

Decision Makers Guide

Volume 7: Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support

Amended Chapters for February 2020: Summary of changes

Chapter 39: Social Fund payments

Incorporates Memos DMG 18/18 (Best Start Grants), 12/19 (Funeral Support Payments) and 10/19 (Children's Funeral Fund for England); removes paragraphs 39024 & 39025 dealing with SSMG claims made before 13.08.2012, and also Appendix 6; clarifies the time for claiming a SSMG and the advance claim provision – paragraphs 39028 & 39029; clarifies the time for claiming a SFFP and the advance claim provision – paragraphs 39132 to 39133; clarifies that a signed contract or estimate is evidence that a person has entered into a contract with a funeral director – paragraph 39137.

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