

**Effective Dates: 09/06/2013 - Present**

**BASIC (08-13)**

**GN 00210.001 Windsor Same-Sex Marriage Claims—  
Introduction**

On June 26, 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *United States v. Windsor*. Because of the decision, we are no longer prohibited from recognizing same-sex marriages for purposes of determining benefits. Consequently, all claims that are filed on or after June 26, 2013, or that were pending final determination at the time of the decision, will be subject to Windsor instructions.

We are working with the Department of Justice to interpret the Windsor decision. We will post policy-related answers and accompanying procedures in GN 00210.000 on a flow basis.

Please send questions about managing claims related to the Windsor decision to: [Windsor.Policy.Questions@ssa.gov](mailto:Windsor.Policy.Questions@ssa.gov)

Please check the PolicyNet Daily Posting regarding additional claims that can be processed immediately.

Continue to hold any same-sex marriage claims for which instructions have not yet been issued, as set out in [GN 00210.005](#).