

# Federal Indian Hospitals Class Action

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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.

An approved Settlement has now been reached to address claims of psychological, verbal, physical and/or sexual abuse at Federal Indian Hospitals. The 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 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 when the Claims Process opens.

If you agree with the Settlement, you do not have to do anything right now. If you disagree with the Settlement you have the right to opt-out. To opt-out visit **[www.IHClassAction.ca/documents](http://www.IHClassAction.ca/documents)**. The opt-out deadline is **August 25, 2025**.

For more information or to sign up for updates, visit **[www.IHClassAction.ca](http://www.IHClassAction.ca)** or call **1-888-592-9101**.

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