

Information on HealthNet and Prudential Settlements

The filing period for class members participating in the HealthNet settlement is now open. The deadline for filing a claim form is **September 21, 2005**. You are eligible to file for compensation if you are an active or retired physician, or the beneficiary of a deceased physician, who provided covered services to any individual covered by any Defendant health care plan between August 4, 1990 and May 10, 2005.

Retired physicians and beneficiaries of deceased physicians should fill out Sections I and III of the claim form. You do not have to submit any documentation evidencing payments from HealthNet during the class period. If you are a beneficiary claiming on behalf of a deceased physician, you must attach documentation confirming your status as legal heir or representative.

Active physicians should fill out Sections II and III of the claim form. You do not have to provide additional documentation evidencing proof of payments from HealthNet. Rather, you may simply choose one of the three boxes at the top of page 4, indicating which general tier of payments you received from HealthNet and its entities during the period 2002-2004. If you do wish to submit proof of payments during a three-year period between 1996 and 2004, you should submit copies of 1099s or other documentation evidencing your gross receipts from HealthNet during the period.

Group filing: Physician groups may file on behalf of physician employees by filing a single claim form, as long as your group is authorized by those physicians to file on their behalf. It is not necessary to obtain individual signatures. You should fill out Section III using the group's name, Tax ID Number, and address, and attach a list of the names and Social Security Numbers of the individual physicians on whose behalf the group is claiming. The form should be signed by someone who has authority to represent the listed physicians. The Settlement Administrator will send the group one check, reflecting one share of the settlement for each physician you list.

Please note that, unlike the HealthNet settlement, the Prudential settlement does not contain a fund to be distributed, nor a claim form to be filed. However, Prudential has agreed to pay \$22.2 million to improve managed care and to ensure that other companies remain in compliance with the settlements reached in this action.

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing on both settlements on September 19, 2005. Any class member wishing to opt out or object to the Prudential settlement must do so in writing by August 5, 2005. Any class member wishing to opt out or object to the HealthNet settlement must do so in writing by August 22, 2005.

If you have specific questions about these settlements, please contact Melissa Calabrese of Class Counsel at (866) 809-8003, or mcalabrese@whatleydrake.com. General information is also available from the Settlement Administrator at (866) 254-8048.