

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY
LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

ALL ACTIONS

: No. 2:12-md-02323-AB
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: MDL No. 2323
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: **Hon. Joshua D. Wolson**
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**FIRST QUARTER 2026 REPORT
OF THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR**

1. BrownGreer, the Court-appointed Claims Administrator for the Class Action Settlement in this litigation, submits this Report No. 29 to the Court with information as of March 31, 2026, alongside the Status Reports of the Baseline Assessment Program ("BAP") Administrator and the Special Masters.
2. Exhibit A to this Report provides a comprehensive overview of the administration, progress, and improvements of the Claims Administrator. The Report covers activity from January 1, 2026, through of March 31, 2026 ("First Quarter"). Supporting reports can also be found on the Program's public website at <https://www.nflconcussionsettlement.com> under the Reports & Statistics tab.
3. The Claims Administrator remains committed to the effective, fair, and transparent execution of the NFL Concussion Settlement. These efforts are reflected throughout the attached Exhibit A reports and remain part of ongoing initiatives to ensure that the administration of the Settlement remains both fair and efficient.

Claims Administration

- 1. Highlights:** In addition to the attached Exhibit A reports, we provide the following highlights of the Claims Administration of the Settlement Program.
- 2. Program Scale:** 20,588 Settlement Class Members (“SCMs”) are registered with the Settlement Program; 8,701 (42.3%) are represented by counsel.
- 3. Claim Volume:** We received 66 new claims:
 - 30 (45.5%) Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment,
 - 14 (21.2%) Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment,
 - 5 (7.6%) Alzheimer’s Disease,
 - 10 (15.2%) Parkinson’s Disease, and
 - 7 (10.6%) claims submitted based on an exam resulting in a finding of No Qualifying Impairment or impairment is unknown.
- 4. Monetary Award Claims Reviewed by the Appeals Advisory Panel (“AAP”):**

The AAP reviewed 117 Monetary Award Fund (“MAF”) claims (54.2% of all MAF Claims; of those, 107 remain “In Review” with the Claims Administrator)), and 38 BAP claims (43.7% of all BAP claims; of those, 29 are “In Review”) in the First Quarter.
- 5. Deficiency and Denial Notices:** We issued 33 notices for missing materials (30.6% of all claims reviewed) and 21 Notices of Denial of Monetary Award (28.4% of all determination notices issued¹).
- 6. Awards and Payments:** Also in the First Quarter, we issued 53 Notices of Monetary Award, totaling \$35,785,882. During this period, we paid \$46,127,229 to 148 Settlement Class Members and, as appropriate and with SCM approval, to others on behalf of these Settlement Class Members (e.g., attorneys, lienholders,

¹ Based on the number of determination notices issued in the First Quarter 2026 on facially complete claims (excludes Audit denials and denials for incompleteness).

third-party funders).

7. **MAF Provider Network:** 81.1% of Retired Players have a Qualified MAF Physician within 150 miles of their residence. There are 53 active Qualified MAF Physicians within the Program, and one more provider in the approval pipeline.
8. **Requests for Exception to the 150-Mile and/or 50-Mile Rules:** We received and granted 36 requests for exception to the 150-Mile Rule (MAF Rule 9) and 21 requests for exception to the 50-Mile Rule (MAF Rule 10(b)). Although the approval rate is high, we carefully evaluate each request by reviewing detailed explanations, verifying local provider availability, confirming scheduling or access issues with physicians, monitoring emerging trends to identify potential misuse, and ensuring every waiver has a valid basis for the request before approval.
9. **Appeals:** As of March 31, 2026, 16 claims were pending with the Special Masters and in various stages of the appeals process (three filed appeals were in their preliminary steps, we had not yet received seven appellee's opposition memos, five had been remanded to the Claims Administrator² and one was with the Special Masters for their decision; see Exhibit A, Section 11 for pending appeal statuses). In the First Quarter, Special Master Hoffman remanded four (30.8%) claims to the Claims Administrator, upheld the Claims Administrator's decision for six (46.2%) claims, overturned two (15.4%) decisions and one (7.7%) claim was closed or withdrawn (see Exhibit A, Section 12 for finalized appeal statuses).
10. **Audit:** In the First Quarter, one new Report of Adverse Finding was issued and 15

² Special Masters may remand a claim to the Claims Administrator for further processing under Rule 23 of the Rules Governing Appeals of Claims Determinations for review of new evidence or at any time the Special Master determines it necessary to do so (Rule 24).

audits were closed. The Special Masters issued decisions on five Audit Proceedings denying claims. There are two open Audit Proceedings in various stages and 20 active audit investigations (all for individual claims).

11. Communication and Transparency: We published one issue of the Insights newsletter, one issue of the Program Doctors newsletter, and posted seven Special Master Decisions all concerning Monetary Award claims. We made one change to the FAQs, revising the text of FAQ 211 concerning the ability of private medical insurance plans to assert a lien on an Award. There are 349 FAQs posted to the Settlement website.

12. Engagement: In the First Quarter, the Claims Administrator handled 2,375 contacts (623 calls; 1,752 emails). Common topics included: Change in Lawyers, General Settlement Information, Payment, Audit, and MAF Physicians.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims Administrator Quarterly Status Report (1/1/26 to 3/31/26)

Section 1: Monetary Award (MA) and Supplemental (SUPP) Claims Submitted

	Type	HOW MANY			% OF TOTAL		
		MA	SUPP	Total	MA	SUPP	Total
1.	BAP	14	0	14	25.0%	0.0%	21.2%
2.	MAF	36	9	45	64.3%	90.0%	68.2%
3.	No Qualifying Diagnosis or Unknown	6	1	7	10.7%	10.0%	10.6%
4.	Totals	56	10	66	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Section 2: Monetary Award (MA) and Supplemental (SUPP) Claims Submitted By Qualifying Diagnosis

	Qualifying Diagnosis	HOW MANY			% OF TOTAL		
		MA	SUPP	Total	MA	SUPP	Total
1.	ALS	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2.	Alzheimer's Disease	4	1	5	7.1%	10.0%	7.6%
3.	Parkinson's Disease	7	3	10	12.5%	30.0%	15.2%
4.	Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment	9	5	14	16.1%	50.0%	21.2%
5.	Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment	30	0	30	53.6%	0.0%	45.5%
6.	No Qualifying Diagnosis or Unknown	6	1	7	10.7%	10.0%	10.6%
7.	Totals	56	10	66	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Section 3: Claim Status For Derivative Claimants With Derivative Claim Package Submission Deadlines Notice

	Status	HOW MANY
1.	Claim Submitted	0
2.	No Claim Submitted	6
3.	Within 30-Day Deadline	0
4.	Total	6



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Section 4: Monetary Award Payments

	PAID TO	1/1/26-3/31/26
1.	Settlement Class Members (or their lawyers on their behalf, if represented)	\$45,220,515
2.	Medical Lienholders (on behalf of Settlement Class Members to the Lien Resolution Administrator to resolve medical Liens when a final Lien resolution amount is determined)	\$130,900
3.	Non-Medical Lienholders (on behalf of Settlement Class Members to lienholders to resolve non-medical Liens)	\$749,316
4.	Third-Party Funders (on behalf of Settlement Class Members to third-party funders who have accepted rescission of and/or terminated prohibited assignments that they had entered into with Settlement Class Members)	\$26,498
5.	Total	\$46,127,229



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Section 5: Monetary Award Payments by Qualifying Diagnosis

	Diagnosis	Notices of Monetary Award		Paid	
		Claims	Amount	Claims	Amount
1.	Death with CTE	0	\$0	0	\$0
2.	ALS	0	\$0	1	\$0
3.	Alzheimer's Disease	8	\$3,915,144	20	\$983,256
4.	Parkinson's Disease	4	\$3,760,640	23	\$5,019,168
5.	Level 2	7	\$2,419,561	21	\$10,238,857
6.	Level 1.5	34	\$25,690,537	83	\$6,096,077
	Total	53	\$35,785,882	148	\$46,127,229

Table 6: Reported IRPA Costs

	Type of Award	Median Cost	Average Cost
1.	Level 1.5 Award	\$909	\$4,509
2.	Level 2 Award	\$500	\$1,741
3.	Parkinson's Disease Award	\$7,009	\$7,009
4.	Alzheimer's Disease Award	\$1,545	\$3,345
5.	Totals	\$1,285	\$4,147



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Section 7: AAP Review Status and Determinations of MAF Claims¹

	Result	Reviewed by AAP	%	Not Reviewed by AAP	%	Total
1.	Denied Directly After Audit	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	1
2.	Denied Due to Disqualified/ Terminated Physician	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	3
3.	Withdrawn by Settlement Class Member	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
4.	Denied for Lack of Sufficient Proof of Diagnosis	3	50.0%	3	50.0%	6
5.	In Review	107	53.8%	92	46.2%	199
6.	Approved and Paid	5	71.4%	2	28.6%	7
7.	Totals	117	54.2%	99	45.8%	216

¹This is the count of MAF claims reviewed to each of these statuses during the First Quarter.

Section 8: AAP Review Status and Determinations of BAP Claims²

	Result	Reviewed by AAP	%	Not Reviewed by AAP	%	Total
1.	Denied Directly After Audit	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
2.	Denied Due to Disqualified/ Terminated Physician	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
3.	Withdrawn by Settlement Class Member	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	1
4.	Denied for Lack of Sufficient Proof of Diagnosis	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	5
5.	In Review	29	41.4%	41	58.6%	70
6.	Approved and Paid	5	45.5%	6	54.5%	11
7.	Totals	38	43.7%	49	56.3%	87

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Section 9: Deficiency Notices for Missing Materials Issued

	Qualifying Diagnosis	Claims Reviewed	Notices Issued	% Missing Materials
1.	ALS	0	0	0.0%
2.	Alzheimer's Disease	10	2	20.0%
3.	Parkinson's Disease	29	16	55.2%
4.	Level 2	17	5	29.4%
5.	Level 1.5	47	6	12.8%
6.	Multiple/ Unknown	5	4	80.0%
7.	Totals	108	33	30.6%

Section 10: Determination Notices Issued

	Qualifying Diagnosis	Determination Notices ¹	Award Notices	% Approved
1.	ALS	0	0	0.0%
2.	Alzheimer's Disease	8	8	100.0%
3.	Parkinson's Disease	12	4	33.3%
4.	Level 2	12	7	58.3%
5.	Level 1.5	42	34	81.0%
6.	Totals	74	53	71.6%

¹This is the count of determination notices issued during the First Quarter on facially complete claims (excludes Audit denials and denials for incompleteness). Claims that are still in progress or that were withdrawn are not counted here.

NFL**CONCUSSION SETTLEMENT**IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION
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(1/1/26 to 3/31/26)****Section 11: Status of Pending Appeals On Monetary Award
and Supplemental Monetary Award Claims**

Status		As of 3/31/26		
		Class Member	NFL	Total
A.	Payable Claims	2	0	2
1.	Appeal Filed and in Preliminary Steps	0	0	0
2.	Appellee's Opposition Memo Not Received	1	0	1
3.	Appellee's Opposition Memo Received	0	0	0
4.	With Special Masters for Decision	1	0	1
B.	Denied Claims	14	0	14
1.	Appeal Filed and in Preliminary Steps	3	0	3
2.	Appellee's Opposition Memo Not Received	6	0	6
3.	Appellee's Opposition Memo Received	0	0	0
4.	Remanded to Claims Administrator	5	0	5
C.	Total Appeals	16	0	16

**Section 12: Status of Finalized Appeals On Monetary Award
and Supplemental Monetary Award Claims**

Status		1/1/26-3/31/26		
		Class Member	NFL	Total
A.	Payable Claims	1	0	1
1.	Remanded to Claims Administrator	1	0	1
2.	Result Upheld on Appeal	0	0	0
3.	Result Overturned on Appeal	0	0	0
4.	Closed or Withdrawn	0	0	0
B.	Denied Claims	12	0	12
5.	Remanded to Claims Administrator	3	0	3
6.	Result Upheld on Appeal	6	0	6
7.	Result Overturned on Appeal	2	0	2
8.	Closed or Withdrawn	1	0	1
C.	Total Appeals	13	0	13



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Section 13: Status of Audit Proceedings

	Decision	Audit Reports	%
1.	Special Masters Issued Decisions Denying Claims	5	71.4%
2.	Audit Proceeding Under Review by Special Masters	1	14.3%
3.	Audit Report Under Consideration for Proceeding	1	14.3%
4.	Total	7	100.0%

Section 14: Closed Audits

	Decision	Audit Reports	%
1.	Claims Denied in Audit	1	6.7%
2.	No Finding of MOC	13	86.7%
3.	Withdrawn	1	6.7%
4.	Total	15	100.0%



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Section 15: Qualified MAF Physician Network

Status	As of 3/31/26			%	
	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No
Living Player has MAF within 150 Miles	11,232	2,618	13,850	81.1%	18.9%

Section 16: Qualified MAF Physicians

	Status	As of 3/31/26
1.	Approved Physician – On Posted List	53
2.	Approved Physician – Not yet Posted	1

Section 17: Requests for Exception to 150-Mile Rule

	Status	Representation		1/1/26-3/31/26	
		Pro Se	Represented	Total	%
1.	Granted	1	35	36	100.0%
2.	Denied	0	0	0	0.0%
3.	Totals	1	35	36	100.0%

Section 18: Requests for Exception to 50-Mile Rule

	Status	Representation		1/1/26-3/31/26	
		Pro Se	Represented	Total	%
1.	Granted	0	21	21	100.0%
2.	Denied	0	0	0	0.0%
3.	Totals	0	21	21	100.0%



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Section 19: Non-Medical Liens Summary

	Lien Type	Liens Asserted	Notices of Lien Issued by Claim Administrator	Liens Disputed by Settlement Class Members
1.	Attorneys'	22	25	8
2.	Child Support	1	0	0
3.	Judgment	0	0	5
4.	Tax	0	0	0
5.	Totals	23	25	13

Section 20: Non-Medical Lien Holdbacks

	Lien Type	Monetary Awards Affected	Monetary Award Amounts	Lien Payments
1.	Attorneys'	4	\$2,683,150	\$362,950
2.	Child Support	0	\$0	\$0
3.	Judgment	5	\$6,583,524	\$3,330,897
4.	Tax	0	\$0	\$0
5.	Totals	9	\$9,266,693	\$4,803,847



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Section 21: Non-Medical Lien Payments From Initial Monetary Awards

	Lien Type	Monetary Awards Affected	Monetary Award Amounts	Lien Payments
1.	Attorneys'	13	\$16,991,244	\$288,713
2.	Child Support	2	\$2,227,299	\$460,602
3.	Judgment	0	\$0	\$0
4.	Tax	0	\$0	\$0
5.	Totals	15	\$19,218,544	\$2,064,595

Section 22: Attorneys' Liens in Dispute Resolution Process

Pending	Resolved		Total
	By Agreed Withdrawal	By Court Determination	
12	18	0	30