§ 88.16 Reimbursement for medically necessary treatment, outpatient prescription pharmaceuticals, monitoring, initial health evaluations, and travel expenses.

(a) Medically necessary treatment and outpatient prescription pharmaceuticals.

(1) The costs of providing medically necessary treatment or services for a WTC-related health condition or a health condition medically associated with a WTC-related health condition by a Clinical Center of Excellence or by a member of the nationwide provider network will be reimbursed according to the payment rates that apply to the provision of such treatment and services by the facility under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. 8101 et seq., 20 CFR Part 20).

(b) Monitoring and initial health evaluations.

(1) Payment for the costs of providing monitoring and initial health evaluations to a WTC responder, screening-eligible survivor, or certified-eligible survivor by a Clinical Center of Excellence or a member of the nationwide provider network will be reimbursed according to the payment rates that would apply to the provision of such treatment and services under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. 8101 et seq., 20 CFR Part 20).

(c) Review of claims for reimbursement for medically necessary treatment.

(1) Each claim for reimbursement for treatment will be reviewed by the WTC Program Administrator.

(2) If the WTC Program Administrator determines that the treatment is not medically necessary, reimbursement will be withheld by the WTC Program Administrator.

(d) Transportation and travel expenses.

The WTC Program Administrator may provide for necessary and reasonable transportation and expenses incident to the securing of medically necessary treatment through the nationwide provider network, involving travel of more than 250 miles.

§ 88.17 Addition of health conditions to the list of WTC-related health conditions.

(a) Any interested party may petition the WTC Program Administrator to add a condition to the list of WTC-related health conditions.

(1) Each petition shall state an intent to petition and be sent to the WTC Program Administrator. The petition shall include:

(i) Name and contact information of the interested party;

(ii) Name and description of the condition(s) to be added; and

(iii) Reasons for adding the condition(s), including the medical basis for the association between the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the condition(s) to be added.

(2) Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a petition, the WTC Program Administrator shall: