



## Free BAP Exams

Over 12,500 registered Players are eligible for the BAP, yet only about half of them have scheduled appointments. If you were notified that you are eligible for the BAP and have not yet scheduled your BAP exam, do not wait any longer. These exams are free and one way to find out if you have a payable dementia claim (Level 1.5 or Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment).

If you are eligible for the BAP and do not participate, you cannot receive BAP

Supplemental Benefits, which pay for approved follow-up examinations, treatments, counseling and prescription drugs for Players diagnosed with Level 1 Neurocognitive Impairment. The results of



a BAP exam, which will include findings of both a neurologist and a neuropsychologist, are yours to keep and use for the rest of your life and can serve as a baseline for other evaluations you may have in the future, including those done by Qualified MAF Physicians in this Program. There is no reason not to take advantage of this Settlement benefit!

Call 1-855-887-3485 and select option 2 to speak with the BAP Administrator to set up your appointment today! If you want to

submit a claim based on a Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment or Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment diagnosis made in the BAP, you must do so within two years of the diagnosis date.

### *A Message From the Claims Administrator*

**W**e hope you find the first edition of this newsletter helpful and informative. We will issue more newsletters like this in the future to highlight other details about the Program, but the best source of information is the Settlement Website ([www.NFLConcussionSettlement.com](http://www.NFLConcussionSettlement.com)), where you can find the Settlement Agreement, important alerts, Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs"), official forms and reports about registrations and claims.

We are here to help! If you have questions, call 1-855-887-3485 or email the Claims Administrator at [ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com](mailto:ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com).

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## Getting Diagnosed Through an MAF Exam

### Diagnoses by Qualified MAF Physicians

Qualified MAF Physicians can make five Qualifying Diagnoses in the Program:

**Level 1.5  
Neurocognitive  
Impairment**

**Level 2  
Neurocognitive  
Impairment**

**Alzheimer's  
Disease**

**Parkinson's  
Disease**

**ALS**

If you did not receive any of these diagnoses on or before January 7, 2017, and were not diagnosed in the BAP with Level 1.5 or Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment, set up an appointment with a Qualified MAF Physician today to see if you may have a valid claim. Only Qualified MAF Physicians and Qualified BAP Providers can make Qualifying Diagnoses after January 7, 2017.

You can find contact information for a Qualified MAF Physician near you using the search feature on the MAF Physicians page of the Settlement Website (<https://www.nflconcussionsettlement.com/PhysicianSearch.aspx>).

If you do not use a computer, you can call us at 1-855-887-3485 for help or to ask us to mail you a list of all the Qualified MAF Physicians.

You must pay for this exam, but most Qualified MAF Physicians accept health insurance. If you want to wait to set up your appointment, have no fear, the network of Qualified MAF Physicians will be available to you until January 7, 2022! While there is no deadline to get a diagnosis, if you do receive a Qualifying Diagnosis from a Qualified MAF Physician, you must submit your claim within two years of the date of that diagnosis.

## Next Steps After Getting a Diagnosis in the BAP

Your next steps depend on the diagnosis you received through your BAP exam. If you received a Level 1 Neurocognitive Impairment diagnosis, you are not yet eligible to submit a claim for a Monetary Award but should follow up with the BAP Administrator about your BAP Supplemental Benefits. If you were diagnosed with Level 1.5 or Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment, you can submit a Claim Package to the Claims Administrator for a Monetary Award based on that Qualifying Diagnosis.

### Here is what you need to do:

(1) Get your BAP exam records

from the BAP Administrator – make sure the records include your BAP Diagnosing Physician Certification Form signed by both doctors who examined you.

- (2) Submit your BAP exam records and these items to the Claims Administrator:
  - a. Claim Form;
  - b. HIPAA Form;
  - c. Any other medical records reflecting your Qualifying Diagnosis; and
  - d. If you want to prove more Eligible Seasons than what the Claims Administrator already

has for you, send records showing your employment or participation in NFL Football.



You can submit your Claim Package and any other documents through an online Portal account available on the Claims Administrator's Settlement Website (<https://www.nflconcussionsettlement.com/Login.aspx>), or by sending it to one of the addresses on the next page.

## Court Limits the Amount Lawyers Can Be Paid From Awards



On April 5, 2018, the Court ruled that the total amount of fees available to pay any and all lawyers who worked on a claim is 22% of the award, plus reasonable costs. It also ordered that 5% of

that 22% will be held back for common benefit work, making 17% the maximum fee available to lawyers.

A lawyer can ask the Court for more than 22% of the award if that lawyer's contract was for a higher percentage. Settlement Class Members also can ask the Court to reduce the amount of a lawyer's fees below 22% or below the amount in their contract. This is done by filing a petition with the

Court explaining the reasons why a lawyer should receive less money and what the amount of the lawyer's fee should be. If neither the Settlement Class Member or lawyer wants to file a petition, we can pay a claim sooner!

If a Settlement Class Member already has been paid, the deadline to file a petition was June 4, 2018. Otherwise, the deadline to file a petition is triggered by the date of a Notice of Monetary Award Claim Determination or Notice of Derivative Claimant Award Determination.

For detailed information about petitions, see the Rules Governing Petitions for Deviation from the Fee Cap ([here](#)). If you were previously represented by a lawyer in this Program and have questions about this process as it relates to you and that lawyer, call or email us for help.

## Claims Review Progress

We are happy to report that we are caught up on claims review. We now are reviewing new claims almost immediately within 48 business hours after we get them. *We are ready to review your claim!*

**Submit Your Claim:** You can submit a Claim Package and any supporting documents through your online Portal account. While we recommend that you create and use a secure online Portal account, if you do not, you may send your information by mail or delivery using:

### U.S. Mail:

NFL Concussion Settlement  
Claims Administrator  
P.O. Box 25369  
Richmond, VA 23260

### Delivery (ex., FedEx, UPS):

NFL Concussion Settlement  
c/o BrownGreer PLC  
250 Rocketts Way  
Richmond, VA 23231



***There is no reason to wait. Send your claims right away!***

## Annual Inflation Adjustment to Monetary Awards

Under Section 6.9 of the Settlement Agreement, on January 7 of each year the Special Masters may direct an inflation adjustment to the Monetary Award amounts, not to exceed 2.5%, based on consideration of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers. The Special Masters approved a 2.07% upward adjustment for Monetary Awards starting on January 7, 2018.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the updated Monetary Award Grid values.

All Monetary Award Determination Notices issued after May 11, 2018, will use the updated

Monetary Award amounts. If you have been paid a Monetary Award or Derivative Claimant Award after January 7, 2018, we will calculate the additional 2.07% to be added to your Award and have the Trustee issue a true-up payment for that 2.07% (less the Court-ordered 5% deduction for Class Counsel fees). You do not need to take any action to get this true-up payment. If you have not yet received payment on a Notice of Monetary Award or Notice of Derivative Claimant Award previously issued, you will be paid the new Award amount including the 2.07% increase if and when your Award is paid.

## Submitting New Claims After Being Denied



**NEW  
CLAIM  
PACKAGE**

If you received a denial notice from the Claims Administrator, you may submit another claim if your medical condition changes. If you received a new Qualifying Diagnosis through the BAP or from a Qualified MAF Physician (who must make all diagnoses after

January 7, 2017), you can submit a new Claim Package to us for review by clicking the “Create New Claim” button on the Claim Package Page of your secure online Portal account. After you click the “Create New Claim” button, you will be prompted to submit a new Claim Package just as you did before.

A complete Claim Package includes a Claim Form, a signed HIPAA form, a signed Diagnosing Physician Certification Form that identifies the new Qualifying Diagnosis and medical records that support the new diagnosis. We will review the new claim submission and notify you of the result.

**Important Note:** If you received a denial notice in the last 30 days, you can appeal the denied claim to the Special Masters. But, if you want to just submit a new Claim Package, you can waive your appeal rights and proceed with your new diagnosis. Your Portal will guide you through this process.

If you do not have a secure online Portal account with us, you can mail us your new Claim Package at one of the addresses on page 3.

