

**From:** Terrie Barrie

**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 6:13 PM

**To:** DOL Energy Advisory Board Information

**Subject:** Medical Guidance to Claims Examiners on Weighing Medical Evidence - Well Rationalized Reports

Dear Dr. Markowitz and Members of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health,

Donna Hand, authorized representative for EEOICPA claimants, alerted me to her request to the board to "determine what a 'well rationalized report should include..." in a letter from a treating physician.

I respectfully add my support to this request. Determining what information is necessary for a treating physician to include in a report should assist the claims examiners (CE) to adjudicate a claim without the need to send a claim to a contract medical consultant. The CEs would benefit knowing what the minimum information is needed to show that a treating physician's report has sufficient probative value.

Additionally, I respectfully request that your review not only include reports on causation but also those letters or reports from treating physicians concerning consequential disease and wage loss.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Terrie Barrie  
ANWAG