

Federal Indian Hospitals Class Action Community Outreach Toolkit | Newsletter Copy

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.

This action was certified as a class action by the Federal Court on January 17, 2020, on consent.

A proposed Settlement has now been reached to address claims of psychological, verbal, physical and/or sexual abuse at Federal Indian Hospitals. The proposed Settlement provides for direct compensation to eligible Class Members ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$200,000, for psychological, verbal, physical and/or sexual abuse experienced at Federal Indian Hospitals.

Compensation is not yet available.

To be eligible for direct compensation, you must have been a patient at one of 33 Federal Indian Hospitals while they were operated by the Government of Canada.

The proposed settlement also provides for a Healing Fund, a Research and Commemoration Fund, and health and wellness supports for Class Members through Indigenous Services Canada.

The estates of Class Members who passed away on or after January 25, 2016, may also be eligible through the Estates process if the proposed Settlement is approved.

On **June 10 and 11, 2025**, the Federal Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement and the Class Counsel fees. The Court will assess whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the class. The hearing is open to the public, and individuals can attend, watch or participate.

For more information or to sign up for updates, visit www.IHClassAction.ca or call **1-888-592-9101**.

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