

Chronic Beryllium Disease under the EEOICPA statute:

§ 7384l. Definitions for program administration ...

(13) The term “established chronic beryllium disease” means chronic beryllium disease as established by the following:

- (A) For diagnoses on or after January 1, 1993, beryllium sensitivity (as established in accordance with paragraph (8)(A)), together with lung pathology consistent with chronic beryllium disease, including—
 - (i) a lung biopsy showing granulomas or a lymphocytic process consistent with chronic beryllium disease;
 - (ii) a computerized axial tomography scan showing changes consistent with chronic beryllium disease; or
 - (iii) pulmonary function or exercise testing showing pulmonary deficits consistent with chronic beryllium disease.
- (B) For diagnoses before January 1, 1993, the presence of—
 - (i) occupational or environmental history, or epidemiologic evidence of beryllium exposure; and
 - (ii) any three of the following criteria:
 - (I) Characteristic chest radiographic (or computed tomography (CT)) abnormalities.
 - (II) Restrictive or obstructive lung physiology testing or diffusing lung capacity defect.
 - (III) Lung pathology consistent with chronic beryllium disease.
 - (IV) Clinical course consistent with a chronic respiratory disorder.
 - (V) Immunologic tests showing beryllium sensitivity (skin patch test or beryllium blood test preferred).