



## Online Survey for Portal Users



If you are a Retired NFL Football Player or Representative Claimant who submitted a Claim Package and use an online portal with us, you will see a blue "Survey" link on your portal home page (between "My Account" and "Log Off") and this message to the left of the link: **We invite you to click the "Survey" link next to this message to give us feedback about using your Portal.** We want to know how things are going and get your feedback. Please complete the survey to send us your thoughts. We will use the answers we collect to improve our services.

### A Message from the Claims Administrator

*We have a claims deadline approaching! **If you were examined by a doctor on or before February 6, 2017, and the doctor gave you a Qualifying Diagnosis based on that exam, you must submit a Monetary Award claim for the diagnosis by February 6, 2019, if you wish to make a claim.***

*If you were examined by a doctor after February 6, 2017, and the doctor found you have a Qualifying Diagnosis based on that exam, you have more time to submit a claim, but must do so within two years after the date the doctor made your diagnosis. If you have not yet received a Qualifying Diagnosis, set up an appointment with a Qualified MAF Physician in your area, or contact the BAP Administrator to schedule your free BAP exam appointments (if you are eligible for the BAP and have not yet had a free BAP exam).*

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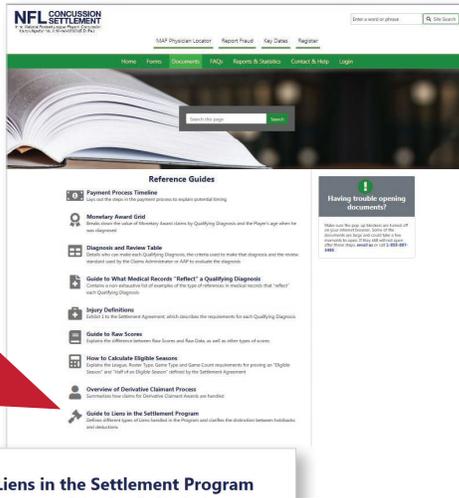
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## New Reference Guide on Liens



 **Guide to Liens in the Settlement Program**  
 Defines different types of Liens handled in the Program and clarifies the distinction between holdbacks and deductions

In last month's newsletter, we discussed three topics about Liens against Award payments. To help explain Liens, especially the differences between "holdbacks" and "deductions" for Liens, we posted a new guide on the [Reference Guides](#) page of the Settlement Website.



To view it, click the "Guide to Liens in the Settlement Program" link on that page (or click [here](#)). For more about Liens, read the "Liens – Information for Settlement Class Members" section of [FAQs](#). If there are other topics for which you think a guide may be helpful, let us know.

## Pre-Effective Date vs. Post-Effective Date Claims

In Section 5 of the NFL Settlement Program Summary Report we post to the public website, we break down by Qualifying Diagnosis date the Monetary Award claims we have received. Because the Effective Date of the Settlement was January 7, 2017:

**1. Pre-Effective Date** claims are those based on Qualifying Diagnoses made by doctors who examined Players on or before January 7, 2017; and

**2. Post-Effective Date** claims are those based on Qualifying Diagnoses made by doctors who examined Players after January 7, 2017.

All Qualifying Diagnoses made after January 7, 2017, must be done through a BAP exam or by a Qualified MAF Physician.

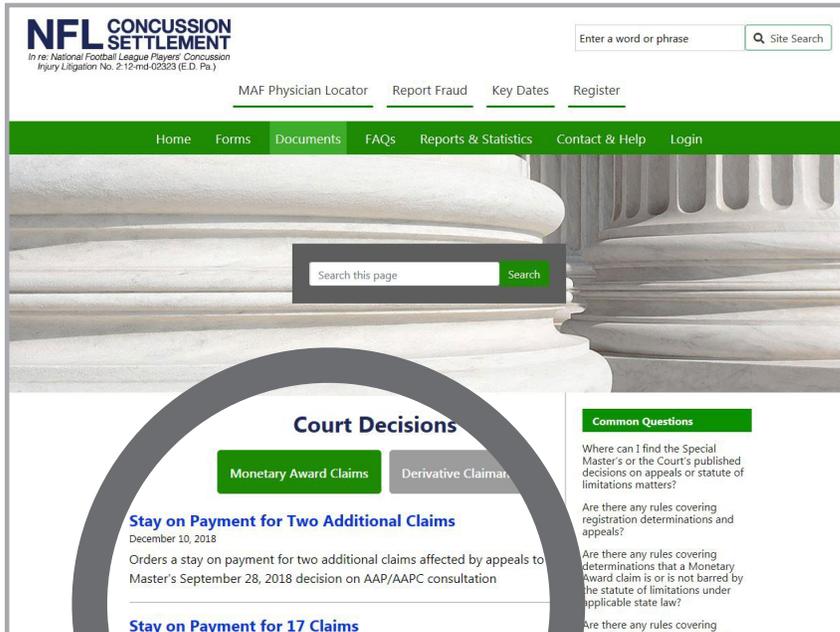


The number of post-Effective Date diagnoses has been increasing since we started accepting claims on March 23, 2017. As of December 17, 2018, 404 (19%) of the 2,142 Monetary Award claims submitted to us were based on diagnoses made by Qualified MAF Physicians (who may diagnose ALS, Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Level 2 Neurocognitive

Impairment, or Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment) or Qualified BAP Providers (who may diagnose Level 1.5 or Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment). As reported in Claims Administrator Status Report No. 1 (Document 9882, filed April 13, 2018), in the early months of the Program, nearly all the claims we received were based on pre-Effective Date diagnoses.

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## Change to Settlement Website



When we launched the redesigned public website on November 7, 2018, there was a single “Published Decisions” page that had two bookmarked PDFs, one with the decisions by the Court on Settlement Program issues the Court had directed be published, and another with decisions by the Special Masters. On December 6, 2018, we changed this to put the published Court and Special Master decisions on separate pages. From the Documents menu option, under “Published Decisions” select either “Court” or “Special Master.” The decisions are now broken down by subject (for example, Monetary Award Claims and Audit) and presented separately with a unique title, decision date and description. We did this to make the decisions more accessible and easier to use. If you have suggestions for other ways we can make the website better, tell us.

## Beware of Scams About the Program

On November 21, 2018, we issued an Alert about a phone/text scam that seemed to be trying to trick Settlement Class Members into sending the scammer money. Click [here](#) to read the Alert. We have not received more reports about this scam or any other scam. However, we encourage you to be on the lookout for suspicious communications related to the NFL Concussion Settlement Program and be cautious. If you have any doubt about the legitimacy of something, stop the communication and report your concerns to us by phone or email. We are here to help!



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## BAP Exam Deadline Reminder



Remember, Retired NFL Football Players born **on or before June 6, 1974**, must take their BAP exams **no later than June 6, 2019**. Players born **after June 6, 1974**, must take their BAP exams **no later than their 45th birthday, or June 6, 2027, whichever comes sooner**. If you are subject to the June 6, 2019 deadline and you contact the BAP Administrator to make your appointments by that date, your BAP exam will be considered timely, even if you do not complete the exam by June 6, 2019. The Parties may consider a similar exception for those subject to a deadline shortly after June 6, 2019, based on the volume of appointments scheduled by the BAP Administrator.

If you are a Player or the Representative Claimant of a Player who is eligible for the BAP and would like to request a free BAP exam, contact the BAP Administrator through your online portal account (if you use one) or by calling 1-855-887-3485 (select option 2). **Do not wait to request a BAP exam if your deadline is approaching.** You can read more about BAP exams in the "Getting a Baseline Assessment Examination" article on page 2 of the [September newsletter](#).

## Finding a Qualified MAF Physician

If you want to make an appointment with a Qualified MAF Physician, you can find one on the [MAF Physician Locator](#) page of the Settlement Website. After entering your location in the Search box and clicking the Search button, you will see the five Qualified MAF Physicians closest to your area. You also can view a PDF list of all Qualified MAF Physicians in the network. If you do not use a computer, call or email us and we will help you search for



physicians near you and can mail you a copy of the PDF list. Contact the Qualified MAF Physician of your choice to schedule an appointment with him or her. If you are eligible for the BAP and would prefer to get a free BAP exam, contact the BAP Administrator, who will set up the appointments for you. If you have any questions

about the different exam options and how to schedule them, let us know.

### You can send materials to us at one of these addresses:

#### U.S. Mail:

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

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

NFL Concussion Settlement  
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If you call us at 1-855-887-3485 with questions about the BAP, select Option 2 to speak to the BAP Administrator.

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