

New Centralized Process for Representative Claimants and Derivative Claimant Representatives

On July 25, 2017, the Court entered an order called Order Approving Centralized Process for Representative Claimants and Derivative Claimant Representatives (the “Order”), to **simplify** the process for appointing and authorizing a person to act as:

- (a) A “Representative Claimant” on behalf of deceased or legally incapacitated or incompetent Retired NFL Football Players; or
- (b) A “Derivative Claimant Representative” for minor or legally incapacitated or incompetent Derivative Claimant in the Program.

The Order also simplifies the process for the Claims Administrator to pay Monetary Awards, Supplemental Monetary Awards and Derivative Claimant Awards to these representatives. Click [here](#) to view the Order.

A. How to Become a Representative Claimant for a Deceased or Legally Incapacitated or Incompetent Retired NFL Football Player.

Now there are two ways to be authorized to register and pursue benefits in the Program as the Representative Claimant of a deceased or legally incapacitated or incompetent Retired NFL Football Player:

- 1. Proof of Appointment:** You can submit a copy of an order or other document showing that a court or other official has appointed the person as the representative of the deceased or legally incapacitated or incompetent Retired NFL Football Player. For a legally incapacitated or incompetent Retired NFL Football Player, you can also submit a copy of a “durable” or “springing” power of attorney signed by the Retired NFL Football Player naming you as authorized to act for him if he became legally incapacitated or incompetent. A POA is not sufficient to show authority to act on behalf of a deceased Retired NFL Football Player.
- 2. Centralized Appointment Process in the Federal Court:** If you do not have a local appointment order or “durable” or “springing” power of attorney, now you can be appointed by the federal court overseeing this settlement. ***However, to take advantage of this process, you must have started your registration with the Claims Administrator on or before the August 7, 2017 Registration Deadline.*** So, first make sure you have started a registration online or by hard copy Registration Form sent to the Claims Administrator before August 7, 2017. And then send us the following documents:
 - (a) A completed [Petition for Appointment of Representative Claimant](#);

- (b) A completed Representative Claimant Declaration. There are separate versions for Deceased Retired NFL Football Players ([here](#)) and Legally Incapacitated or Incompetent Retired NFL Football Players ([here](#));
- (c) A medical record or other document showing that the Retired NFL Football Player is deceased, legally incapacitated or incompetent; and
- (d) The document(s) you listed in the Representative Claimant Declaration to support your authority to act on behalf of the Retired NFL Football Player. Click [here](#) to see a list of documents that may support your authority to act.

We will provide your materials to the Special Master and then will send you a Notice informing you of the Special Master's decision.

B. How to Become a Derivative Claimant Representative for a Minor or Legally Incapacitated or Incompetent Derivative Claimant.

Now there also are two ways to be authorized to register and pursue benefits in the Program as a Representative of a Derivative Claimant (a family member or someone else asserting a claim based on a relationship with a Retired NFL Football Player) who is a legal minor or is legally incapacitated or incompetent:

- 1. Proof of Appointment:** You can submit a copy of an order or other document showing that a court or other official has appointed the person as the representative of the minor or legally incapacitated or incompetent Derivative Claimant. You also can submit either (a) a copy of a birth certificate or baptismal certificate showing you are the parent of the minor Derivative Claimant or (b) a copy of a “durable” or “springing” power of attorney signed by the Derivative Claimant naming you as authorized to act for him or her if he or she became legally incapacitated or incompetent.
- 2. Centralized Appointment Process in the Federal Court:** If you do not have a local appointment order, birth or baptismal certificate, or a “durable” or “springing” power of attorney, now you can be appointed by the federal court overseeing this settlement. *However, in order to take advantage of this process, you must have started the registration process with the Claims Administrator by August 7, 2017, or within 30 days of when the associated Retired NFL Football Player (or his Representative Claimant) submits a Claim Package.* Send us the following documents:
 - (a) A completed [Petition for Appointment of Derivative Claimant Representative](#);
 - (b) A completed Derivative Claimant Representative Declaration. There are separate versions for Minor Derivative Claimants ([here](#)) and Legally Incapacitated or Incompetent Derivative Claimants ([here](#));
 - (c) A medical record or other document showing that the Derivative Claimant is a minor, legally incapacitated or incompetent; and

(d) The document(s) you listed in the Derivative Claimant Representative Declaration as supporting your authority to act on behalf of the Derivative Claimant. Click [here](#) to see a list of documents that may support your authority to act.

We will send your documents to the Special Master and will notify you of the Special Master's decision.

C. Payment of Monetary Awards and Derivative Claimant Awards.

The Order also simplifies and speeds up the process for the Claims Administrator to pay Monetary Awards and Derivative Claimant Awards.

Sections 9.3(b) and 9.4(b) of the Settlement Agreement require Representative Claimants and Derivative Claimant Representatives to send the Claims Administrator a copy of a court order or other document showing approval by a state court of the settlement and how it will be paid out before the Claims Administrator can pay a Monetary Award to a Representative Claimant of a Retired NFL Football Player or pay a Derivative Claimant Award to a Derivative Claimant Representative.

The Order now authorizes the Claims Administrator to pay these Awards **without** the Representative Claimants and Derivative Claimant Representatives having to submit those state court approvals to the Claims Administrator. However, you must still follow all applicable state laws when distributing any payment you receive.

If you have questions about this new process, email us at ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com.