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General Comment

Dear Ms. Leiton,

I am writing to you on behalf of my numerous patients who qualify for medical benefits under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. I understand that the Department of Labor is proposing changes to certain rules in Section 403(c). This is very concerning to me as it would most definitely create additional paperwork for myself and subsequently delay home health services to my patients. While these changes would create an extra burden on me, they could be detrimental and potentially fatal for my patients, many of which are approaching end of life due to occupationally acquired cancer(s). I order home health services with the intention of prompt, if not urgent, initiation so my patients can receive the care they need in their own home. I anticipate an increased number of hospitalizations if your proposed changes take place because many patients simply cannot withstand a lapse in care.

I respectfully ask you to consider the consequences your proposed changes will have on physicians, but more importantly, our patients. Unnecessary delays due to additional paperwork and "red tape" should be least of their worries as they battle life-threatening illnesses.

Thank you for your time and attention.
John T. Foust, MD

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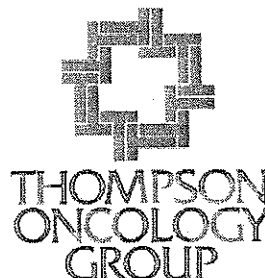
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Re: Claims of compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational
Illness Compensation Program Act (RIN 1240-AA08)

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