



Claims Administrator Status Report No. 4

We filed with the Court a fourth Status Report on February 15, 2019, and posted it on the [Other Court Filings](#) page of the Settlement Website. We file these about every three months to explain overall progress in our implementation of the Settlement. Claims Administrator Status Report No. 4 covers the period from our last report through February 11, 2019.

Our next Status Report will address events after February 11, 2019. If there is anything in Status Report No. 4 that you do not understand or on which you would like more information, contact us. Also let us know if you have any topics you feel should be covered in future Status Reports or through other means (like these newsletters, Alerts, or new FAQs).



A Message from the Claims Administrator

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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, your deadline to submit a Claim Package for the diagnosis was February 6, 2019.

If you missed that deadline, Section 8.3(a)(i) of the Settlement Agreement says you cannot receive a Monetary Award for the Qualifying Diagnosis unless you can show “substantial hardship,” which means you have a medical reason (beyond the Qualifying Diagnosis) or other good cause for being unable to submit your Claim Package by the deadline. If you experienced a substantial hardship that prevented you from submitting a claim by February 6, 2019, send us a written request for more time and we will tell you if your request can be granted. If you were examined by Qualified BAP Providers or a Qualified MAF Physician after February 6, 2017, and the doctor(s) found you have a Qualifying Diagnosis based on that exam, you must submit a claim within two years after the date the doctor made your diagnosis.

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BAP Administrator Status Report

The BAP Administrator filed with the Court a Status Report on February 28, 2019, to summarize its work administering the Baseline Assessment Program (“BAP”) as of February 13, 2019. The BAP Administrator’s Status Report covers BAP exams and BAP Supplemental Benefits. We posted this document on the [Other Court Filings](#) page of the Settlement Website and encourage you to read it. The BAP Administrator will file these about every three months as well. Contact the BAP Administrator (1-855-887-3485, option 2) if you have questions about anything in its Status Report.



BAP vs. MAF Exams

Both Qualified BAP Providers and Qualified MAF Physicians can make Qualifying Diagnoses in the Program, but these are some differences to keep in mind:

	BAP	MAF
Who pays?	The Program pays for one BAP exam for each BAP-eligible Retired Player (it is free to the Player) to provide a baseline assessment.	You pay the Qualified MAF Physician directly (most physicians accept health insurance).
Which settlement administrator maintains the network of doctors?	BAP Administrator	Claims Administrator
Who sets up the exam?	The BAP Administrator schedules appointments with a neurologist and a neuropsychologist on your behalf.	You contact the Qualified MAF Physician of your choice to set up an appointment. Click HERE to search for a doctor in your area.
Who examines the Player?	Two Qualified BAP Providers, a neurologist and a neuropsychologist, in two separate appointments.	The Qualified MAF Physician, and possibly a neuropsychologist, if referred for testing by the Qualified MAF Physician.
How do you get records from the exam?	The BAP Administrator notifies you of the results and provides instructions on how you can get the records. If there is a Qualifying Diagnosis, the BAP Administrator gives us the records. Click HERE to read an FAQ about this.	The Qualified MAF Physician must give them to you, upon your request, and also must give us certain records if he or she makes a Qualifying Diagnosis.
Which Qualifying Diagnoses can you receive?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment 2. Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment 2. Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment 3. Alzheimer’s Disease 4. Parkinson’s Disease 5. ALS

Remember, if you are eligible for the BAP and were born on or before June 6, 1974, your [deadline](#) to take your free BAP exam is June 6, 2019; if you do not participate in the BAP and later receive a Qualifying Diagnosis, you may face a reduction in your Monetary Award.

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Going to an MAF Exam

If you schedule an appointment with a Qualified MAF Physician, remember:

- 1** The doctor must personally examine you and cannot sign a **Diagnosing Physician Certification Form** based only on a review of records from your past exams with other doctors.
- 2** The doctor may refer you for neuropsychological testing. This is normal, and you should complete the testing.
- 3** The doctor must follow the **Settlement Agreement** and use his or her medical judgment to determine whether there is a **Qualifying Diagnosis**; you should not pressure the doctor to give you a **Qualifying Diagnosis**.
- 4** You can ask the doctor for the records from your exam, and he or she must give them to you.
- 5** If the doctor makes a **Qualifying Diagnosis**, he or she will send us directly a signed **Diagnosing Physician Certification Form** and other records from the exam.



Let us know if you have any questions or concerns about setting up appointments with or being examined by Qualified MAF Physicians.

Change in Calculating Half an Eligible Season

We recently updated the [How to Calculate Eligible Seasons](#) guide and [FAQ 41](#) on the Settlement Website to reflect a clarification to how we calculate half an Eligible Season under the definition in Section 2.1(kk) of the Settlement Agreement. Co-Lead Class Counsel and the NFL Parties agreed we may count a bye week spent on a Member Club's practice squad



toward the eight games required for half an Eligible Season if on that squad. Please read Paragraph 28 of Claims Administrator [Status Report No. 4](#) for more on this change. Any Player who was on a Member Club's developmental or taxi squad who feels a bye week affects his calculation of Eligible Seasons should contact us.

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Online Portal Survey Reminder

In our [December newsletter](#), we announced an online survey for portal users to give us feedback about using their portals. We made this survey available for all Retired NFL Football Players and Representative Claimants who submitted a Claim Package. We heard from several Settlement Class Members already (if you are one of them, thank you!), but there are a lot of portal users who have not yet completed the survey to tell us their thoughts.

We want to know how things are going so we can determine if there is anything we can do to improve our services. If you have not yet submitted the survey, you will see a blue “**Survey**” link on your portal home page (between “My Account” and “Log Off”) that you can click to begin.



Please send us your thoughts!

Newsletter Topic Suggestions

When we launched the redesigned Settlement Website in November 2018, we included on the [Newsletters](#) page (where we post the current and past versions of these “Insights” newsletters) an online submission feature to let anyone send us topic suggestions. We try to cover in each monthly issue things we think you will

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find interesting or helpful, but we want to hear your ideas on what you would like to read about in the newsletters.

We invite you to use this online submission feature to tell us your thoughts about what we should cover. You also can call or email us with your ideas.

We want to hear from you!

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

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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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