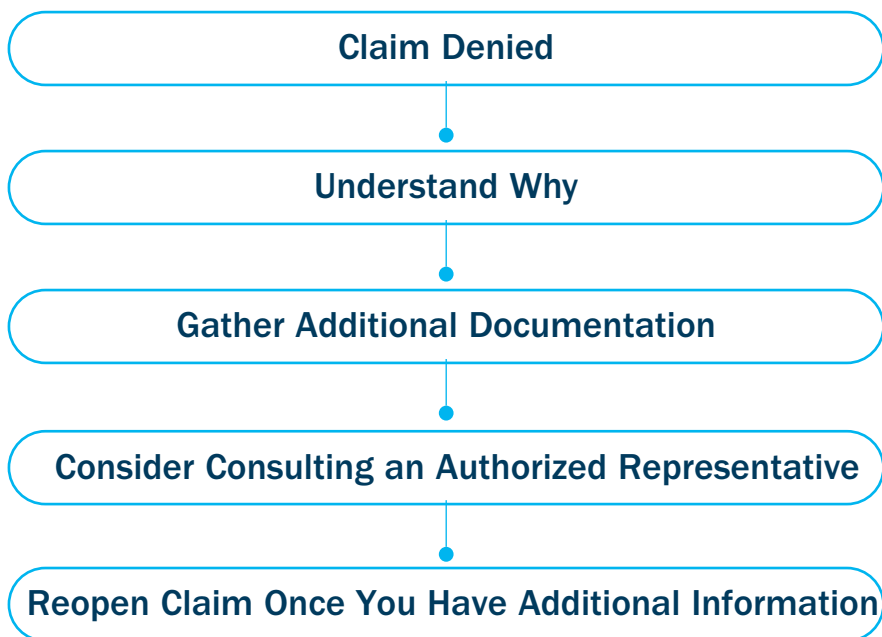


What To Do If Your EEOICPA Claim Is Denied

Receiving notice that your EEOICPA claim has been denied can be frustrating and disappointing. After spending time gathering records, completing paperwork, and waiting for a decision, it's natural to feel discouraged. However, a denial does not always mean you are ineligible for benefits.

In many cases, additional information, medical documentation, or employment records may help address the reason for the denial. Understanding why a claim was denied is often the first step toward determining what options may still be available.



Common Reasons Claims Are Denied

- ✓ Missing employment records
- ✓ Insufficient medical documentation
- ✓ Incomplete information
- ✓ Eligibility requirements not met

Why Are EEOICPA Claims Denied?

Every claim is unique, but common reasons for denial include:

Missing Employment Documentation

The Department of Labor must verify covered employment at a qualifying facility. If records cannot be located or verified, the claim may be denied.

Insufficient Medical Evidence

The medical documentation provided may not have been sufficient to establish a covered illness or connect the illness to established causation.

Eligibility Requirements Not Met

In some cases, the worker's employment history, diagnosis, or exposure information may not meet the specific requirements of the program.

Incomplete Information

Claims can sometimes be delayed or denied because key records, forms, or supporting documentation were unavailable during the review process.

What Should I Do if My Claim is Denied?

1. Start by Understanding the Reason

The denial letter typically explains why the claim was not approved.

Carefully review:

- ✓ The stated reason for denial
- ✓ Any missing documentation identified
- ✓ DOL Submission Deadline Not Met

Understanding the specific issue can help determine the most appropriate next steps.

2. Gather Additional Information

If new information becomes available, it may strengthen your case.

Examples include:

- ✓ Employment records
- ✓ Union records
- ✓ Security clearance documentation
- ✓ Personnel records
- ✓ Medical records
- ✓ Physician statements
- ✓ Exposure information
- ✓ Witness statements from former coworkers
- ✓ Additional Medical Testing

Sometimes records that were unavailable during the initial review can later be located and submitted.

3. Explore Your Appeal Rights

Depending on the stage of the claim process, you may have options to:

- ✓ Submit additional evidence
- ✓ Participate in a hearing
- ✓ Explore Options with an Authorized Representative

Because deadlines may apply, it is important to act promptly when reviewing your options.

4. Don't Assume You're Out of Options

Many workers receive an initial denial because critical information was unavailable at the time of review.

Examples include:

- ✓ Newly discovered employment records
- ✓ Updated medical diagnoses
- ✓ Additional supporting documentation
- ✓ Clarification of work history
- ✓ Identification of covered facilities or employment periods

Each situation is different, but a denial does not necessarily mean benefits can never be obtained.

The CNS Cares Difference

At CNS Cares, we regularly meet former energy workers who are unsure about their eligibility or who have questions about previous claim decisions. If your EEOICPA claim was denied, we can help you understand the reason, gather any additional documentation, and explore the options available to you.

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