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Claimant, who had mislaid her claim form for attendance allowance, thought it could be sent in at any time. Claim disallowed.

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1. My decision is that the claimant is disqualified for receiving the attendance allowance which she has claimed.

2. The claimant was confined on 16th July, 1948. Attendance allowance is payable for four weeks beginning with the date of confinement, but the claimant did not claim it until 28th August, 1948. When asked " why ? " she replied that the form " got mislaid and not feeling too grand in health I thought the form would be all right and you could send it in any time." She has since added that she was in bed for over two weeks and that although her husband filled in the form (which is dated 21st July, 1948) for her, he did not post it.

3. By reason of the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1948 [S.I. 1948, No. 1041] Regulation 11 she cannot obtain attendance allowance in respect of any period more than 10 days before the date on which her claim was made, unless there was good cause for her failure to make her claim before the date on which it was made.

4. The reason for her neglect to claim before 28th August was not the fact that she was in bed for " over two weeks " after her child was born, but the fact that the claim was mislaid and she did not realise the importance of claiming punctually. That is not good cause for failure to make a claim and, accordingly, she is not entitled to any attendance allowance, because the four weeks from the date of her confinement expired more than 10 days before 28th August.

5. I must allow the Insurance Officer's appeal.

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