

Working with a Legal Advocate: What You Need To Know

The first step towards receiving **EEOICPA** health care benefits is to prepare and file a claim with the Department of Labor. This can be a long and complicated process. Thankfully, you have options to help support you in filing your claim. **CNS Cares** provides No Cost Claims Support and we have helped hundreds of former energy workers file successful claims. You may also choose to work with an Authorized Representative or legal advocate to help with a claim. Whichever option you use for filing your claim, you are free to choose any home health care provider you want to work with after your claim is approved.

Authorized Representatives vs. Legal Advocate

An Authorized Representative is any person you authorize to represent you in filing a EEOICPA claim. A Legal Advocate is an attorney you select as an authorized representative.

When to use a Legal Advocate?

You are not required to use a legal advocate to submit your claim. You can file on your own or authorize CNS Cares to help you file your claim at no cost. It is recommended to use a legal advocate in more complicated situations, when there are multiple developments or denials or if you want to have representation during hearings or phone calls with the DOL.

Your Legal Advocate & Your Home Care Provider

Who you choose to provide your care is 100% your choice. An attorney or legal advocate acting as your authorized representative may have an established relationship with a Home Care provider and may encourage you to select them for your care. However, they CANNOT require you to sign up with any specific provider.

Selecting Your Home Care Provider

Your home care is your care and you have the freedom to choose your provider. Before you make a decision, take time to explore your options and determine which provider is best for you and your family's situation. Review our Guides to **Finding Best In Class Home Care** and **Understanding Family Caregiver Benefits** to learn more.

How CNS Cares Can Support Your Legal Advocate

In addition to our No-Cost Claim Services, CNS Cares can work with your legal advocate or any authorized representative to help support your claim.

- We will come to you to help prepare background for your application.
- We will ensure your medical records are complete and ready for filing.
- We can accompany you to key doctor visits and work with your physician to assemble a medical narrative to support your claim.

If you have questions, we're here to help. Contact our Care Team at 877-259-1009 or info@CNSCares.com
Who You Choose Matters. Talk to the Team Who Cares.

At CNS Cares, we understand that personalized care in the familiarity of your home is invaluable, and our team of compassionate nurses is here to support you every step of the way. Our In-Home Health Cares services are a benefit for qualified individuals who have a Department of Labor White Card. We can help you determine if you qualify to receive a White Card and provide support to file your claim.