

INCREASED SEVERITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: When will the Settlement Facility begin reviewing Increased Severity Claims?

A: The Settlement Facility will begin reviewing Increased Severity Claims in January 2016.

Q2: If my claim is approved for an Option 1 payment, when can I expect to receive payment?

A: Before Second Priority Payments can be made they must be recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the District Court.

Q3: If my claim is approved for an Option 2 payment, when can I expect to receive my payment?

A: Before Second Priority Payments can be made they must be recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the District Court.

Q4: If I file an Increased Severity claim and my claim is not approved, will I receive time to cure my deficiencies?

A: Yes, you will have a one year cure deadline to cure the deficiencies found in your claim.

Q5: What are the requirements for filing an Option 1 Increased Severity claim?

A: (1) you must have been approved for an Option 1 Disease (2) you must have accepted your Option 1 Disease payment by cashing the check (3) you must submit a claim accompanied by the documentation that qualifies your claim as a Level A disability pursuant to the Plan criteria (4) you must not have previously been approved or accepted a payment for an Option 1 Level A Disease.

Q6: What are the requirements for filing an Option 2 Increased Severity claim?

A: (1) you must have been approved for an Option 2 Disease (2) you must have accepted your Option 2 Disease payment by cashing the check (3) you must submit medical records that meet the Plan criteria for a higher compensation level or new Disease that pays a higher payment than the Base Payment you previously received.

Q7: If my original Disease selection was for an Option 2 Disease but I was only approved for an Option 1 disease, can I apply for Increased Severity in Option 2?

A: No, if you previously accepted an Option 1 Disease Payment you are only eligible to file for Increased Severity in Option 1. Please refer to Q5 for Option 1 Increased Severity eligibility.

Q8: What is the deadline to file my Increased Severity Claim?

A: The deadline to file Increased Severity is June 3, 2019.

Q9: Can I file an Appeal if I disagree with the outcome of my Increased Severity Review.

A: Yes, you will have 45 days after your Cure Deadline expires to file an appeal.

Q10: Are there any forms I must submit to make an Increased Severity claim?

A: No. You only need to submit a cover letter along with your supporting medical records for your Increased Severity claim. Clearly note in your cover letter that you are applying for Increased Severity.