



# Social Security Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 14

### PART I

#### DECISIONS AND APPEALS

### CHAPTER II

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DECISIONS AND APPEALS

##### *Medical examinations*

#### **19 Medical examination required by Secretary of State**

- (1) Before making a decision on a claim for a relevant benefit, or as to a person's entitlement to such a benefit <sup>F1</sup>... , the Secretary of State may refer the person—
  - (a) in respect of whom the claim is made; or
  - (b) whose entitlement is at issue,to a [<sup>F2</sup>health care professional approved by the Secretary of State] for such examination and report as appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary for the purpose of providing him with information for use in making the decision.
- (2) Subsection (3) below applies where—
  - (a) the Secretary of State has exercised the power conferred on him by subsection (1) above; and
  - (b) the [<sup>F3</sup>health care professional approved by the Secretary of State] requests the person referred to him to attend for or submit himself to medical examination.
- (3) If the person fails without good cause to comply with the request, the Secretary of State shall make the decision against him.

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 19(1) repealed (1.4.1999) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 28(3), Sch. 7 para. 30, **Sch. 10 Pt. 1** (with Sch. 8); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2(b), Sch. 2 (with arts. 3-6)
- F2** Words in s. 19(1) substituted (3.7.2007) by [Welfare Reform Act 2007 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 62(2)**, 70(1)
- F3** Words in s. 19(2)(b) substituted (3.7.2007) by [Welfare Reform Act 2007 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 62(2)**, 70(1)

### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 19 in force at 5.7.1999 for specified purposes by [S.I. 1999/1958](#), art. 2(1)(b), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5, Sch. 12)
- I2** S. 19 in force at 6.9.1999 for specified purposes by [S.I. 1999/2422](#), art. 2(c), **Sch. 1** (with art. 4, Sch. 14)
- I3** S. 19 in force at 5.10.1999 for specified purposes by [S.I. 1999/2739](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3, Sch. 2)
- I4** S. 19 in force at 18.10.1999 for specified purposes by [S.I. 1999/2860](#), art. 2(c), **Sch. 1** (with art. 4, Schs. 16-18)
- I5** S. 19 in force at 29.11.1999 for specified purposes by [S.I. 1999/3178](#), art. 2(1)(a)(2), **Sch. 1** (with art. 4, Schs. 21-23)

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