

1910.93a Asbestos

(i) (5) (ii) Access

Recommended change:

The contents to authorized physicians and medical consultants of either of them, and, upon the written request of an employee or former employee, to his physician.....

Revision to read:

The contents of the records of the medical examinations required by this paragraph shall be made available, for inspection and copying, to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, the Director of NIOSH, to authorized physicians and medical consultants of either of them, and, upon the written request of an employee or former employee, to his physician. Any physician who conducts a medical examination required by this paragraph shall furnish to the employer of the examined employee all the information specifically required by this paragraph, and any other medical information related to occupational exposure to asbestos fibers.

Reason:

Practical and prudent procedure is best served by requiring that requests by employees or former employees for medical records be in writing.

Note: Word underlined is an addition.