

## Understanding Impairment Ratings: What Former Energy Workers Need to Know

At CNS Cares, our mission is to support the health and well-being of former energy workers covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). One critical aspect of this support is helping you understand your impairment rating and how it impacts the benefits you receive. In this issue of CareBeat, we discuss what impairment ratings are, why they are important, and how to manage your impairment rating review.

### What Is an Impairment Rating?

An impairment rating is a medical assessment that determines the extent of physical or mental impairment resulting from a work-related illness or injury. The rating is expressed as a percentage, representing the degree of your impairment. For former energy workers, these ratings are vital because they directly affect the benefits you may receive under EEOICPA. Each % represents \$2500 and the maximum amount you can be awarded is \$250,000.

### Why Are Impairment Ratings Important?

Your impairment rating plays a significant role in determining the compensation you are eligible for under EEOICPA. Specifically, it influences the amount of compensation awarded for permanent impairment. The higher the impairment rating, the greater the benefits you may receive. For White Card holders, an impairment rating is a necessity.

### How Often Can You Have Your Impairment Rating Reviewed?

EEOICPA allows former energy workers to request an impairment rating review every two years or if there is another confirmed illness added to their White Card.

### Finding a Certified Impairment Review Provider

To get an accurate impairment rating, you will need to work with a provider certified to conduct these assessments under EEOICPA guidelines. Your CNS Care Manager can assist you in finding a certified impairment physician or doctor.

### How to Schedule Your Impairment Rating Review

Scheduling an impairment rating review is easy and can be handled over the phone.

### We're Here to Help. Talk to the Team Who Cares

At CNS Cares, we are committed to helping former energy workers navigate the complexities of EEOICPA benefits. Whether you need assistance finding a certified impairment review provider or help understanding your benefits, our team is here to support you every step of the way.

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