

Notice of Claimant's Options for Proceeding in YDC Claims Process

Your Options

Now that you have received the AG Designee's Position on your claim, you have three options for responding and proceeding in the YDC Settlement Fund claims process.

You may select one of the following options:

- Option 1: Accept the AG Designee's Position on your claim.
- Option 2: Request that the Administrator decide the claim through a resolution proceeding.
- Option 3: Withdraw your claim from further processing under the YDC Settlement Fund claims process and continue with any lawsuit you may have pending against the State of New Hampshire.

Please complete and submit the enclosed *Claimant's Selection of Option Form* to indicate your selection.

A document called *Claims Process for Administration of the YDC Settlement Fund* ("Claims Process") explains the stages of claim processing. This document is available on our website. (www.ydcclaims.nh.gov). A hard copy can also be provided upon request.

Waiver of Rights

In the event you elect **Option 2** *and* also elect to accept the Administrator's final decision on your claim at the close of a Resolution Proceeding, then you will be required to fully waive the following rights:

- "When a claimant accepts the administrator's decision on the claim, a claimant fully waives his or her right to seek other or additional monetary relief in any forum from the State of New Hampshire or any of its agents or employees, or from any of its political subdivisions or their agents or employees arising out of or relating to any incidents which are or could have been the subject of a claim, except that the claimant does not waive his or her right to seek or continue to seek relief in any forum from an individual whose direct, personal actions constitute sexual abuse or physical abuse, even if said individual was a state employee at the time of the acts." (Emphasis added.)

You will be required to complete forms (appropriate dismissals, waivers, releases, or other documents) as a condition of processing payment for any approved amount from the Fund, provided that these documents expressly preserve the right to pursue claims against individual perpetrators as described above.

Payment Options from the Fund

If a final resolution of your Claim involves payment to you from the YDC Settlement Fund, there are three methods to choose from on how to receive your payment. You can choose:

- (1) A single, lump sum payment, or;
- (2) Annual installments from the Fund periodically, over time through the Fund, or;
- (3) Periodic payments under a structured settlement agreement.

A structured settlement can be a good way to keep your money safe and manage your money into the future. A list of structured settlement specialists is available on our website.

Discussing Your Claim Directly with the AG Designee

Please be aware that if you would like, you can discuss your claim directly with the AG Designee to try to resolve any disagreement about your claim. *If you choose to do so, you still must respond to the Notice of Options by the 30-day deadline.* The YDC Claims Administrator is not involved with any discussions that you might have with the AG Designee.

Meeting with Administrator

You may request a face-to-face meeting with the Administrator once your Claim is fully resolved. The meeting, if requested, may not occur until after a final decision on your Claim.

Any claimant who asks for this in-person meeting may speak with the Administrator privately about their experiences, without the AG Designee being present. You may choose to have an advocate present at that private meeting with the Administrator.

Time Requirement to Select

You have **thirty (30) days** to select one of the three options listed above in response to the AG Designee's Position on your claim.

If a response is not received by the 30-day deadline, the Administrator is required to assume that you have accepted the AG Designee's position, and will process, finalize and close your claim.

Please consider your options and then select an option for proceeding and send to both the AG Designee and the Claims Administration **on or before the 30-day deadline.** If you feel that you need more time to select an option, please reach out to the AG Designee before the 30-day deadline ends and inform Claims Administration staff of a request for extension with proposed new deadline date.