



What is the NFL Concussion Settlement?

The NFL Parties agreed to a class action settlement with Retired NFL Football Players that provides several benefits, including compensation for Qualifying Diagnoses.

What is a Qualifying Diagnosis? Certain diagnoses may entitle a Retired NFL Football Player to a Monetary Award if diagnosed by a Qualified MAF Physician. These are:

- 1. Level 1.5 Neurocognitive Impairment
- 2. Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment
- 3. Alzheimer's Disease
- 4. Parkinson's Disease
- 5. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis ("ALS")



What is the Role of a Qualified MAF Physician?

Qualified MAF Physicians agree to be part of the Network of physicians with whom Retired NFL Football Players can schedule appointments to be examined for potential Qualifying Diagnoses. The Claims Administrator maintains the Qualified MAF Physician Network.

Who may apply to serve as a Qualified MAF Physician?

A board-certified neurologist, a board-certified neurosurgeon, or other board-certified neuro-specialist physician. In addition, a Qualified MAF Physician must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Must possess a current, active, unrestricted state license;
- 2. Hospital staff privileges must not be revoked or have been restricted within the past five years;
- 3. Must be covered by proper insurance under state law;
- 4. Must not be excluded from participation in any federal or state healthcare program;
- 5. Medical license must not be subjected to any disciplinary action or any restrictions within the past five years;
- 6. Must never have been convicted of a crime of dishonesty; and
- 7. Must not be serving on or after April 22, 2015 as a litigation expert consultant or expert witness for a Retired NFL Football Player who has opted out of the Settlement, or his, her or its counsel, in connection with litigation relating to the injuries and/or conduct addressed in the *In re:* National Football League Players' Concussion Injury Litigation.



NETWORK OVERVIEW

Common Questions About the Qualified MAF Physician Network

How do I apply to serve as a Qualified MAF Physician? Physicians must complete a program application and undergo a credentialing review by the Claims Administrator, and be approved by Class Counsel and Counsel for the NFL Parties.

What other criteria will be used to determine if I qualify as a physician in the program? The Claims Administrator will review each prospective physician's education, training, clinical experience, licensing, board certification, insurance coverage, and other background information.

Does the Settlement restrict the kinds of services I can offer? No. Any services ordinarily performed by Qualified MAF Physicians may be provided with the express informed consent of the Retired NFL Football Player and/or his insurer and will be the financial responsibility of the Retired NFL Football Player and/or his insurer.

Will my staff require any special training to deal with the program's requirements? Before your staff begins active participation in the Settlement program, we will conduct a comprehensive orientation.

Will I have to determine whether playing football caused the Qualifying Diagnosis? No. No proof is necessary that a Qualifying Diagnosis was caused by playing football.

How do we coordinate scheduling? Retired NFL Football Players, their lawyers or representatives will contact your office directly to schedule appointments.

How will we be paid? You will be paid directly by the Retired NFL Football Player, his insurer or lawyer. The Claims Administrator will not compensate you for your participation as a Qualified MAF Physician.

This program is part of a settlement. Will our doctors and nurses need to appear in court? No. The Qualified MAF Physician will sign a sworn Diagnosing Physician Certification Form that provides the Qualifying Diagnosis in writing.

Is this a medical monitoring program? No. Ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements are not a part of this program.

"Each Qualified MAF
Physician performs a
crucial and indispensable
role in the successful
implementation of the
Settlement Agreement, the
provision of Settlement
benefits to Retired NFL
Football Players and their
families, and the correct
application of the
provisions of the
Settlement Agreement."

The Hon. Anita B. Brody, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of PA, *In re: National Football League Players' Concussion Injury Litigation*, MDL No. 2323, April 11, 2019

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