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Comment from Bruce Baker, NA

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### General Comment

Dear Ms. Leiton:

I understand that changes are being proposed to the rules related to the EEOICPA. I am specifically concerned about changes to 30 C.F.R 403(c) of these rules, which would reduce access to and delay home health care for my patients.

My patients who have EEOICPA benefits are in need of the care that I prescribe in a timely fashion, and this proposal will result in delaying care, in turn, compromising their health. I presently have patients receiving EEOICPA benefits, and I have been able to work with home health care companies to allow my patients to receive home care services quickly. Timely care helps prevent costly hospitalizations and placement in long term care facilities. The patients referred by me for home care typically need care quickly, and I do not want my patients' health care unnecessarily delayed.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Baker, MD

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## **Attachments**

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

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