

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT
PRE-1986/POST-1990 HEPATITIS C CLASS ACTIONS**

If you were infected with Hepatitis C through the blood system in Canada prior to 1986 or between July 2, 1990 and September 28, 1998

Please read carefully – This Settlement May Affect Your Rights

The Government of Canada has agreed to settle several Class Action lawsuits commenced on behalf of people who became infected with the Hepatitis C virus through the blood system in Canada prior to 1986 and after July 1, 1990. The Settlement has been approved by the Courts.

To settle the lawsuits, the Government of Canada has agreed to establish a Compensation Fund in the amount of \$ 962 million. People primarily or secondarily infected with Hepatitis C through the blood system in Canada either prior to January 1, 1986 or between July 2, 1990 to September 28, 1998 may apply for compensation under the Settlement. Estates of infected Class Members who have died, family members of infected Class Members, and dependants of infected Class Members whose death was caused by their infection with the Hepatitis C virus may also apply for compensation. Under the terms of the Settlement, the Government of Canada does not admit liability. Approved claimants will receive lump sum compensation based upon their age, current disease level and the probability of disease progression in the future. Compensation is also available for people who have lost income or household services as a result of their infection with Hepatitis C, for estates of infected Class Members who have died, and for dependants of claimants whose death was caused by their infection with the Hepatitis C virus.

The settlement is identical in the 4 class actions. Class members resident in British Columbia are members of the British Columbia class action. Class members resident in Alberta are members of the Alberta class action. Class members resident in Quebec are members of the Quebec class action. All other class members are members of the Ontario class action. If you are not resident in British Columbia or Alberta, but wish to opt into either the British Columbia or Alberta class actions, you may do so by sending a letter to the Administrator clearly stating that you wish to opt into the British Columbia class action or into the Alberta class action. It would not in any way affect your eligibility for compensation or the amount of compensation you may receive from this settlement.

To read a complete version of the Settlement Agreement and for more information please visit: www.pre86post90settlement.ca

For more information or to obtain an application form for the settlement, please contact:

**Pre-1986/Post 1990 Hepatitis C
Settlement Administrator
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Waterloo, Ontario N2J 3G9
Toll Free # 1-866-334-3361
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If you do not wish to take part in this settlement, you must opt-out by sending a letter to the Administrator stating clearly that you want to opt-out of the settlement. The letter must be postmarked no later than
November 30, 2007

If you do not opt-out, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement.