OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Black Lung Clinics Program (BLCP) is to reduce the morbidity and mortality that is associated with occupationally-related coal mine dust lung disease. BLCP awardees range from public, private, and state entities.

As a part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) oversees BLCP. FORHP coordinates activities related to improving access, quality and financing for rural health care within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by analyzing policy and providing grant funding.

BLCP is authorized by Section 427(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as amended and accompanying regulations found at 42 CFR Part 55a.

Over 13,000 miners were served by BLCP clinics between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

RESOURCES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)

Phone: 301-443-0491
Email: Blacklung@hrsa.gov
Website: https://www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/conditions/black-lung/index.html

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)

Contact: https://www.dol.gov/owcp/dcmwc/

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (MSHA)

Contact: https://www.msha.gov/

CDC- NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (NIOSH)

Contact: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/cwhsp

BLACK LUNG DATA AND RESOURCE CENTER

Contact: http://www.blacklungcoe.org/

NATIONAL COALITION OF BLACK LUNG AND RESPIRATORY DISEASE CLINICS, INC.

Contact: http://blacklungcoalition.org/

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The Black Lung Clinics Program (BLCP) provides funding for medical, outreach, educational, and benefits counseling services to active, inactive, and disabled coal miners throughout the country. BLCP services include:

- Patient Education and Outreach
- Lung Function Testing
- Chest Imaging
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Medical Case Management
- Department of Labor Black Lung Physical Examination and Benefits Counseling
- Federal and State Black Lung Compensation Services and Counseling

*All of these services are available regardless of a miner’s ability to pay.*