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As you know, on January 18, 2023, the Administrator of the WTC Health Program added uterine cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions. During subsequent discussions with the WTC Health Program, they requested that the VCF remove the current exception that allows personal injury claimants who were previously deemed eligible for compensation from the VCF based on a certified condition to seek to add a non-certified cancer as a claimed condition through the Private Physician process.

Effective **April 3, 2023**, all personal injury claimants who are seeking a new certification for a cancer condition must go to the WTC Health Program for certification (unless they meet one of the other allowed exceptions for the Private Physician process). Private Physician packets seeking to add a cancer to a previously-approved claim that are submitted before April 3, 2023, will be processed through the Private Physician process.

The WTC Health Program maintains a research program aimed to improve the care and well-being of the affected 9/11 population. By making the change to remove this exception for personal injury claimants, the WTC Health Program's research is enhanced, particularly for historically underrepresented groups.

Questions about this change should be directed to the WTC Health Program at [wtchp.policy@cdc.gov](mailto:wtchp.policy@cdc.gov).

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