

## Quick Reference Guide: Liens in the Settlement Program

	Lien Type*	Description	Holdback from Award Payment (not final)**	Deduction from Award Payment (final)***
1	<b>Medical</b> (Epiq)	To reimburse governmental healthcare insurers and payors, like Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, VA, Indian Health Services and private healthcare insurance companies under certain plans, for payments they made for medical items, services, or prescription drugs related to a Retired NFL Football Player's Qualifying Diagnosis	Calculated by the Lien Resolution Administrator to be as low as possible to hold back enough money to pay these Liens, based on: (1) the Player's Qualifying Diagnosis and usual cost of treatment for that diagnosis; (2) the type of Lien claimed; and (3) the number of Liens	The amount the Lien Resolution Administrator and the governmental healthcare insurers and payors or private healthcare insurance companies agree will pay off the Lien, plus any fees owed to the Lien Resolution Administrator if the Settlement Class Member hired it to resolve private healthcare insurance Liens
2	<b>Attorneys'</b> (BrownGreer)	To pay a lawyer his or her fees and costs for work the lawyer did representing a Settlement Class Member individually in NFL concussion litigation and/or the Settlement Program	<p>The Court ordered that fees of all lawyers who worked on a claim cannot be more than 22% of the Award, less the common benefit fee deduction, plus reasonable costs (Documents 9863 and 9862), unless the lawyer agreed to a lower fee in their retainer agreement or files a Petition for Deviation. The common benefit fee deduction was reduced from 5% to 1% for all Awards issued after 12/21/2023 (Document 12368).</p> <p>So, the Program holds back for the attorneys' lien:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21% of the Award or the amount of fees claimed by the Settlement Class Member's current lawyer if less than 22%;</li> <li>Costs of the lawyer claiming the Lien (if any); and</li> <li>Costs of the Settlement Class Member's current lawyer (if any).</li> </ol> <p>If a lawyer files a Petition for Deviation seeking more than 22%, the Program holds back the amount the lawyer asks for in the petition (less the common benefit fee deduction), plus the costs claimed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Settlement Class Member consents to the Lien: the full Lien amount; or</li> <li>If Settlement Class Member disputes the Lien: (a) the amount agreed upon by the Settlement Class Member and the lawyer; or (b) the amount determined by the Special Master in the Attorneys' Lien Dispute process; or</li> <li>If a Petition for Deviation was filed: the amount of fees and costs awarded by the Court</li> </ol>
3	<b>Child Support</b> (BrownGreer)	Liens by state agencies for unpaid child support	Amount claimed by the child support agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Settlement Class Member consents to the Lien: the full Lien amount; or</li> <li>If Settlement Class Member disputes the Lien: (a) the amount agreed upon by the Settlement Class Member and the child support agency; or (b) the amount of child support agency's final demand</li> </ol>

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4	<b>Tax</b> (BrownGreer)	Liens by federal, state, or local governments for unpaid taxes	Amount claimed by the taxing authority	1. If Settlement Class Member consents to the Lien: the full Lien amount; or 2. If Settlement Class Member disputes the Lien: (a) the amount agreed upon by the Settlement Class Member and tax agency; or (b) the amount of tax agency's final demand
5	<b>Judgment</b> (BrownGreer)	For money owed under a final judgment entered by a federal or state court in a lawsuit	Amount ordered in the final judgment	1. If Settlement Class Member consents to the Lien: the full Lien amount; or 2. If Settlement Class Member disputes the Lien: (a) the amount agreed upon by the Settlement Class Member and whoever is claiming the Lien; or (b) the amount owed on the final judgment

\*The Lien Resolution Administrator (Epiq), handles Medical Liens, which are sometimes called “healthcare liens.” The Claims Administrator (BrownGreer) handles Attorneys’ Liens, Child Support Liens, Tax Liens and Judgment Liens, which are called “Non-Medical Liens.” The Settlement Agreement, as well as federal and state law, require that these administrators withhold portions of Monetary Awards and Derivative Claimant Awards to pay Liens.

\*\*The Program holds back funds for Medical Liens that the Lien Resolution Administrator has not yet finalized and for Non-Medical Liens the Settlement Class Member has not consented to. After the Lien amounts are finalized and/or any disputes are resolved, the Lien is paid off. Held back amounts that are left over after paying the Liens are paid to the Settlement Class Member.

\*\*\*Usually, the final Lien deductions are less than the holdbacks for pending Liens. Section 7 of the NFL Settlement Program Summary Report on the Reports & Statistics page of the Settlement Website breaks down how much has been paid to eligible Retired NFL Football Players and Representative Claimants and how much has been paid for Liens. The Program issues payments for Non-Medical Liens directly to the person or entity claiming the Lien (the “lienholder”), and payments for Medical Liens to the Lien Resolution Administrator, which then pays the Liens.