

**Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Accountability Review Corrective Action Progress Report (AR-10)**

Reviewer: NO RO

Office Reviewed: Final Adjudication Branch-Jacksonville DEEOIC

Review Date: July 9-13, 2012

Report Date: August 31, 2012

Standard Number	Major Recommendations	Date of Completion / Projected Date	Action Taken This Quarter	Comments
Significant claim deficiency report	Helton-█████ vacated previous decision denying asthma and accept asthma	03/20/2012	the previous FD was vacated and FAB issued an FD accepting the claim for asthma	
Significant claim deficiency report	Hill-█████: review the medical evidence for causal relationship and reopen the denial of "kidney tumor" if there is a causal relationship	08/31/12	the medical evidence and previous FD were reviewed; there is no diagnosed condition and the FD was correct to deny on that basis	FD denied claim for kidney tumor on 3/19/12. The claim deficiency report noted that the claimant was "diagnosed with lung mass." At the time of the FD, FAB knew that the medical evidence showed this kidney tumor/mass. However, this is not a diagnosis, but a finding or, at best, a non-specific diagnosis. We denied the claim on the basis that kidney tumor/mass was a non-specific diagnosis, which it is. It is not possible to consider causation unless we have a secure and proper diagnosis showing what the tumor represents. In other words, does the kidney finding represent a cyst, a benign tumor, or a cancer? A biopsy has not been done. Without the biopsy her physicians can't determine what her kidney tumor/mass represents. As stated in our policy we need a pathology report to substantiate cancer. Therefore, the denial was appropriate. In my review of the medical evidence, I found no secure diagnosis.
Significant claim deficiency report	Engel-█████: Review case and if hypertension is causally related, the denial should be reopened	06/28/2012	an FD was issued accepting hypertension	