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Comment from Valerie Denz, NA

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General Comment

Dear Ms. Lelton,

My name is Valerie V. Oenz, M.D. I am a pulmonologist for the Southeastern Iowa region. I oversee several patients that had worked at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. I understand that changes are being proposed to the rules related to the EEOICPA. I am specifically concerned about changes to section 403(c), primarily because these rules would create an additional burden and delay for my patients to receive home health care.

My patients who have benefit from the EEOICPA Program are typically older. Their respiratory health is compromised, and in need of the care I am prescribing in a timely manner. Delaying their care would be detrimental to their health. I do not wish to see my patient's health care unnecessarily delayed. My patients, that that do have prescribed in home health, have respiratory conditions that affect their activities of daily living and require home health to maintain their current level of function and prevention of exacerbation or hospitalization. I do not want to see any changes to the EEOICPA Program which delay my clients' health care.



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January 8, 2016

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Re: Claims for compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (RIN 1240-AA08)


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Thank you for the consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,


Valerie V. Denz, M.D.