

IMPORTANT FINAL DEADLINES

Notices about missing required signatures and identification documents: All Claimants with approved claims who are missing required information will receive a final deadline notice. You will receive a deadline notice if your claim is missing: (i) a Social Security number, (ii) a signed form, or (iii) an eligible identification document (such as a current driver's license or other recent government issued identification).

If you receive a deadline notice, you must provide the requested information by the deadline date. If you do not submit the information by the deadline, the claim will be closed without payment per Court order.

- *Why does the settlement need this information?* The Amended Settlement Agreement requires this information.
- *Why are there deadline notices for claimants who were minors during the water crisis but are adults now?* In many cases, claims for individuals who are now adults but were minors during the water crisis were submitted by people other than the claimant. This means that the settlement administrator does not have direct contact with the claimant and does not have the claimant's signature and identification. It is important to have this information for payment to make sure that the payment goes to the correct person. It is also necessary to have a release signed by the claimant as required by the settlement.

Deadlines for claiming your payment award. The payment administrator has issued final deadline notices for claimants who were sent an award notice but who have not claimed their payment. These individuals will have 30 days from the date of the notice to claim the payment or the claim will be closed without payment.

The Court has ordered that in order to be paid, you **MUST** respond to these notices and provide the required information or take the necessary action by the stated deadline or your claim will be closed without payment.

What action is required by October 8, 2026?

- This deadline applies to claimants who had not responded to earlier notices that the claimant had to sign forms or provide an identification document or a valid social security number.
- This deadline applies to you if you received a notice stating that you have to either (i) sign forms or (ii) provide an identification document (such as a current driver's license or other recent government issued identification), or (iii) provide your Social Security Number by October 8, 2026. If you do not provide that information by October 8, 2026, your claim will be closed without payment.

- The October 8 deadline also applies to you if you received a notice that you must access the payment portal by October 8, 2026. You received this notice through your counsel if you were issued an Award Letter in December 2025 but have still not accessed the payment portal to claim your award. If you do not access the payment portal by October 8, 2026, your claim will be closed without payment.

What action is required by October 17, 2026?

- The October 17 deadline applies to you if you received a notice letter from the claims administrator stating that you must either (i) sign forms or (ii) provide an identification document (such as a current driver's license or other recent government issued identification), or (iii) provide your valid Social Security number by October 17. If you do not provide the information by October 17, 2026 your claim will be closed without payment.

Other ongoing deadlines.

- The claims administrator will continue to issue final deadline notices for claimants or the Next Friend or representative of claimants who have not either (i) signed forms or (ii) provided an identification document (such as a current driver's license or other recent government issued identification), or (iii) provided a valid Social Security number. These deadline notices will give 30 days from the date of the notice to provide the information. If you do not provide the information by the deadline in the notice, your claim will be closed without payment.
- The claims administrator is issuing final deadline notices to Next Friends of current minors who have not signed forms as required by the settlement agreement. These deadline notices will give 45 days from the date of the notice to provide the signed forms.
- The payment administrator will continue to issue final deadline notices to claimants who have not accessed the payment portal to claim their payment more than 30 days after the award was issued. If you receive a notice from your lawyer or from the payment administrator advising that that you must access the payment portal or your claim will be closed, you must access the payment portal to get your claim payment by the deadline or your claim will be closed without payment.

UPDATE FROM THE SPECIAL MASTER – UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF THE PAYMENT PROCESS – October 5, 2026

On September 25, 2025, the Special Master filed a Report of the Special Master Regarding the Status of Payments to Approved Claimants in the ASA. A copy of the report can be found [HERE](#). This Report explains the payment process for approved claims under the ASA.

Payments are processed in groups as soon as claims become eligible for payment. It takes at least two weeks to prepare the data for upload to the payment portal – so once a group of claims is identified as payable (if they have cured the issues noted below) then the file is sent to the payment administrator for processing and once the processing is completed, the award letters are issued. The payments do not go out daily. They are grouped for efficiency and cost savings. Payments have been distributed for all payment groups (property, adult injury, business, minor child, minor adolescent, and minor teen).

As of the end of September, approximately 78% of approved claims for claimants 18 years or older have been issued payment award notices. The remaining 22% of approved claims for claimants 18 or over are not payable. The following breakdown shows the status of payments and the reasons why certain claims are not eligible for payment.

Approved Claims		29,476
Total claims issued awards by October 8, 2026		17,608
	Claims that have been issued awards	16,709
	Projected to be issued awards on October 8	899
Remaining approved claims (except for minors still under 18) waiting for payments		5,051
	Claims that cannot be paid because Medicare/Tricare/VA have asserted liens	1,346
	Claims that cannot be paid because the Claimant or the Next Friend or representative has not provided the required identification, signatures, or Social Security number, or because the Next Friend has been found not legally eligible	3,045
	Claims that cannot be paid because the claimant has submitted an appeal or the administrator has identified an issue that requires Special Master review	211

	Claims that cannot be paid because there is a question about the accuracy of a shared property award	160
	Claims that cannot be paid because the administrator must verify the proper payee or the payment amount.	289

What is the status of payments to minors? Payments for claims of minors (currently under 18) must be made to a trust or in a structured settlement as required by the settlement. There are 6,817 approved claims for current minors. The settlement payment letters for minors who have approved claims and who qualify for payment will be issued after the expiration of the deadlines set by the Court for approved claimants to finalize their claims.