

UPDATE FROM THE SPECIAL MASTER – AUGUST 28, 2026

I. Recently Issued and Upcoming Payments

The payment administrator issued additional payment award letters on August 20. The award letters included claims approved in any settlement categories for claimants who are 18 or older and who do not have a medical lien that prevents payment, that are not missing required information, and that have not requested an appeal. This batch of payments included payments on additional approved property claims and partial payments for additional approved adult injury categories, partial payments for additional approved claimants in the “teen” categories who are now 18 or older and eligible to be paid, and partial payments for approved claimants in the minor “child” or “adolescent” categories who are now 18 or older and eligible to be paid. The next batch of award letters is expected to be issued in September.

The payment amounts now being issued for approved Adult injury claims and for approved claimants now over 18 in the minor “child,” “teen,” or “adolescent” categories are partial payments. These initial partial payment amounts are set forth below. Please note these are partial payments only—an additional payment will be issued later on claims in Categories 1-27A.

Category	<i>Initial</i> Payment Amount
1	\$25,000
2	\$18,750
3	\$12,500
4	\$6,250
5	\$2,500
6	\$1,875
7	\$1,250
8	\$9,000
9	\$6,750
10	\$4,500
11	\$2,250
12	\$900
13	\$675
14	\$450
15	\$8,000
16	\$6,000
17	\$4,000
18	\$2,000
19	\$800
20	\$600
21	\$400
22	\$8,000
23	\$4,000
24	\$2,000

25	\$400
27A	\$2,000

Payments issued for residential property damage claims (Category 28) or business claims (Categories 29 and 30) are full payments, since these are capped amounts under the settlement. No second payment will be issued on property or business claims. Residential property claims receive \$1,000 per property per the settlement terms and business claims can receive a maximum of \$5,000 per business or per rental property per the settlement terms.

II. Claims that Have Not Been Finalized

To ensure that payments go only to approved claimants, any claimant who is now over 18-years old but whose claim was submitted by a Next Friend when they were a child must still sign their own release and attestation and provide their own identification (such as a driver's license or other government issued identification) to be approved for payment.

The Special Master will be submitting a report to the Court recommending that such claimants be provided an additional 30 days from the date of any Court order during which time they can still submit any missing signatures and identification to be eligible to receive payment. If claimants do not submit those documents, their claims will be closed without payment. In some cases, even if the claim is closed at this stage, the claimant may be eligible to participate in the Future Minors' Fund.

Important deadline:

The Special Master's office continues to receive requests for appeals and reconsiderations of claims. Many of these requests are long past the deadlines set in the settlement. The Special Master's office had tried to address individual circumstances that affected the ability of the claimant to submit an appeal, but in order to complete the claims process and finalize payments, **the Special Master's office will not accept any appeal after August 31, 2026—unless the claimant received a notification or reconsideration letter from the claims administrator that is dated August 15 or later.**

For further details, please refer to the FAQs and prior updates available on this website and the July 9, 2026 *Report of the Special Master Regarding the Status of Payments to Approved Claimants in the ASA as of July 8, 2026*. A copy of the Report is available [HERE](#). The Report explained that payments for approved claims have continued to be issued in batches, with additional claim categories being paid each month.

Please continue to check the website for accurate updates.