

## *Notice for Players and Families Who Have Previously Received a Monetary Award*

At the start of the NFL Concussion Injury Settlement, Judge Brody (the federal Judge overseeing this matter) took two steps related to attorneys' fees: first, she capped all attorneys' fees at 22% of any award (that is, attorneys could not charge Players and families more than 22% of the overall award amount) and she required that 5% of this amount be placed into an account to pay for future common benefit legal fees regarding the administration of the Settlement. This 5% was called a "holdback".

Given experience gained since the start of the Settlement, the Court reduced the holdback amount. On December 21, 2023, Judge Brody ruled that the holdback will now be 1% and ordered that 4% of the holdback from each paid claim be returned to the attorney managing the case or to the Player or family, if they proceeded without an attorney.

This process is underway now.

- **Claimants Represented by an Attorney:** If you were represented by any attorney at the time you received your monetary award, the 5% holdback should have been charged against your attorney's fees, not to you, and so your lawyer will now receive 4% of the holdback amount. However, if you believe that your lawyer charged any portion of the 5% holdback to you, you should consult your attorney about return of the portion of the holdback to which you may be entitled.
- **Claimants Not Represented by an Attorney:** If you proceeded without an attorney, or pro se, you will be hearing from the Administrator directly within the next several months. If you have questions, please direct them to [ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com](mailto:ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com) or call 1-855-887-3485.