.

**§416.1503 Definitions.**

As used in this subpart:

*Representative* means an attorney who meets all of the requirements of §416.1505(a), or a person other than an attorney who meets all of the requirements of §416.1505(b), and whom you appoint to represent you in dealings with us.

*We, our, or us* refers to the Social Security Administration (SSA).

*You or your* refers to any person or the eligible spouse of any person claiming or receiving supplemental security income benefits.

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