



FEDERAL Indian Hospitals SETTLEMENT

If you were admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital, you can submit a Claim for compensation starting January 27, 2026. Free resources and supports are available to help you.

This Notice refers to sensitive issues, including physical and sexual abuse, which individuals may find triggering or traumatic. This content has been included to provide information about the Settlement. If you or someone you are assisting experiences symptoms of trauma and/or needs to speak to someone, support is available from the Hope for Wellness Helpline: **1-855-242-3310** or **www.HopeForWellness.ca**.

From 1936 to 1981, the Federal Government operated hospitals referred to as 'Federal Indian Hospitals'. In the class action, *Ann Cecile Hardy v. The Attorney General of Canada* (Court File No. T-143-18), individuals who were admitted to 'Federal Indian Hospitals' sought damages or monetary compensation from Canada for abuses, including psychological, verbal, physical and/or sexual abuse, they experienced while admitted.

On June 24, 2025, the Federal Court approved the Settlement Agreement. This Settlement recognizes the harms experienced in these Hospitals and provides compensation, wellness supports, and long-term investments in healing, education, research, and commemoration.

The Claims Period will open on January 27, 2026. Class Members have until July 27, 2028, to submit a Claim for compensation.

WHAT THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDES

Individual Compensation for Eligible Primary Class Members

Only Primary Class Members are eligible for individual compensation from the Settlement.

To be eligible, the Primary Class Member must have:

- been admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital during the dates the Federal Indian Hospital was operated by the Federal government, and,
- experienced abuse, including psychological, verbal, physical and/or sexual abuse, while admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital.

Compensation ranges from \$10,000 to \$200,000, depending on the experience of the Primary Class Member.

Primary Class Members who passed away on or after January 25, 2016, may be eligible through the Estates process.

Family Class Members, such as spouses, children, grandchildren or siblings of Primary Class Members, are not eligible for individual compensation under the Settlement.

The Settlement does not include compensation for medical malpractice or claims connected to medical treatment.

In addition to individual compensation for eligible Primary Class Members, all Class Members will benefit from the additional supports, including:

- A Healing Fund that will provide \$150,000,000 to support healing, wellness, reconciliation, protection of languages, education and commemoration activities;
- A Research and Commemoration Fund that will provide \$235,500,000 to support research and education regarding Federal Indian Hospitals; and,
- A \$150,000,000 funding increase to Indigenous Services Canada, under existing programming, to support Class Members' health and wellness throughout the implementation of the Settlement Agreement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION?

You may be eligible if:

- You were admitted to one of the 33 Federal Indian Hospitals during the years it was operated by the Government of Canada, and
- You experienced psychological, verbal, physical and or sexual abuse (not connected to medical treatment) while admitted.

A full list of the Hospitals and the years they were operated is available at www.IHSettlement.ca.

Family Class Members are not eligible for individual compensation. They will benefit from the Healing Fund, the Research and Commemoration Fund, and wellness supports.

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT A CLAIM?

The Claims Period will open on January 27, 2026. Primary Class Members have until July 27, 2028, to submit a Claim for compensation.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I NEED TO SUBMIT A CLAIM?

A Claim Form asks for information that helps confirm your identity, your admission, and details about your experience at a Federal Indian Hospital. You will need to provide:

- Government-issued identification
- Your name and contact information
- The Federal Indian Hospital where you were admitted
- Approximate dates of admission
- Information about the harm you experienced, in your own words.
- If you are submitting a Claim for someone who passed away, or for someone who is a Person Under Disability, you will need to provide additional documents.

FREE SUPPORTS FOR CLASS MEMBERS

Free resources and supports are available for Class Members:

- Claims Helpers are available to help you complete your Claim Form and answer your questions about the process.
- Class Counsel is available, free of charge, to answer your legal questions about the Settlement and the Claims Process.
- You can hire a lawyer to assist you. If you are awarded compensation, the lawyer who assisted you can request their legal fees be paid by the Government of Canada. Mental health and wellness supports are available 24 hours a day through the Hope for Wellness Helpline at **1-855-242-3310** or www.HopeForWellness.ca. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut upon request.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For more information and for a copy of the Claim Form, visit the Federal Indian Hospitals Settlement website at www.IHSettlement.ca.

You can also call the Info Line at **1-888-592-9101** (open weekdays from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Eastern Time, except for holidays) for information and help:

- Press 1 to speak to the Administrator, check the status of your Claim, or ask questions about the online portal
- Press 2 to be connected with a Claims Helper
- Press 3 to be transferred to the Hope for Wellness Helpline

You may also contact Class Counsel with legal questions about the Settlement or the Claims Process using the contact information below. There is no cost for speaking with Class Counsel.

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