

Health Providers of Periodic Chest Radiographs for Coal Miners

All facilities that perform the periodic chest x-rays required for the CWHSP must be approved by NIOSH. Current NIOSH-approved facilities are not required to submit a new application and should continue to submit x-rays and supporting documents in their usual manner. Facilities applying for approval to provide chest x-rays to the expanded CWHSP (underground and surface coal miners) should consult the regulations outlined in 42 CFR, Part 37 [[42CFR37 Specifications of Medical Examinations of Underground Coal Miners](#)]:

- 37.41 Chest roentgenogram specifications,
- 37.42 Approval of roentgenographic facilities, and
- 37.43 Protection against radiation emitted by roentgenographic equipment.

Facilities interested in NIOSH approval should contact the CWHSP for an approval packet which details the requirements. Facilities may be approved for x-ray only, spirometry only, or both x-ray and spirometry.