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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 1686**

**The Social Security (Medical Evidence, Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1989**

**Amendment of regulation 5 of the Medical Evidence Regulations**

**2.** For paragraph (1) of regulation 5 of the Medical Evidence Regulations (self-certificate for first 7 days of a spell of incapacity for work) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(1) Where a person claims sickness or invalidity benefit or severe disablement allowance, the evidence of incapacity required for the purpose of determining his right to benefit—

- (a) for a spell of incapacity which lasts less than 8 days, or
  - (b) in respect of any of the first 7 days of a longer spell of incapacity;
- may consist of a self certificate instead of a certificate in the form of a statement in writing given by a doctor in accordance with regulation 2(1).”.