

Your Right to Choose

Empowering You to Make the Most of Your EEOICPA Benefits

As a former DOE Nuclear Energy or Uranium Worker, you earned your EEOICPA benefits through years of dedicated service to our nation's defense. At CNS Cares, we believe it's important for you to clearly understand your rights under this program so you can take full advantage of your benefits and make the choices that are the best for you, your health and your family.

Your Right To Choose Your Home Health Care Provider

One of the greatest DOL White Card benefits is access to no-cost in-home care to help you maintain your health and keep you independent at home. You have the right to select the EEOICPA-enrolled home health care provider that best suits your needs. The DOL will not assign you a provider and an Authorized representative CANNOT dictate which provider you use. Your AR can make recommendations, but ultimately the decision is yours.

Your Home Health Care provider should:

- Be licensed in your state and fully insured
- Have a proven track record for providing high quality in-home care
- Have an experienced team that carefully screens and maintains oversight of their nurses and caregivers
- Provide a designated care professional to develop an individualized plan of care for you along with your physician and your family
- Maintain a consistent, reliable team of nurses and caregivers in your home – and clear communication so you know what to expect
- Be available for emergencies outside of normal business hours
- Actively monitor any changes in your health to ensure you are receiving all the care and White Card benefits you are eligible for
- Meet the highest ethical standards including compliance with federal rules on gifting and solicitation

Bringing care providers into your home is a very personal decision and you should take the time to find the fit that's right for you and your family.

Your Right to Choose Your Doctor and Medical Providers

Once your EEOICPA Claim is approved and you receive your DOL White Card, you will be eligible for no-cost medical benefits including care provided by your primary care physician and other medical providers. You are entitled to:

- Keep your current primary care physician or specialists – as long as they are willing to work within the DOL reimbursement system.
- Choose any qualified providers who specialize in illnesses related to nuclear energy and uranium site exposures.
- Change doctors anytime if your health needs or personal preferences change.

CNS Cares can collaborate with your chosen medical team to make sure you are receiving all the White Card benefits you have earned.

Your Right To Choose How You File Your Claim

- You can file your own claim directly through the Department of Labor completing their required forms and documentation at www.dol.gov/agencies/owcp/energy
- You may also choose to work with an Authorized Representative (AR) to file your claim and communicate with the DOL on your behalf.
- For EEOICPA claims, an AR can be any individual you designate to act on your behalf including a family member, friend or a professional advocate or attorney. For RECA Claims, your AR must be a licensed attorney.
- Professional ARs are compensated 2% of your award settlement for new claims and up to 10% of your award settlement for previously denied claims.

Your Health. Your Home. Your Choice.

Every step of your EEOICPA journey is your decision. You have the right to ask questions, seek second opinions and make changes to your providers and care team whenever you see fit – without putting your benefits in jeopardy. If you every feel pressured to use a certain representative, doctor or home health provider, remember the final choice is always yours.

Who You Choose Matters.

You worked hard to receive your EEOICPA benefits and you deserve to make the most of them. CNS Cares is here to help you make informed decisions that put you and your health first.

Let us help you make sure you receive all the care and benefits you have earned.
Call us at **877-259-9001** or Visit **CNSCares.com** to get started.