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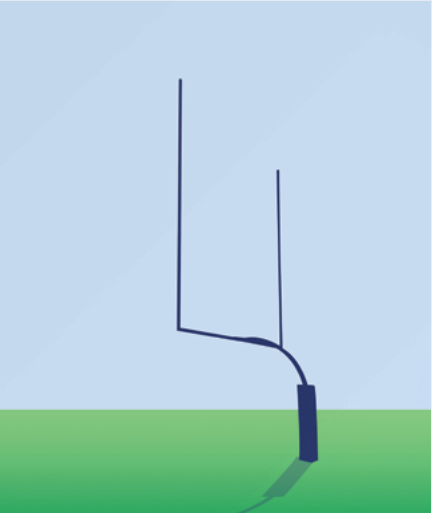
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A Message from the Claims Administrator

As Claims Administrator, it is our job to help safeguard the integrity of the claims process and further the goal of the Settlement Agreement, which is to provide benefits to those who are eligible for compensation according to its terms. One way we do this is by monitoring Claim Packages submitted to us that are based on diagnoses by Qualified MAF Physicians. We look at the Qualifying Diagnoses to assess compliance with the Settlement Agreement and Rules Governing Qualified MAF Physicians. If you set up an appointment to be examined by a Qualified MAF Physician, it is very important that you talk openly and honestly about your medical condition and that you provide complete and truthful answers to all the doctor’s questions.

You can call 1-855-887-3485 or email us at ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com if you have any questions or concerns. Don’t forget to check the [Settlement Website](#) for Program updates.♦

Claims Administrator
BrownGreer PLC



By The Numbers

(As of 9/28/26)

20,564

Registered Settlement
Class Members

4,629

Claim Packages
Received

2,212

Payable Monetary
Awards

\$1,725,787,775

Payable Monetary
Award Amounts

17,886

BAP Appointments
Scheduled

17,463

BAP Appointments
Attended

Important Information Regarding Audited Parkinson Disease Claims

On June 8, 2026, the Special Masters issued their Rule 27 Decision on the Report of Adverse Finding regarding 98 Parkinson’s Disease claims submitted or developed through five law firms, which arose as a result of a large-scale Audit conducted by the Claims Administrator. The Audit identified a consistent and coordinated pattern in the development and submission of these claims that undermined the integrity of the Settlement’s diagnostic process. The Special Masters ordered various remedies regarding the affected claims and law firms and instructed the Claims Administrator to develop and announce additional measures to ensure the reliability of diagnoses and engage with the Parties and the Special Masters to revisit and consider any additional modifications to the diagnostic criteria for the Settlement’s Qualifying Diagnoses. The [6/8/26 Special Master Audit decision](#) and related [Alert](#) are available on the Settlement website.



IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF THE SPECIAL MASTERS’ DECISION

The Decision had the following immediate effects on the further processing of Program claims:

- 1 All firms that represent Settlement Class Members are required to disclose to the Claims Administrator certain co-counsel relationships;
- 2 Currently pending and future claims must include full disclosure of all relevant medical encounters, including medical records not supporting a diagnosis;
- 3 The Claims Administrator must deny all pending claims implicated in the scheme, with permission to resubmit based on new, independent evaluations;
- 4 Use of enhanced diagnostic safeguards, including objective testing, is allowed;
- 5 Diagnoses that rely on certain identified non-Program physicians associated with the scheme will be excluded.♦

Note: Objections to this Audit decision were filed on September 11, 2026, and it is currently in the briefing process with the Parties. However, the five measures discussed above are in effect and you should comply with them, as applicable.♦



The Claims Administrator is developing directives to the Settlement Class Members, law firms, and Program Providers to implement the Decision.

Program Provider Updates

We recently implemented some Provider Portal updates to allow Program Providers to clearly and objectively document their own observations of the Qualifying Diagnosis criteria for each Retired NFL Football Player that they evaluate. These changes may affect how they schedule MAF evaluations for Parkinson’s Disease and the number of times they see a Retired NFL Football Player before diagnosing Parkinson’s Disease. We hope these enhancements will clarify the process for documenting a Parkinson’s Disease diagnosis and reduce the number of requests for clarification from us to Program Providers.♦

Published Special Master Decisions

The Court has referred to the Special Masters all Appeals on Claims, which are determined in accordance with the [Rules Governing Appeals of Claim Determinations](#). The Special Masters designate which Appeal decisions to post on the Settlement Website, creating a set of rules and guidance for support and review of Claims. These decisions appear under the “Governing Documents” tab; click “Governing Decisions” and then the “Special Master” button to view controlling Special Master decisions. The material on each page is grouped by subject matter. Use the subject matter buttons on each page to view decisions under the subject matter you are interested in.

Six recent Special Master rulings that affect Monetary Award Claims have been posted to the Settlement Website since the last Insights Newsletter. Here are summaries of the posted decisions (click the links to see the complete decision text):

[Functional Impairment and Deference](#) – 7/29/26

A Player argued on appeal that the Claims Administrator did not defer to the articulated judgment of his medical providers in diagnosing his functional impairment. Deference should be given to a Diagnosing Physician’s determinations unless they are clearly in error. The Claims Administrator concluded that the Diagnosing Physician’s reasoning was internally incoherent and rested on conflating neuropsychological test scores. The Special Master denied the appeal because the Claims Administrator did not err in determining that the Player’s functional impairment was inadequately supported.

[Diagnosis Date and Stroke Offset](#) – 7/24/26

A diagnosis date earlier than the examination date will be strictly scrutinized in the claims review process and thus the Claims Administrator rejected the earlier diagnosis date because it was based on the Player’s self-reported, vague, symptoms instead of medical records or corroborating evidence from non-family members. The Player also argued that there was no qualifying stroke to trigger the application of the Stroke offset, but he failed to meet his burden of showing, by clear and convincing evidence, that his Alzheimer’s symptoms were not causally related to his Stroke to avoid the offset.

[Test of Premorbid Functioning \(TOPF\) Reading Standard Score](#) – 7/13/26

A Player argued that he had demonstrated a history of a serious learning disability and therefore his Claim should be an exception to the Settlement’s ordinary use of the TOPF. The Special Master concluded that the Player did not sufficiently show that he suffered from a severe learning disability and consequently it was wrong for his diagnosing physician to dispense with the use of the TOPF Reading Level test.



[Functional Impairment and Deference](#) – 7/10/26

On appeal, an AAP Member reviewed the Claim and concluded that the diagnosing physician’s articulated basis for assigning CDR scores appeared to meet the Program’s requirements if full deference was warranted. Looking at the totality of the evidence and noting that the views of examining physicians regarding functional impairment are due some deference so long as their views were clearly articulated, the Special Master adopted the AAP’s conclusion.

[Functional Impairment](#) – 6/24/26

The Claims Administrator determined that contradictions between submitted clinical reports and late-arriving evidence materially undermined the reliability of a Player’s Claim. Because of these contradictions, it was entirely appropriate for the Claims Administrator to determine that the evidence of functional impairment did not sufficiently support the alleged Qualifying Diagnosis.

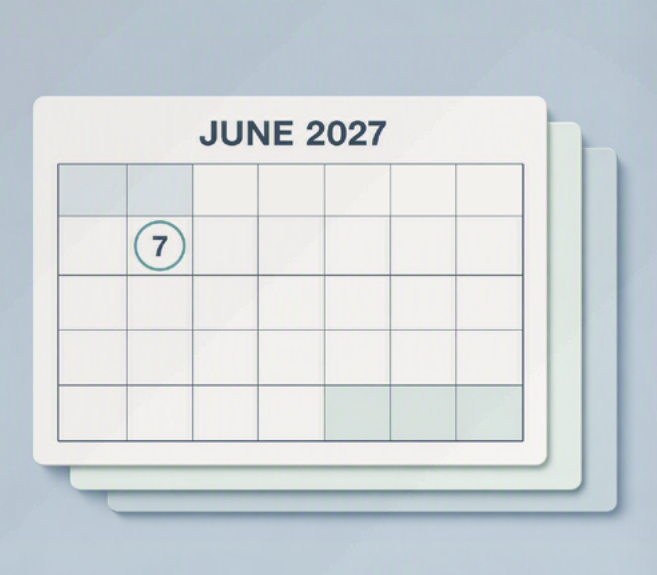
[Corroboration of Functional Impairment](#) – 5/26/26

When corroboration of functional impairment rests on a third-party affidavit, the Settlement also requires evidence of moderate to severe cognitive decline from a previous level of performance as determined by the Settlement’s standardized neuropsychological testing protocol. The Special Master concluded that the Player’s testing did not meet that requirement and corroboration by third-party affidavit alone is not permissible under the Settlement. ♦

Deadline to Take a Free BAP Exam

June 7, 2027, is the final deadline for eligible Retired NFL Football Players to complete a free Baseline Assessment Program (BAP) exam. June 7, 2027, is the final deadline for eligible Retired NFL Football Players to complete a free Baseline Assessment Program (BAP) exam. After that date, BAP exams will no longer be available. If your client will turn 45 before June 7, 2027, he must request and complete his BAP exam before his 45th birthday. For additional information about this deadline, click [here](#) to review the FAQ.

Any Retired Player who is eligible for the Baseline Assessment Program and does not complete his BAP exam before the earlier of (1) June 7, 2027, or (2) his 45th birthday, and who later submits a Claim Package seeking a Monetary Award based on a Qualifying Diagnosis (other than ALS) rendered after that deadline, will be subject to a **10% reduction** in any Monetary Award he receives. To avoid this 10% reduction, **your client must attend and complete his BAP exam before the applicable deadline. Scheduling an exam alone is not sufficient.** The examination must be completed before the earlier of June 7, 2027, or your client's 45th birthday.



On July 17, 2026, we posted seven new BAP-related FAQs to the Settlement website. Check out the new [FAQ #s 52-58](#) in the Baseline Assessment Program section for additional information on the BAP exam deadline.

BAP FACTS AND FIGURES:

- As of 9/28/26, there are 3,329 Settlement Class Members who remain eligible to participate in the BAP; 2,183 (65.6%) are represented by counsel.
- In Q2 2026, 340 appointment requests were submitted through the portal (159 Neuropsychology; 181 Neurology); average wait from request to scheduled date was 58.8 days; average wait from request to appointment date was 134.6 days.
- The attendance rate for BAP appointments is at 37.5% - **we urge your clients to keep and attend their appointments!**♦

ACCESSING BAP REPORTS ON THE PORTAL

There are several BAP reports that you can access in your firm portal to help with managing your clients' BAP status and exams. To locate BAP Reports, please click the Reporting tab located on the upper right side of your law firm's Portal. Then select General in the Report Categories drop down.

Reports		
Report Categories: General		
Click the column headings labeled Number, Report Name or Report Category to sort the reports in ascending or descending order. An arrow will appear beside the selection to indicate the sort order. Click the Report Name link to display the report. You may also add or remove reports from the Reports menu item by clicking the Add or Remove link.		
Number	Report Name	Report Category
NFL 1079	BAP Appointments Requiring Confirmation and Confirmed Upcoming Appointments	BAP Appointments Requiring Confirmation
NFL 1081	All BAP Appointments	All BAP Appointments
NFL 1087	BAP Appointments Requested	BAP Appointments Requested

NFL 1079 – Appointments Requiring Confirmation and Upcoming Confirmed Appointments is designed to allow you to focus on the most time-sensitive activities on behalf of your clients. The “Requires Confirmation” tab shows all exams we have scheduled but still need to be confirmed by you. The “Appts Next 14 Days” tab shows all upcoming [confirmed] exams in the next 14 days.

NFL 1081 – All BAP Appointments reflects the entire population of BAP appointments belonging to your clients. This report will identify information, such as the last day to request a BAP appointment, appointment details, provider details and appointment status. This report is current, based on the data we have, and it will reflect appointment updates as they occur.

NFL 1087 – BAP Appointments Requested reflects the entire population of your clients with an Appointment Status of “Request Submitted.” As the BAP Administrator, we are actively working with the BAP Providers you have selected to secure appointments for your clients as quickly as possible.

NFL 1097 – BAP Statuses reflects the BAP Exam status for the entire population of your clients and provides insight throughout the different stages of the review process. This report will identify information such as exam dates, provider details, and the review status of any BAP results.

NFL 1098 – BAP Overall Eligibility reflects the current BAP eligibility status for your clients. This report shows any rounds of BAP testing a Retired Player was found to be eligible for (Initial, Expanded, or Supplemental) and the current status of the Retired Player's eligibility for each round.♦



You can send materials to us at one of these addresses:

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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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