

UPDATE FROM THE SPECIAL MASTER – JULY 10, 2026

On July 9, 2026, the Special Master filed a 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:

- The payment administrator continues to issue payments for approved residential property claims, which commenced in December 2025. These now include “shared” properties. Please see the FAQs located [HERE](#) for additional information on “shared” properties.
- The payment administrator began issuing initial partial payments for approved adult injury claims in June 2026.
- The payment administrator will issue the next batch of payments on or about July 23, 2026, and this batch will include (i) additional approved residential property claims, plus (ii) payments for approved business claims, plus (iii) partial payments for approved claimants in the “teen” categories who are now 18 or older and eligible to be paid.
- In total, approximately 12,500 payment awards have been issued to-date, and when the next batch of award letters is distributed on or around July 23, approximately 14,600 payment awards will have been issued. The total amount authorized for payments is over \$26.5 million.
- It is anticipated that the payment group to be issued next, after the group scheduled for approximately July 23, will include any claims in the above groups that have become eligible since the last payment file was prepared (additional residential property and business claims receiving payments, and additional adult injury or teen claims receiving partial payments) *plus* partial payments for those claimants who are approved in the Minor Child and Minor Adolescent categories and who are now over 18 and eligible to be paid.
- Those claimants who are still minors cannot receive a cash payment for their entire claim award. Michigan law imposes legal restrictions to protect minors’ financial interests by limiting cash payments to minors. Payments to minors must be made either to one of the Court-approved, Court-supervised trusts or through a structured settlement. These mechanisms were established by court order to protect the funds. [Click HERE](#) for more information on payments for minors.

Other points to help expedite payments:

- Payments for claimants who are now 18 years or older but whose claim was filed by a purported Next Friend on their behalf at a time when they were a minor: those claimants who are now 18 or older must personally execute the necessary settlement documents, including the required Release. The claims administrator has been issuing notices to such claimants advising of this requirement, but until these executed documents are received the claim cannot be transferred for payment.
- Payments for deceased claimants: when we learn that a claimant is deceased, the payment information has to be updated to identify the legal representative of the claimant who is entitled to receive the payment. Notices on such claims are being issued by the claims administrator advising of the information needed. For further information, [Click HERE](#) for a Notice from the Special Master with information for family members of deceased claimants.

Please continue to check the website for accurate updates.