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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**NO. R. 511****06 MAY 2016****SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 13 OF 2004)****AMENDMENT: REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR AND
PAYMENT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND THE REQUIREMENTS OR
CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Minister of Social Development has, in terms of section 32 of the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No. 13 of 2004), and with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, made the regulations in the Schedule.

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Amendment of Regulation 21 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 21 of the Regulations is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for sub-regulation (1) of the following sub-regulation:

21 Method of payment of social assistance

“(1) The Agency shall pay a social grant -

(a) **[electronic transfers]** into a[n] bank account of the beneficiary or institution where the beneficiary resides **[,subject to written authorization by the beneficiary];** provided that,

(i) the beneficiary of the social grant consents to payment in accordance with sub regulation 21 (1) (a) in writing and has submitted such consent in person to the Agency;

(ii) where a beneficiary is unable to submit the consent contemplated in sub paragraph (i) in person, alternative arrangements must be made with the Agency;

or,

(b) **[manual payments at a designated place]** by the payment method determined by the Agency;

(b) by the addition of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation (3) of the Regulations:

“(4) The method of payment contemplated in sub- regulation 1 (b) shall not allow for any deductions, except for deductions allowed for in terms of the Act.”

Amendment of regulation 26A of the Regulations

3. the following Regulation 26A is hereby substituted for Regulation 26A of the

Regulations:

"Circumstances under which a deduction may be made directly from a social grant

"(1) The Agency may allow only one deduction per month not exceeding 10 percent of the value of the beneficiary's social grant for a funeral policy issued by an insurer registered under the Long-term Insurance Act, 1998 (Act No. 52 of 1998) to be made directly from a social grant where--

(a) the beneficiary of the social grant consents to such deduction in writing and has submitted such consent in person to the Agency;

(b) a beneficiary is unable to submit the consent contemplated in paragraph (a) in person, alternative arrangements must be made with the Agency.

(2) Despite sub-regulation (1) no deduction may be made in respect of a—

(a) foster child grant;

(b) care dependency grant;

(c) child support grant; and

(d) social grant awarded for a period not exceeding twelve months.

(3) Active deductions for a funeral insurance or a funeral scheme from social grants that are excluded in terms of sub-regulation (2), may continue to be deducted from a social grant for a period not exceeding six months following publication of these Regulations to allow the beneficiaries and financial service providers to make alternative

payment arrangements.

Commencement

4. These Regulations will come into effect on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.