World Trade Center Health Program
Providing healthcare to people affected by the September 11th terrorist attacks

WTC Health Program at a Glance

The World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program provides specialized medical monitoring and treatment for responders to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania (PA), and for survivors in the New York City Disaster Area. As a result of their exposure to airborne toxins and other hazardous conditions arising from the 9/11 terrorist attacks, responders and survivors now face serious physical and mental health issues, including cancer. Medical benefits are provided to eligible responders and survivors to monitor, evaluate, and treat specific WTC-related health conditions through seven Clinical Centers of Excellence (CCEs) in the New York metropolitan area and through a Nationwide Provider Network (NPN) in all 50 states.

In addition to providing medical care, the WTC Health Program funds medical research to identify new health conditions that may be related to 9/11 exposures and effective treatment for covered health conditions through both individual investigators and the WTC Health Registry, a program of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The WTC Health Program also engages in outreach to people who may be eligible for the Program but have not yet enrolled, and provides education to current members on Program benefits.

The WTC Health Program is administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Covered Health Conditions

The WTC Health Program covers treatment for WTC-related health conditions such as aerodigestive conditions, cancers, mental health conditions, and acute traumatic injuries. As of December 31, 2016, more than 38,700 members were certified for at least one WTC-related health condition, including almost 6,000 members who have at least one WTC-related cancer. Of those 38,700, more than 28,700 have more than one WTC-related health condition.

The most common covered conditions are:
1. Chronic Rhinosinusitis
2. Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
3. Asthma
4. Sleep Apnea
5. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
6. Chronic Respiratory Disorder
7. Cancer
8. Depression
9. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
10. Anxiety Disorder

The most common covered cancers are:
1. Non-Melanoma of the Skin
2. Prostate
3. Melanoma of the Skin
4. Lymphoma
5. Thyroid
6. Lung
7. Breast
8. Leukemia
9. Colon
10. Kidney

Facts and Figures

- As of January 31, 2017, there were approximately 77,500 members enrolled.
- In 2016, the WTC Health Program enrolled over 3,000 new members.
- The WTC Health Program has members who reside in all 50 states.

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