§ 410.679 Finality of findings with respect to other claims for benefits based on the disability or death of a miner.

Findings of fact made in a determination or decision in a claim by one party for benefits may be revised in determining or deciding another claim for benefits based on the disability or death of the same miner, even though such findings may not be revised in the former claim because of the provisions of § 410.672.

§ 410.680 Imposition of reductions.

The imposition of reductions constitutes an initial determination with respect to each month for which a reduction is imposed. A finding that a reduction is not to be imposed is an initial determination for each month with respect to which the circumstances upon which such finding was based remain unchanged. The suspension of benefits, pending a determination as to the applicability of a deduction equivalent to the amount of a deduction because of excess earnings under section 203(b) of the Social Security Act shall not, however, constitute an initial determination (see § 410.615(a)).

§ 410.681 Change of ruling or legal precedent.

Good cause shall be deemed not to exist where the sole basis for reopening the determination or decision is a change of legal interpretation or administrative ruling upon which such determination or decision was made.

§ 410.682 General applicability.

The provisions of §§ 410.672, 410.673, and 410.679 to 410.681, inclusive, shall be applicable notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this subpart F.

§ 410.683 Certification of payment; determination or decision providing for payment.

When a determination or decision has been made under any provision of §§ 410.610 to 410.678, inclusive, to the effect that a payment or payments of benefits should be made to any person, the Administration shall, except as hereafter provided, certify to the U.S. Treasury Department the name and address of the person to be paid, the amount of the payment or payments and the time at which such payment or payments should be made.

§ 410.683a [Reserved]

§ 410.683b Transfer or assignment.

The Administration shall not certify any amount for payment to an assignee or transferee of the person entitled to such payment under the Act, nor shall the Administration certify such amount for payment to any person claiming such payment by virtue of an execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process or by virtue of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding against or affecting the person entitled to the payment under the Act.

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§ 410.684 Representation of party; appointment of representative.

A party in an action leading to an initial or reconsidered determination, hearing, or review, as provided in §§ 410.610 to 410.678, inclusive, may appoint as his representative in any such proceeding only an individual who is qualified under § 410.685 to act as a representative. Where the individual appointed by a party to represent him is not an attorney, written notice of the appointment must be given, signed by the party appointing the representative, and accepted by the representative appointed. The notice of appointment shall be filed at an office of the Administration, with a hearing examiner, or with the Appeals Council of the Administration, as the case may be. Where the representative appointed is an attorney, in the absence of information to the contrary, his representation that he has such authority, shall be accepted as evidence of the attorney’s authority to represent a party.

§ 410.685 Qualifications of representative.

(a) Attorney. Any attorney in good standing who (1) is admitted to practice before a court of a State, territory,