

2	JAX	<p>We have been including quotes from responses received in our policy calls in recommended decisions and development letters. As a result of a recent development letter, we received a call from an authorized representative asking where the policy we quoted in the letter was in our Procedure Manual. We responded that it was a result of "Program Policy" from National Office. The authorized representative then requested a copy of the question and response. <i>It should be noted that the question involved an employee found to be a researcher for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the June 6, 2007 policy call (#2). We requested evidence such as copy of a published journal article, evidence the claimant worked on research projects at the laboratory, etc.</i></p> <p>Our questions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is it appropriate to reference the Policy Teleconference Call notes in our development letters/recommended/final decisions? 2) Is it appropriate to send copies of the Calls to claimants upon request? <hr/> <p>Yes, it is appropriate to reference the Policy Teleconference Call notes in development letters/recommended/final decisions.</p> <p>Yes, it is appropriate to send copies of the Calls to claimants upon request.</p>
3	JAX	<p>We forwarded a case to the National Office to be reopened under the Sarcoidosis Circular 08-07. The case was reopened and forwarded back to our office for further development and referral to the DMC for a determination on causation. However, the DMC has indicated that the employee did not have pulmonary sarcoidosis but sarcoidosis involving the <u>lymphatic system</u>. Medical records from the employee's pulmonary physician indicate the employee had granulomas and underwent a mediastinal biopsy. The pathology report indicates "right paratracheal lymph node, granulomatous lymphadenitis consistent with sarcoidosis." The medical records indicate the employee had presumed sarcoid, possible sarcoid reaction to beryllium. It appears the lymph node was within the area of the lung. Therefore, can we consider this case under the Sarcoidosis Circular?</p> <hr/> <p>No, this case cannot be considered under Circular 08-07. This Circular pertains to sarcoidosis of the lung. The employee in this case had sarcoidosis involving the lymphatic system.</p>