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TOPIC: Death Claims May Now be Filed with Copies of Death Certificate

Effective November 1, 2007, LOSFA permits lenders to file death claims with an accurate and complete photocopy of the original or certified copy of the borrower's death certificate. This change is in accordance with new federal student loan regulations published by the U.S. Department of Education on November 1, 2007. The change in regulations has an effective date of July 1, 2008, with the provision that it may be implemented as early as November 1, 2007.

Prior regulations required an original death certificate with claim filing documentation. This change in Federal Regulations will ease the difficulty family members often experienced in providing an original death certificate.

Questions regarding this procedure change should be directed to Gwen Johnson, Claims Administrator at (225) 922-1072 or gjohnson@osfa.state.la.us.