

Clarification & Guidance
DOE-0342 Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Procedure

Proposed Reviewed Rejected Accepted Approved for Use Procedure Updated Complete N/A

ID Number:

Title/Subject: **Extend length of time allowed for worker to request Multiple Physician Review**

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Issue/Concern/Affected Step(s):

Section 6.25, Medical Surveillance, of the *Hanford Site Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program (CBDPP)*, DOE-0342, Rev 1, needs to be updated to incorporate a best in class change driven by the Beryllium Counseling and Benefits Handbook.

Discussion:

Currently if a worker wants to select the multiple physician review process, the worker must place the request within **15 days** upon receipt of SOMD notice of the results of the initial evaluation. This puts the pressure of a short deadline on the worker, making it difficult for the worker to gather the information needed to make an informed decision.

Recommended Resolution:

The Beryllium Counseling and Benefits Handbook product team recommended a best in class change extending the deadline for requesting a multiple physician review **from 15 days to 30 calendar days**. Update language to reflect change in time allowed for worker to notify employer of intent to seek a multiple physician review (previously 15 days, now 30 calendar days).

Existing Language in CBDPP:

Section 6.25, Medical Surveillance, of the CBDPP does not address the time limitation. (The Medical Support Plan, section 2.2.1, Review of Initial (Baseline) Medical Evaluation, does address the time limitation. CSC has been asked to incorporate this change in their next update of the Medical Support Plan. CSC is also addressing including this topic in the “responsible employer” matrix.)

Existing Language:

“Persons identified as being beryllium-affected have the option of obtaining further medical evaluations. During medical evaluation, SOMC shall inform workers of their opportunity for multiple physician reviews. Expenses for this process are reimbursable.”

Proposed Language:

Change the last paragraph in section 6.25, to read:

“Persons identified as being beryllium-affected have the option of obtaining further medical evaluations. During medical evaluation, SOMC shall inform workers of their opportunity for multiple physician reviews. Expenses for this process are reimbursable. The worker must notify their responsible employer in writing of his/her intent to seek a second opinion within 30 calendar days of receiving the written notice from the SOMD, or within 30 calendar days of receiving the initial physician’s written opinion, whichever is later.”

