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★ Recent changes to the U.S. DOL procedure manuals, potential new SECs and laws are being discussed that could affect your benefits. Call us today to learn if your benefits could be impacted by these updates! ★

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## **Updates & News**

## **Unlocking EEOICP Benefits:**

#### 5 Essential Tips for Nuclear and Uranium Workers

If you're a nuclear weapons or uranium worker with a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) medical benefits white card – or will soon receive one – do you know how to make the most of your card from day one?

Nuclear weapons and uranium workers who have a U.S. DOL medical benefits white card may not know all the benefits their card entitles them to receive. Many are aware of the compensation and free healthcare benefits offered by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP). Did you know that EEOICP benefits are retroactive to the date of application?

That means EEOICP benefits apply from the date a worker files their claim to the date they receive approval. For example, if a worker files an EEOICP claim for a respiratory illness and needs to purchase medications or equipment for that illness while waiting for approval, costs incurred between filing the claim and receiving approval can be reimbursed.

If you have a U.S. DOL medical benefits white card or recently received your approval, check out the following actions you can take to make the most of your EEOICP benefits:



**1. Get Reimbursed -** Gather receipts of expenses related to covered conditions from the date of filing the claim. Talk to a local Cold War Patriots (CWP) team member for next steps on reimbursement.



**2. Locate a Provider -** Ask your local CWP representative or Professional Case Management (PCM) care team to help find a local provider who accepts the card. A PCM care team can help you coordinate your care and appointment schedules.



**3. Get Compensated** - Schedule an impairment evaluation with <u>PCM Impairments</u> to determine financial compensation for the permanent loss of function of a body part or organ due to a covered illness. For each 1% of impairment, \$2,500 is awarded, up to a maximum of \$250,000.



**4. Customize Care** - Call a local CWP representative or PCM care team member to schedule an in-home visit to discuss safety at home, how PCM care can support wellness goals and help you maintain your lifestyle.



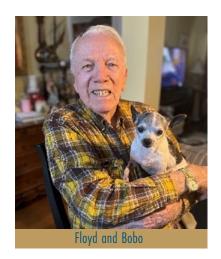
**5. Keep Learning** - Attend an <u>in-person or virtual CWP event</u> to learn from EEOICP benefits experts how to best utilize your card and benefits to maintain your independence over time.

Doing these steps helps workers with a U.S. DOL medical benefits white card enjoy all the EEOICP benefits they earned through their work in the nuclear weapons and uranium industries.

CWP and our founding company, PCM, are here to support you throughout your journey with EEOICP. Maximize your EEOICP benefits and compensation with us. Our Outreach Help Center representatives can connect you with local benefits experts to help you get all the benefits you earned. Call us today at 1.877.335.0779.

# Floyd Kept the Savannah River Site Powered and Prepared, Now PCM Care Helps Him Recharge





My name is Floyd, and I worked at the Savannah River Site as a shift supervisor in the Power Department.

The Power Department had numerous responsibilities. We operated boilers and powerhouses that provided steam for heating and some processing in all the buildings and the plant. We also supplied domestic water to all the buildings and managed wastewater treatment plants, which required state licenses to operate. The Power Department maintained emergency diesel generators and conducted weekly surveys of some buildings to ensure readiness in case of an emergency. If the Savannah River Site lost power, our emergency generators would activate and supply power to the buildings.

Although we needed various clearances, such as Q clearance or secret weapons data clearance, the site's operations were not entirely clear to us. The Savannah River Site had canyon buildings where plutonium and uranium were processed, but we didn't know all the details of their activities due to security reasons. It was a very interesting job with significant responsibilities.

As a Professional Case Management (PCM) client, it is very nice to have a community to be a part of, and I have enjoyed being with PCM for so long. They have taken excellent care of me. PCM helped me obtain 24-hour nursing care, which has been a blessing. I have some very good nurses with me around the clock,

and we get along really well. They take great care of me, so I couldn't ask for anything better.

I would definitely recommend PCM to a friend. I would introduce them to PCM as the best there is, and I'm sure they would be as good to them as they have been to me.



Scan the QR code or visit procasemanagement.com/pcm-client-corner to read more from CWP members who are also PCM clients on our Client Corner page.

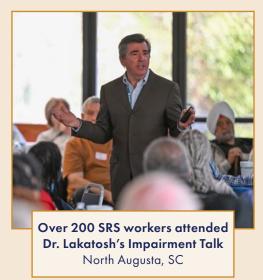
If you're curious about your eligibility to become a client, call the **Outreach Help Center at 877.335.0779**.

## **Cold War Patriots Events**

# Thank you to all the workers and families who have joined Cold War Patriots events this year!

We encourage all Cold War Patriots (CWP) members, especially first-time attendees and Professional Case Management clients, to attend an event. We offer a wide variety of event types, from Lunch & Learn educational events to fun social events and reunions. It's a great chance to learn about your benefits and reconnect with fellow workers. Pick up some CWP swag at the events too, including CWP hats, commemorative coins, compression socks, umbrellas, and much more!











#### For Date, Time, & Event Locations

Visit the Cold War Patriots Events website by scanning the QR code or call **1.877.335.0779**. Be sure to also check your email and mailbox for official invitations throughout the year.



# SPRING REUNION & RESOURCE FAIR CELEBRATIONS

Cold War Patriots members gathered for a series of reunions across three states, honoring Savannah River Site Workers, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Workers, and the X-10, K-25, and Y-12/ORNL Workers of Oak Ridge. Nearly 1,000 workers and their families came together to reminisce, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones.

The day's activities included a photo booth, lunch, live music, and lively bingo games with grand raffle prizes. A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Years of Service Award to the worker with the most years worked, celebrating their dedication and commitment.

The reunions provided a fantastic opportunity for workers to relax, have fun, and celebrate their contributions. It was a special day to remember!

#### SAVANNAH RIVER SITE REUNION, NORTH AUGUSTA, SC







#### PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT REUNION, PADUCAH, KY

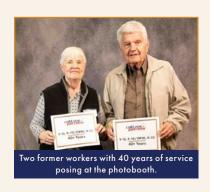






#### Y-12, X-10/ORNL, AND K-25 REUNION, OAK RIDGE, TN









# **Outreach Spotlight**



#### **SHASTA HUBBS**

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I have had the privilege of working with Cold War Patriots (CWP) and Professional Case Management since 2012. As a CWP representative serving Tennessee, I use my 13 years of experience every day to assist current and former nuclear weapons workers in navigating the often complicated <a href="Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program">Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program</a> (EEOICP). From helping workers file their own EEOICP claims, deciphering letters from the U.S. Department of Labor, to understanding the benefits and resources available as

part of EEOICP - my goal is to make the process easier for the workers I assist.

While most of my work is focused on Tennessee, I have had the opportunity to travel around the country and visit many other U.S. Department of Energy sites. I've likely met many of you at one of the local Oak Ridge CWP events.

Many generations of my family have worked and continue to work in the Oak Ridge National Security Complex, including my great-uncle, both my parents, and my husband – all of whom are CWP members. I grew up with a great appreciation for the work the men and women of our community completed "behind the fence." I am passionate about assisting workers who have become ill, through no fault of their own, while working to protect our great nation.



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#### **DAVID WOOD**

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I joined Professional Case Management (PCM) and Cold War Patriots (CWP) in 2023 to handle outreach across Western Colorado, Utah, and the Four Corners areas of New Mexico and Arizona. With so much beauty and history in this area, I'm proud to call it my home. I am passionate about great healthcare and advocating for individuals and the services they need. I'm honored to be part of the PCM and CWP team that works so hard for the uranium and nuclear weapons workers who have made such huge sacrifices for our country.

The most important thing to me is identifying how I can best serve each worker and find the most benefits available to them. A big priority is also to continually educate healthcare professionals on the <u>RECA and EEOICPA programs</u>, so together we can ensure that those eligible receive the monetary, medical, and inhome health care benefits they earned. These programs continue to evolve, and informing both former workers and medical professionals is essential.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to all uranium and nuclear weapons workers for your patriotism and service! I am here to help you, and I look forward to it.

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# $P\!\!\!\!/\!\!\!M$ Senior Case Manager Spotlight



#### **RACHEL BATSON**

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I started my career in the U.S. Army as a Registered Nurse and a 2nd Lieutenant. After the Army, I became a Certified Nurse Midwife and a Family Nurse Practitioner through the University of Utah and delivered babies for the Army. I have moved around frequently, both in and out of military life. I married a soldier, John, and we have four beautiful children. I have lived all over the country, including Alaska, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Utah, New York, Kansas, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas four times, plus The Netherlands, Germany, and South Korea.

I joined Professional Case Management (PCM) in 2021, and while my connections to the Savannah River Site are less personal than my peers, I do have the added connection with many clients as a veteran. I love my job. I love working with clients and their families, and mentoring case managers and staff. I love the balance of patient care and management that we get as Senior Case Managers with PCM.



#### **JACQUE LATHAM**

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I am entering my 17th year as a Professional Case Management (PCM) employee. I started as a staff nurse, moved to case management, and am currently a Senior Case Manager and back-up administrator for the Monticello, Utah PCM Office.

Our area is one of the widest and most rural. I have been blessed to grow up in the Monticello area, to have gone to school, and to have played several sports with many of our clients' children and grandchildren. Our clients and their families are just an extension of my family.

Five of my family members were PCM clients before I joined this amazing company. As a family member, I saw firsthand the beautiful values PCM stands for and continues to implement today. The staff nurses on our team also have many years of longevity with PCM. This has built a solid, constant foundation of trust and dedication with our clients, their families, and my whole PCM team. I am so thankful to care for these wonderful clients and work with such a beautiful, strong team.

Our mission is to bring you hope, healing and the highest level of quality care—all in the comfort of your home. As a PCM client, you will be partnered with a dedicated care team including a Registered Nurse Regional Director, Registered Nurse Case Manager, an Impairment evaluation navigator, and our resource staff (available 24/7).

Call us today at 1.877.335.0779 to speak with an Outreach Specialist and begin your PCM care journey.

# M IMPAIRMENTS CORNER

Cold War Patriots and our founding company, Professional Case Management (PCM), are proud to welcome Dr. Zaira Chaudhry to our incredible PCM Impairments team. Dr. Chaudhry is the latest impairment doctor to add her expertise to the PCM Impairments team, which includes Dr. Lakatosh, Dr. Soo Hoo, and Dr. Heligman.

Dr. Chaudhry, who resides on the Western Slope of Colorado, began working with PCM Impairments this spring. She is a board-certified physician, dual-trained in Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Lifestyle Medicine. She is experienced in performing permanent impairment ratings using various editions of the American Medical Association (AMA) Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, specializing in the AMA Guides Fifth Edition.

Dr. Chaudhry is dedicated to ensuring that every client interaction is both compassionate and informative, saying, "I am honored to join

Zaira Chaudhry, MD, MPH, CIME, CMLE

PCM Impairments in serving the brave patriots of our nation's nuclear weapons and uranium worker community.

Nuclear weapons and uranium workers with their U.S. Department of Labor medical benefits white card can choose a trusted impairment doctor for their impairment evaluations, every two years. During an impairment evaluation, workers discuss with the doctor how their covered conditions, like ovarian cancer, breast cancer, or the other 22 Special Exposure Cohort cancers, impact their lives. For each 1% of impairment, \$2,500 is awarded, up to a maximum of \$250,000.

We are certain you will have a great experience with PCM Impairments.

You have a choice in Impairment providers, so why not choose the best? Let us get you on the right track today!

Call us at 866.578.2580 to speak with a PCM Impairment Navigator.



Curious about what an Impairment Rating is and how it works? Scan the QR code or visit www.pcmimpairments.com/doctalk to watch our virtual event called "Doc Talk: What is an Impairment Rating and Why You Need One Every 2 Years"