

Sub-committee Lung Disease - Part B

DATA REQUEST (understanding not all may be available)

I. Claims Data

*All data preferred both annually and total to-date so can see trends. We recognize annual data may be challenging to obtain, given the many years of claims and the data collected and claims process has likely changed over time, **so annual data for the most recent years (eg 3-5 yrs) is the most important annual data.***

Need to define "Annually"= new claim vs re-evaluation of old claim.

1) Chronic Beryllium Disease (CBD) claims submitted under Part B

A) # claims submitted total and annually,

B) if claim accepted, rejected, no decision yet, reason claim rejected, average time process claim - from time submitted until final decision.

C) Worker site, job title for claim

D) If claim submitted by survivor vs employee

E) if claim - more IH info (SEM) was requested AND comparison of claims where more IH info requested vs not (% accepted, time to decision)

F) Comparison of CBD claims that use the pre-1993 vs post-1993 diagnostic criteria for CBD. (we recognize claim can be filed post-1993 criteria but use pre-1993 criteria).

Same info as above, would start with # Claims for each, % accepted.

2) Beryllium Sensitization (BeS) claims submitted under Part B

Same info as above, absent the pre/post 1993 criteria

Also the number of BeS claims eventually accepted for CBD.

3) Silicosis claims submitted under Part B

Same info as above, absent the pre/post 1993 criteria

Assuming fewer claims - may want to group by several years vs annually.

4) CBD, Silicosis claims submitted under Part E. (Are there any BeS claims submitted under Part E?)

We suspect fewer of these. Same info as above.

5) Chest x-ray B readings

Number of B readings submitted yearly - on new claimants vs those already in program, for what diagnoses (assume mostly silicosis).

How many also have chest CT scan results and pulmonary function testing?

6) Data on Sarcoid / sarcoidosis claims - for Part B and Part E

Same info as above. Are there any under Part B?

7) Data on other non-cancer respiratory conditions - most common diagnoses - eg COPD, Asthma, Interstitial lung disease for Part E and ? Part B. If the only non-cancer respiratory claims under Part B are CBD, BeS and silicosis, then this request relates only to Part E.

Same info as above

8) Data on claims for conditions associated with and/ or complications of Part B lung conditions (CBD, Silicosis) - such as osteoporosis, HTN, pulmonary hypertension, diabetes

Most common associated conditions, % claims accepted.

Most common claim diagnoses to have associated conditions

9) Same data that has been supplied to EECAP

10) Other information:

1. Examples of "problem cases" - eg denied CBD claims, claims repeat CBD testing, claims that took a long time to resolve, claims where more IH info requested, BeS claims

2. Examples of forms, questionnaires used, communications to physicians, claimants

After the subcommittee reviews the above data, it is anticipated that clarification and/or more data may be requested.