



Knowing the Difference Between a Medical Diagnosis and Symptoms

To file a **Department of Labor claim for EEOICPA benefits**, you must first receive a definitive diagnosis by a medical doctor. In this issue of CareBeat, we define the difference between symptoms and a medical diagnosis, and why having a thorough diagnosis from your physician is important in the claims process.

What Is A Symptom?

Symptoms are subjective meaning they are determined by the person affected by them. When you go to the doctor with problems, issues or complaints such as shortness of breath, tingling in your feet and legs, headaches, back pain, etc. these are your symptoms.

What Is A Diagnosis?

A **Diagnosis** is an objective explanation of your symptoms usually verified via some form of testing. Your doctor will ask questions and/or order testing (X-rays, CAT scans, lab work, etc.) to diagnose you with specific conditions based on the findings.

Your Diagnosis & Your DOL Claim

Your DOL claim will be based on an actual diagnosis not your self-described symptoms. To file a Department of Labor claim for EEOICPA benefits, you will need to provide office notes and testing results from your medical doctor that show

- the specific diagnosis
- the date your diagnosis was given and
- anything the doctor prescribes

Please see the backside for a list of common diagnoses covered by EEOICPA benefits.

No Cost Claims Assistance from CNS Cares

Our Claims Team can help you obtain the medical information to support your claim at no cost to you. To get started, you simply need to sign a release of information (ROI). This is a legal form allowing our claims team to contact your doctor(s) to get a copy of these records needed to file your Department of Labor claim.

Most of the time, records are provided to an individual free of charge. In certain cases, a facility or practice may charge for releasing your records to an outside firm. If this occurs, our claims team will work with you to secure the records you need.

If you would like more information or to see if you have a qualifying diagnosis to file a Department of Labor claim, we're here to help. You can reach our Care Team at 877-259-1009 at info@CNSCares.com.

WHAT WE DO

CNS Cares provides unparalleled home health care to the American Workforce who want to remain:

Independent
Comfortable
Safe
Confident

CNS Cares will support and care for them and their families every step of the way.

WHO WE ARE

Our people are the heart of CNS Cares. We are honored to care for those who have sacrificed their health for their country. Our patients are heroes, and it's our privilege at CNS Cares to treat them as such – to recognize and value their service by providing them and their families:

Honor
Respect
Care
Service

WHO WE HELP

We provide care to the following patient groups:

Uranium Miners, Millers and Transporters

Nuclear Weapons Plant Employees or Contractors

Workers' Compensation Claims

Veterans of the United States Armed Services

Common Diagnoses Covered by the Department of Labor EEOICPA program.

Cancers:

- Bone cancer
- Renal cancers
- Lung cancer

The following diseases provided onset was at least five years after first exposure:

- Multiple myeloma
- Lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease)
- Primary cancer of the:
 - Bile ducts
 - Brain
 - Breast (female)
 - Breast (male)
 - Colon
 - Esophagus
 - Gall bladder
 - Liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated)
 - Ovary
 - Pancreas
 - Pharynx
 - Salivary gland
 - Small intestine
 - Stomach
 - Thyroid
 - Urinary bladder

Other conditions:

- Chronic Kidney Disease (Job title dependent)
- Neuropathy (Job title dependent)
- Parkinson's (Job title and exposure dependent)
- COPD (Job title dependent)