

EEOICPA Explained: A Simple Guide

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) was established in July 2001 to provide financial compensation and no-cost medical and healthcare benefits to former nuclear weapons program workers who became ill due to workplace exposures to radiation and toxic substances.

What Is EEOICPA?

EEOICPA stands for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act.

It's a federal program that provides medical care benefits and financial compensation to former Department of Energy (DOE) workers who became ill due to exposure to toxic substances on the job.

Part B vs. Part E: What's the Difference and Why It Matters

EEOICPA has two main parts with unique eligibility requirements and benefits:

Part B

Radiation & Specific Illness:

Part B provides compensation to workers diagnosed with radiation-induced cancer, chronic beryllium disease, beryllium sensitivity, or silicosis.

Compensation:

- ▶ \$150,000 lump-sum payment
- ▶ Full coverage of medical expenses related to covered illnesses

Part E

Toxic Substance Exposure:

Part E covers illnesses caused by exposure to toxic substances such as lung disease, Kidney disease, COPD, neurological conditions, and many other chronic illnesses.

Compensation:

- ▶ Up to \$250,000 in compensation
- ▶ Full coverage of medical expenses related to covered illnesses
- ▶ Possible wage-loss compensation

Why this matters:

Some people qualify for both Part B and Part E, which can significantly increase the level of support they receive.

Who Qualifies? You may qualify if you:

- ✓ Worked at a DOE facility or covered job site
- ✓ Were exposed to toxic or radioactive materials
- ✓ Have been diagnosed with a covered illness:

Even if your work was decades ago — or your illness seems unrelated — it's still worth having your situation reviewed.

Common Myths About EEOICPA

Myth #1: "I'm too healthy to qualify."

- ✓ Many people qualify before their illness becomes severe. Early care can make a big difference.

Myth #2: "I'll lose my current benefits if I apply."

- ✓ EEOICPA benefits do not replace Social Security or Medicare.

Myth #3: "Switching care providers is risky."

- ✓ You have the right to choose your care provider — and switching does not affect your benefits.

Myth #4: "If I was approved once, that's all I get."

- ✓ New illnesses can be added, and benefits can be expanded over time.

CNS Cares can guide you through the claims process to help you:

- ▶ Determine your eligibility
- ▶ Decide what method of filing is best for your unique situation
- ▶ Connect you with a trusted Authorized Representative if you choose that option
- ▶ Review and understand any communication you receive from the DOL regarding your claim

If you or a loved one already has a DOL White Card, we're here to help you use it fully. Let us review your benefits eligibility so you can better understand:

- What you qualify for
- What care is available
- How to get started

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