

[Worker Information on the BeLPT \(osha.gov\)](https://www.osha.gov/worker-protection/worker-information-on-the-belpt)

<https://ini.wa.gov/patient-care/treating-patients/treatment-guidelines-and-resources/docs/BerylliumGuideline.pdf>

Good morning,

Above is a link to Washington State L&I Treatment and Diagnosis guideline for Beryllium related condition and disease, a link to OSHA's latest Beryllium "Quick Card" defining the BeLPT results and the use of Borderline tests, and a letter from Dr. Maier, Dr. Mayer and Kalie VonFeldt (P-AC) from National Jewish supporting the use of a Borderline test results in diagnosing Beryllium Sensitization. DOE currently has a simplified Algorithm using Borderline BeLPT's for diagnosis. DOE sends their Beryllium Affected Workers to Cleveland Clinic as well, and Borderline BeLPT's are used for diagnosis. When Dr. Redlich was on the Advisory Board, the Board had this similar conversation, and she agreed Borderline BeLPT's were an acceptable diagnosis tool.

Currently, every program available and every major clinic utilized for Beryllium Medical Surveillance, utilize a Borderline BeLPT as a diagnosis tool for Beryllium Sensitization except, the DOL/EEOICPA. I have reviewed several claims for Beryllium Sensitization submitted to the EEOICPA, and every claim I have reviewed has been "Denied". There may be a few that have been approved earlier in the program, but for quite some time, these claims have been denied. Remember, these folks are tested via a required Medical Surveillance program(10CFR850), restricted from their normal work activities because of medical testing that would indicate Beryllium exposure, referred to National Jewish, Cleveland Clinic, etc, diagnosed with a Beryllium related condition or disease(sometimes using a Borderline BeLPT), and then, their claims are being denied from the EEOICPA.

Thanks,

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