

Quick Reference Guide: Liens in the Settlement Program

	Lien Type*	Description	Holdback from Award Payment (not final)**	Deduction from Award Payment (final)***
1	Medical	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 (LRA) to be as low as possible 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 LRA will apply percentage-based holdbacks if Liens have not been finalized. If the final Lien amount exceeds the holdback, the Monetary Award Fund and NFL Parties will not be responsible for satisfying any portion of the lien, the Settlement Class Member is responsible for any unpaid portion of the lien, and the Lien Resolution Administrator will require the Settlement Class Member to return funds necessary to fully satisfy the lien. Using percentage-based holdbacks allows the LRA to maximize the amount released to the Settlement Class Member at the earliest possible stage, and the LRA anticipates requesting the return of funds only rarely, if at all.	The amount the Lien Resolution Administrator and the governmental healthcare insurers and payors or private healthcare insurance companies agree will resolve the Lien, plus any fees owed to the Lien Resolution Administrator
2	Attorneys'	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	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 (ECF Nos. 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 (ECF No. 12368). So, the Program holds back for the attorneys' lien: 21% of the Award or the amount of fees claimed by the Settlement Class Member's current lawyer if less than 22%; - Costs of the lawyer claiming the Lien (if any); and - Costs of the Settlement Class Member's current lawyer (if any). 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.	- If Settlement Class Member consents to the Lien: the full Lien amount; or - 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 - If a Petition for Deviation was filed: the amount of fees and costs awarded by the Court

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3	Child Support	Liens by state agencies for unpaid child support	Amount claimed by the child support agency	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 the child support agency; or (b) the amount of child support agency's final demand
4	Tax	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	Judgment	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

*BrownGreer was appointed Claims Administrator on 4/22/15 and Lien Resolution Administrator on 7/17/25. As the Lien Resolution Administrator, BrownGreer handles Medical Liens, which are sometimes called “healthcare liens,” and as 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, requires that the Program 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 1 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. BrownGreer issues payments for Non-Medical Liens directly to the person or entity claiming the Lien (the “lienholder”), and payments for Medical Liens to the agency or insurer that is owed reimbursement.