The DEP Central Unit images the B-Reader report.

The MSS reviews the claim for minimum evidence and works with the Scheduler to schedule the exam.

The Scheduler identifies the B-Reader.

The DEP Physician performs the exam and completes a chest x-ray and spirometry.

Within 3 business days, the DEP Physician forwards the x-ray to the B-Reader identified by the Scheduler.

Within 10 business days, the B-Reader faxes the report and bill to the DEP Central Unit.

The DEP Central Unit faxes the B-Reader report to the DEP Physician.

Within 30 days of the exam, the DEP Physician completes the report and forwards it to the Service Office.

The MSS performs QA for all State-Fund and SI pulmonary exams.

QA ensures that the exam’s evidence and conclusions are consistent with the diagnostic criteria established by the American Thoracic Society.

(1) The CCT receives the IME report;
(2) The MSS sends the claim number in an e-mail to the DEP Central Unit prior to making a QA determination;
(3) The MSS QA’s the report and images it into the claim, following guidelines listed in the policy;
(4) The DEP Central Unit enters the claim number in the Pulmonary IME Audit Spreadsheet.

The BWC Medical Advisor:
(1) Evaluates the Pulmonary Conditions IME process and the conclusion;
(2) Updates the Pulmonary Conditions IME Audit Spreadsheet with his findings;
(3) Notifies the MSS/CSS/CA/TL/SOM within 5 days via spreadsheet whether he agrees with the findings or has identified deficiencies with the report.
(4) The MSS/CSS/CA/TL/SOM obtains the updated information from the Pulmonary Conditions IME Audit Spreadsheet located on the Injury Management website.

CCT issues Order

Pulmonary Conditions Exam Workflow
(For Asbestosis, Asbestos-Related Pulmonary Conditions, Silicosis, Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis, and any other Pulmonary OD due to injurious exposure to dust)