



**New!**  
 Grid of Awards of Monetary Awards as of 1/12/19

## 2019 Inflation Adjustment

Under Section 6.9 of the Settlement Agreement, in January of each year the Special Masters may direct an inflation adjustment to the Monetary Award amounts, not to exceed 2.5%, based on consideration of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers. The Special Masters have approved a 1.9% upward adjustment, effective as of January 12, 2019. Click [here](#) for a copy of the updated Monetary Award Grid values. We also post the Monetary Award Grid on the [Reference Guides](#) page of the Settlement Website.

If you did not receive payment by January 12, 2019, on a Notice of Monetary Award or Notice of Derivative Claimant Award previously issued, we will calculate the 1.9% upward adjustment, add it to your client's Award and pay you that new Award amount if and when your client's Award is paid. You do not need to take any action to receive this additional amount. All Monetary Award Determination Notices issued on or after January 12, 2019, will use the increased Monetary Award Grid values.

### A Message from the Claims Administrator



**February 6, 2019 is the Claim Package submission DEADLINE for pre-Effective Date diagnoses!**

This means if your client was examined by a doctor on or before February 6, 2017, and the doctor gave him a Qualifying Diagnosis based on that exam, you must submit a Monetary Award claim for the diagnosis by February 6, 2019, if your client wishes to make a claim. Click [here](#) to read a letter from Co-Lead Class Counsel about this deadline.

If your client is subject to and misses the February 6, 2019 deadline, Section 8.3(a)(i) of the Settlement Agreement says he cannot receive a Monetary Award for the Qualifying Diagnosis unless you can show "substantial hardship." Click [here](#) to read an FAQ with more on this.

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## Now that 2019 is here, we want to highlight some of what happened last year in the Program.

Go to the [Reports & Statistics](#) page on the Settlement Website to see total numbers since the Program opened. But here are some highlights just on the period from January to December 2018:

- 1** **582** Retired NFL Football Players and Representative Claimants received Notices of Monetary Award.
- 2** **\$335,486,619** was paid to or on behalf of **521** Players and Representative Claimants.
- 3** **139** Derivative Claimants received Notices of Derivative Claimant Award.
- 4** **\$592,961** was paid to or on behalf of **114** Derivative Claimants.
- 5** We handled **18,416** communications, including **5,747** emails and **12,669** calls made or received.
- 6** Players attended **5,333** BAP exam appointments (some of which the BAP Administrator had scheduled in 2017).
- 7** The BAP Administrator scheduled **5,273** new BAP exam appointments (some of which will take place in 2019).
- 8** We redesigned and added a search feature to the **Settlement Website**.
- 9** There were **127,096** unique visits to the Settlement Website, coming from **100** countries and all **50** of the United States.
- 10** We started issuing these monthly "**Insights**" [newsletters](#).
- 11** We issued **7,021** notices to 3,902 different persons.
- 12** The [Court](#) and [Special Masters](#) issued **12** decisions and designated them to be published on the Settlement Website.

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## Claims for Supplemental Monetary Awards

This month, we launched the process by which you may submit claims for [Supplemental Monetary Awards](#) on behalf of Retired NFL Football Players

(or their Representative Claimants). If you use an online portal with us, there is a new radio button on the Claim Package search page in your portal that says “Eligible for Supplemental Claims.” Select this option to see a list of clients who were paid a Monetary Award and now can submit Supplemental Claims. After selecting a client’s Settlement Program ID, click the “Create New Supplemental Claim” button to submit a Supplemental Claim Package based on a new Qualifying Diagnosis received after the Qualifying Diagnosis for which the Award was paid. We posted an Alert about this on the Settlement Website (under “Documents,” click “Alerts”). We also put the necessary forms in a new section titled “Supplemental Monetary Awards” on the [Forms](#) page.

**Create New Supplemental Claim**



## Records from the BAP Administrator

In our [August newsletter](#), we reported that the BAP Administrator uploads directly through a secure online portal all medical records related to Level 1.5 and Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment diagnoses (“Qualifying Diagnoses”) made in the BAP. If your client receives a diagnosis of Level 1 Neurocognitive Impairment (not a “Qualifying Diagnosis”) or no diagnosis through the BAP, we do not get records from the BAP Administrator. Additionally, while the NFL Parties and Co-Lead Class Counsel receive general statistical information about all BAP exams, the personal health information or medical records from your client’s BAP exam is not shared with the NFL, its attorneys, or its consultants. Click [here](#) for an FAQ with more details about what happens after a BAP exam.



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## Resolving Attorneys' Liens Disputes

On January 7, 2019, Magistrate Judge Strawbridge issued a [Report and Recommendation](#) with these five factors to analyze a lawyer's performance under a contingency fee contract and resolve Attorneys' Liens Disputes after a Settlement Class Member receives an Award:



- (1) Reasonableness of the contingency fee contract when it was signed;**
- (2) Reasonableness of the contract at the time the lienholder seeks enforcement;**
- (3) Results obtained by the lawyer;**
- (4) Quality of representation; and**
- (5) How the work contributed to the Award.**

Click [here](#) to read an Alert with more information about these five factors. The Court will review the Report and Recommendation and issue a final decision accepting, rejecting, or modifying its findings.

## Generally Consistent Order

On January 9, 2019, the Court entered an [Order](#) regarding Qualified MAF Physicians who deviate from the Baseline Assessment Program ("BAP") testing protocols and diagnostic criteria to make Level 1.5 or Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment diagnoses. In that

Order, the Court directed that we develop for its review and approval a clarification to the Rules Governing Qualified MAF Physicians that will require Qualified MAF Physicians who deviate from the BAP criteria to provide a written description in their reports as to why, in their

medical judgment, the evaluation and evidence is "generally consistent" with the BAP criteria. We are working with the Court and Special Masters on how best to implement this and will announce any process or Rule changes in a future Alert.

### 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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