



**Office of Workers' Compensation Programs  
 Division of Coal Mine Workers'  
 Compensation**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

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**CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE SURVEY**

Please circle a numerical response for each of the following questions:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I trust the Federal Black Lung Program to fulfill our country's commitment to mine workers and survivors. Additional Comments:	5	4	3	2	1	n/a
I am satisfied with the service I received from the Federal Black Lung Program thus far. Additional Comments:	5	4	3	2	1	n/a
The claims process is moving at a reasonable pace. Additional Comments:	5	4	3	2	1	n/a
I have understood what has been asked of me throughout the process up to this point. Additional Comments:	5	4	3	2	1	n/a
The Black Lung Representatives that I interacted with were helpful. Additional Comments:	5	4	3	2	1	n/a

**1. Have you ever attempted to use the Federal Black Lung Program's Claimant Online Access Link (C.O.A.L.) portal to submit case documents electronically?**

Yes [Go to next question]

No [Skip to Question 3]

2. How was your experience using the C.O.A.L. portal? Select the response that best matches your experience.

I was able to upload my documents easily.

I was able to upload my documents with difficulty.

I was not able to upload my documents.

3. Why have you never attempted to use the C.O.A.L. portal? Select the response that best matches your experience.

I was not aware it existed.

I found it too confusing/intimidating to even try.

I generally prefer paper to online.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have internet access?  Yes  No

The C.O.A.L. Mine Portal can be found at <https://coalmine.dol.gov/>

#### BARRIERS TO ACCESS SURVEY

The OWCP/Federal Black Lung Program is committed to finding ways to remove barriers, advance equity for all, and improve program accessibility and inclusion. Your responses to the questions below will help us improve inclusion and accessibility for the Federal Black Lung program:

In your interactions with the Federal Black Lung Program, have you experienced difficulties during the application process?

YES  NO

*Difficulties may include policies, practices, procedures, conditions, or obstacles that limit or prevent equitable access to the Federal Black Lung Program.*

If yes, please identify where you encountered difficulties. **Check all that apply:**

Form Completion  Physician Selection  Physician Scheduling  Physician Examination

Requested Information  Travel Reimbursement  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how the above contributed to difficulties in the application process:

Within the last year we have updated our application forms to eliminate duplicate questions and to simplify the application process. As compared to when you previously filed a claim, please rate the ease of form completion.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I found the application forms easy to complete.	5	4	3	2	1

Would you like to speak with a Federal Black Lung  
Program Representative?  YES  NO

**If yes**, please provide your name and telephone number:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: