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**2020 No. 405**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment (Coronavirus)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2020**

*Made* - - - - - *6th April 2020*

*Laid before Parliament* *7th April 2020*

*Coming into force* - - *8th April 2020*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 138(1)(a) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a).

In accordance with section 173(1)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(b), it appears to the Secretary of State that by reason of the urgency of this matter it is inexpedient to refer the proposals in respect of these Regulations to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 8th April 2020.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales only.

**Amendments to the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 2005**

**2.** In the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 2005(c), in regulation 9 (amount of funeral payment)—

- (a) in paragraph (3)(g), for “£700” substitute “£1,000”; and
- (b) in paragraph (10)(b), for “£700” substitute “£1,000”.

**Transitional provision**

**3.** The amendments made by regulation 2 only apply to claims in respect of a death that occurs on or after 8th April 2020.

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(a) 1992 c. 4. In section 138, sub-section (1) was substituted by section 70(1) of the Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14) and sub-section (1)(a) was amended by Part 8 of Schedule 14 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5). Section 138(4) is cited for the meaning of “prescribed”. Section 175(1) was amended by section 2 of, and Schedule 3, paragraph 29(1) and (2), to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2) and section 175(4) was amended by paragraph 29(1) and (4) of that Schedule.

(b) 1992 c. 5.

(c) S.I. 2005/3061.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

6th April 2020

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3061) to increase the amount paid for expenses additional to those listed in the Regulations from £700 to £1,000 for deaths which occur on or after 8th April 2020.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, public or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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