

Understanding “Unusual” Diagnoses Under EEOICPA: What You Need to Know.

What Are “Unusual” Diagnoses?

Under the EEOICPA, “accepted conditions” are those the Department of Labor (DOL) has officially linked to your covered employment or to a primary, already-approved illness. Illnesses like **diabetes or high blood pressure** are not typically caused directly by radiation or toxic exposure. However, they may be **approved as “consequential conditions.”**

What Is a Consequential Condition?

A *consequential condition* is a health problem that results from an already accepted illness. While every case is unique, here are some examples of conditions sometimes approved as consequential.

Conditions like diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma, hypertension or anxiety can sometimes be covered under your White Card - but only in specific circumstances.

These conditions aren’t approved automatically—they require strong medical evidence.

How Can You Improve the Chances of Getting These Conditions Covered?

If you think a diagnosis is connected to your approved illness, here’s how you can strengthen your case:

1. Request a Doctor’s Letter (Medical Rationale)

Your physician will need to write a letter explaining how the new condition is “consequential”—meaning it’s a direct result of treatment or complications from your approved illness.

2. Submit the Right Paperwork to the DOL

With your doctor’s letter and any supporting medical records, you or your representative can file a Consequential Illness Claim with the DOL.

3. Work with Your Authorized Representative (if you have one)

They can help you prepare and submit a strong case to the DOL on your behalf.

Final Tip: Keep Your Records Updated

Always let your care team know about any new diagnosis, treatment, or changes in your health. The more complete your medical record, the better your chances of receiving all the benefits you’re entitled to.

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