

Department of Labor's Presentation to the NIOSH Advisory Board



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Occupational Illness Compensation Program

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DEEOIC Claim Intake

Work Load Measures

10/01/2023 through 07/25/2024

Claims Received	13,364
New Claimant(s)	2,988
Consequential Illnesses	21,679
Cases Referred to NIOSH	3,221
Cases Returned from NIOSH	2,896
Probability of Causation Calculations	13,518

Comprehensive Program Statistics

Date as of 07/29/2024

Statistical data updated weekly on Mondays

Combined Part B and E Summary

Combined Part B and E	Claims	Cases
Applications Filed	355,138	240,414*
Total Compensation Paid - Payments	147,073	110,409

Compensation Type	Amount
Total Compensation Dollars Paid	\$15,004,959,600
Total Medical Bills Paid – Total Dollars	<i>\$11,526,281,585</i>
Total Compensation + Medical Bills Paid	\$26,531,241,185

*The above numbers of applications filed represent **143,634** unique individual workers.

Fiscal 2024 Payment Data

FY24 2nd and 3rd Quarter Payment Summary Information

Period	Part B RECA \$100K Payments	Part B RECA Supplemental \$50K Payments	Part E Compensation	Part B Non RECA Compensation
2nd QTR	\$1,330,833	\$1,063,015	\$135,750,748	\$64,683,690
3rd QTR	\$2,916,666	\$1,302,976	\$134,610,365	\$54,387,023

Period	B/EB Medical Bills	E Medical Bills	Period	Compensation Cumulative Total
2nd QTR	\$349,957,103	\$106,764,971	2nd QTR	\$659,550,363
3rd QTR	\$402,695,470	\$128,868,467	3rd QTR	\$724,780,970

Outreach

Upcoming In-Person Outreach 2024

Location	Event Type	Date
Livermore, CA	DEEOIC Outreach Event	Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Gallup, NM	JOTG Outreach Event	Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Grants, NM	JOTG Outreach Event	Wednesday, September 11, 2024
Albuquerque, NM	JOTG Outreach Event	Thursday, September 12, 2024

- Staff from the DEEOIC Outreach & Customer Experience Unit are seeking input from Joint Outreach Task Group agencies and researching available data to develop a 2025 in-person outreach plan.
- Once finalized, the 2025 in-person outreach locations and dates will be posted on the [Outreach and Events](#) web page.

Outreach - Webinars

- DEEOIC webinar series, which originated shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic started, is a successful means of engaging and informing DEEOIC stakeholders.
- Webinars typically take place monthly from January through October.
 - Remaining 2024 topics include Learn About Who You're working with at DEEOIC, Covered Conditions, and an Overview of the Claims Process.
- Survey data from webinar attendees is used to develop topics and make improvements.
- Webinar dates, topics, and presentations can be found on our [Outreach and Events](#) web page. Topics for 2025 webinars will be posted later this year.
- To stay up-to-date on DEEOIC outreach events, webinars, and receive updates about the program, join our [email distribution list](#).

Program Updates (1 of 2)

Beryllium (Be) Sensitivity Criteria Update:

- On December 22, 2023, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was signed into law. This new law includes a statutory change to the EEOICPA, in relation to the establishment of beryllium sensitivity.
- In addition to the existing statutory provisions, beryllium sensitivity can now also be established by submitting three borderline beryllium lymphocyte proliferation test (BeLPT) or beryllium lymphocyte transformation test (BeLTT) performed on blood cells that are conducted over a period of three years.
- EEOICPA Bulletin No. 24-01 was released on January 30, 2024, to update procedures to align to the new statutory provision for establishing claims for beryllium sensitivity.
- DEEOIC has identified 1,153 previously denied claims potentially affected by this change in criteria and is currently in the process of developing/reopening these claims, as necessary. 7 claims found to date likely meet new standard with 76% of reviews complete.

Program Updates (2 of 2)

Additional Policy Updates:

- NIOSH_IREP version upgraded to v.6.0.
- Form OWCP-957 is being replaced by Form OWCP-957 Part A: Medical Travel Refund Request – Mileage; and OWCP-957 Part B: Medical Travel Refund Request – Expenses.
- OMB has cleared new Form EE-1A: Claim for Consequential Illness Benefits, to be implemented in the coming months.
- Medical benefit management continues to be a focus of program resource allocation with a total of 56 Medical Benefit Examiners and 4 Supervisors handling claims for ancillary medical benefits (i.e., home health care, rehabilitation services, durable medical equipment and home modifications).

DEEOIC Resources

- [Energy Compensation Workers Program Website](#)
 - Contact Info, About Energy Workers Program, Provider Enrollment Information, How-to Guides, Outreach & Events, Featured Stories, Latest Program Highlights, Procedure Manual, Statistics and Public Reading Room, Program Guidance and Resources.
- [Resource Centers](#)
 - Contracted through DOL to provide cost-free assistance to stakeholders.
 - Assist with eligibility questions, claims filing, forms, medical benefits, medical reimbursement, provider enrollment, etc.
- [Energy Document Portal](#)
 - File a claim, upload documents to existing case file, complete impairment or wage loss forms, complete benefit payment forms, check status of documents.
- DEEOIC Public Mailbox: DEEOIC-public@dol.gov

Questions and Comments