



I've heard cancer is now covered under the World Trade Center Health Program.

I'm a member of the program, what does this mean for me for?

The Administrator of the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program has added several types of cancers to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions covered in the WTC Health Program established under James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010. You probably have many questions about how this may impact you. Let's see if we can answer a few of your basic questions.



What cancers are covered?

Several types of cancers were added to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions. Please see the attached sheet for the list of covered cancers.



I'm a member and I have one of the covered types of cancers, will I automatically get my treatment and medications covered under the Program?

No. If you have one of the types of cancers on the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions, it does not mean that you will automatically receive treatment for your cancer. Your condition must also be certified by the WTC Program Administrator.



How do I get certified?

By law, all conditions have to be certified by the Program before you can receive treatment benefits. Contact your Clinical Center of Excellence (CCE) and make an appointment to see one of the CCE physicians. Your physician must make a determination on whether or not your cancer is one of the covered cancers and whether your exposures resulting from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks are substantially likely to be a significant factor in aggravating, contributing to, or causing the type of cancer for which you are seeking treatment coverage. . If you do not know which CCE you are with, please contact our call center at **1-888-982-4748**.



Who makes the final decision?

All physician determinations are reviewed by the Administrator and are certified for treatment coverage unless the Administrator determines that the condition is not a health condition on the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions or that the exposure resulting from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks is not substantially likely to be a significant factor in aggravating, contributing to, or causing your condition.



If my condition is certified when can I receive care?

Each case is different. Treatment decisions will be made by your program provider. Medically necessary care can be covered by the WTC Health Program once your cancer condition is certified.



If I have one of the covered cancers and I am certified to receive care from the Program, and I am already seeing a doctor for my cancer care, can I still keep seeing my doctor?

All care for the WTC Health Program must be rendered by a provider affiliated with the WTC Health Program through either a CCE or the nationwide provider network. If your current provider is affiliated with the WTC Health Program, then you will be able to continue seeing your doctor. If your current provider is not affiliated, ask the provider to contact your CCE or the nationwide provider network to discuss becoming a WTC Health Program provider.



I'm a member and I haven't been diagnosed with cancer but want to be screened for cancer in the future?

Screening for breast and colon cancer may be available as part of the annual monitoring exam benefit through your WTC Health Program using the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force guidelines. Although screening does not require a member to have a certified condition, other requirements, such as age, may have to be met. Breast and colon screening will not begin until the WTC Program Administrator further defines these screening eligibility requirements.



What cancers are covered?

What cancers are covered by the WTC Health Program?

The Administrator added the following types of cancers:

- Mesothelioma
- Childhood cancers
- Rare cancers

Malignant neoplasms of the following:

- Lip, tongue, salivary gland, floor of mouth, gum and other mouth, tonsil, oropharynx, hypopharynx, and other oral cavity and pharynx.
- Nasopharynx
- Nose, nasal cavity, middle ear and accessory sinuses
- Larynx
- Esophagus
- Stomach
- Colon and rectum
- Liver and intrahepatic bile duct
- Retroperitoneum, peritoneum, omentum and mesentery
- Trachea; bronchus and lung; heart, mediastinum and pleura; and other ill-defined sites in the respiratory system and intrathoracic organs
- Soft tissues (sarcomas)
- Skin (melanoma and non-melanoma), including scrotal cancer
- Breast
- Ovary
- Urinary bladder
- Kidney
- Renal pelvis, ureter and other urinary organs
- Eye and orbit
- Thyroid
- Blood and lymphoid tissues (including, but not limited to, lymphoma, leukemia, and myeloma)

The above covered cancers will be added to the WTC Health Program “List of WTC-Related Health Conditions” as of October 12, 2012. The “List of WTC-Related Health Conditions” is the list of physical and mental illnesses that are covered by the WTC Health Program.

What is a rare cancer?

A rare cancer is any type of cancer that develops in fewer than 200,000 individuals per year in the entire United States population.

What is a childhood cancer?

Childhood Cancer is any type of cancer occurring in a person less than 20 years of age.

If you have questions about this list, or need an explanation as to the definition of the medical terms for these cancers, contact the WTC Health Program at 1-888-982-4748.