

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re Flint Water Cases.

Judith E. Levy
United States District Judge

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This Order Relates To:

ALL CASES

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**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE SPECIAL MASTER REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION
FOR PROCEDURES TO FINALIZE CLAIMS THAT ARE
MISSING REQUIRED INFORMATION AND TO CLOSE
CERTAIN INCOMPLETE CLAIMS TO ENABLE COMPLETION
OF SETTLEMENT PROCESS**

Having reviewed the Report and Recommendation of the Special Master Requesting Authorization for Procedures to Finalize Claims That Are Missing Required Information and to Close Certain Incomplete Claims to Enable Completion of Settlement Process (ECF No. 3542):

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The claims administrator is directed to issue a final notice to all claimants with approved injury claims who have a missing or invalid Social Security number advising that if a valid Social Security number is

not provided within 30 days of the date of this Order, the claim will be denied and closed.

2. The claims administrator is directed to require that claimants who were minors at the time of claim filing whose claims were submitted by someone else purporting to be their Next Friend, but who are now adults, submit the required signatures and a valid photo identification to the claims administrator before such claims are deemed Approved claims and transferred to the payment portal.

3. The deadline for submitting required signatures and identification documents for such claimants whose claims were submitted by someone else purporting to be their Next Friend, but who are now adults, who were on previously provided lists distributed to counsel on August 18, 2026, or for such unrepresented claimants mailed a notice August 17-19, 2026, shall be 30 days from the date of this Order. Claims of individuals who do not provide the required documents within 30 days of the date of this Order (absent good cause) shall be closed and, if eligible, transferred to the Future Minor Sub-Qualified Settlement Fund.

4. Any additional “now adult” claimants identified by the claims administrator who are 18 or older, but whose claims were submitted by someone else purporting to be their Next Friend, shall be sent a Final Notice by the claims administrator providing 30 days from such final notice to provide the necessary documents (absent good cause), or their claims will be closed without payment.

5. Claimants who show good cause for failure to meet the 30-day deadline, and who notify the Special Master’s office (either directly or through their lawyer) within 15 days of that deadline, may be permitted to receive a check payment on the condition that they sign the forms and provide a valid photo identification at the check pick-up site.

6. The claims administrator is directed to send a final notice to all Next Friends of minors or incapacitated adults, representatives of deceased claimants, and adult injury claimants who have failed to provide a required identification, advising that if the identification is not provided within 30 days of the date of this Order, the claim will be closed without payment. The required identification documents for claimants or for any Next Friend or representative must be submitted to and verified by the claims administrator before such claims are deemed Approved

claims and transferred to the payment portal. Claims of minors shall be placed on the registration list for the Future Minor Sub-Qualified Settlement Fund.

7. For newly identified decedents, a notice shall be sent to the best available contact requiring that the necessary documentation (consisting of a death certificate, an affidavit of decedent's successor with proof of relationship, or letters of administration, along with any missing forms requiring signatures and an identification) be submitted within 30 days. If the documentation is not submitted in that time, the claim will be closed without payment.

8. The payment vendor is directed to prepare a final notice to all claimants who are not specifically represented by counsel (or their Next Friend or representative, as applicable) and who have not accessed the portal to obtain payment after 30 days, advising that they have 30 more days to do so or their claims will be closed without payment. The payment vendor is further directed to prepare lists for counsel of all claimants represented by counsel (or their Next Friend or representative, as applicable) whose payment notices were issued after December 2025 and who have not accessed the portal to obtain payment after 30 days,

advising that they have 30 more days to do so or their claims will be closed without payment.

9. Claimants represented by counsel who had payments posted in December 2025 shall be provided 30 days from the date of this Order to access their payment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 8, 2026
Ann Arbor, Michigan

s/Judith E. Levy
JUDITH E. LEVY
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or first-class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on September 8, 2026.

s/William Barkholz
WILLIAM BARKHOLZ
Case Manager