

# CLIENT ALERT

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Employers and Employees who were covered by a Blue Cross Blue Shield policy involved in the Class Action Lawsuit may be eligible for part of a \$2.67 billion settlement.

## Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement Applies to Independence Blue Cross and Horizon Blue Cross-Blue Shield

### Why is there a settlement?

A class action lawsuit was brought against some Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance carriers claiming that those Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance carriers violated antitrust laws by entering into an agreement where they agreed not to compete with each other in selling health insurance. The Plaintiffs and Defendants decided to settle outside of Court to avoid the risk and cost of further litigation. This settlement does not mean that the Defendants are guilty or innocent of any wrongdoing.

### Who is eligible for the settlement?

Employers and Employees who were covered under a Blue Cross Blue Shield plan AND

- were covered under an individual policy or a fully insured group policy between February 7, 2008 and October 16, 2020; OR
- were covered under a Self-Funded group plan between September 1, 2015 and October 16, 2020

### Who is excluded from the settlement?

- Individuals enrolled in Medicare Advantage or Supplemental policies.
- Employees of Government accounts

### What is the filing deadline?

- NOVEMBER 5, 2021

## Possible payout under the settlement

If you are an eligible claimant and submit a valid claim you may receive a cash payment from the Net Settlement Fund. The Net Settlement Fund is \$1.9 billion dollars and is the amount available after attorney fees, administration expenses and other costs taken out of the \$2.67 billion Settlement Fund.

The amount of your settlement will be based on numerous things but primarily on the total number of claims submitted under the settlement, the premiums you paid to one or more Blue Cross Blue Shield Settling Defendants during the period in question, and whether your insurance was Fully-Insured or Self-Funded during those periods of coverage.

## Filing a Claim

The fastest and easiest way to file a claim is through the Online Portal at <https://secure.bcbssettlement.com/>. Or, you may [download a copy of the claim form](#) and mail the completed form to:

Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement  
c/o JND Legal Administration  
PO Box 91390  
Seattle, WA 98111

The last day to submit a claim is November 5, 2021. Mailed claim forms must be postmarked no later than this date to be considered in the settlement distribution.

## Payment Distribution

No distributions can be made until all claims are submitted, reviewed, and determined to be eligible. Once that is process is complete, payments to eligible claimants will be distributed. However, if a settlement amount is equal to or less than \$5.00 then no payment will be made.

## Additional Information

We have attached the Long Form Notice which contains a wealth of information.

Contact us for an announcement to distribute to your eligible employees.

You may also go to:

[BC BS Settlement website](#)

[Settlement Agreement](#)

[Important Documents page](#)

You may also contact the Claims Administrator at [info@BCBSsettlement.com](mailto:info@BCBSsettlement.com) or call toll-free at (888) 681-1142.

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