

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT
ALBERTA PRE-86/POST-90 HEPATITIS C CLASS ACTION**

If you were infected with Hepatitis C through the blood system in Alberta prior to
January 1, 1986 or between July 2, 1990 and September 28, 1998

Please read carefully – This Settlement May Affect Your Rights

The Government of Alberta has agreed to settle a Class Action lawsuit commenced on behalf of people who became infected with the Hepatitis C virus from receiving Blood and Blood Products in Alberta prior to January 1, 1986 or between July 1, 1990 and September 28, 1998. The Settlement has been approved by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

To settle this lawsuit, the Government of Alberta has agreed to pay \$26 million, inclusive of Class Counsel fees and administrative costs. People primarily or secondarily infected with Hepatitis C as a result of Blood received in Alberta during the period prior to December 31, 1985 and the period from July 2, 1990 to September 28, 1998 need only apply under the Federal Settlement of this same lawsuit approved by the Court in 2007. Upon the application being approved by the Administrator of the Federal Settlement, the Administrator of the Alberta Settlement will assess your eligibility to make a claim. The Administrator of the Alberta Settlement will then write the claimant informing them of their eligibility and inviting them to make a claim by returning the release provided.

The Alberta Settlement is based on the terms, procedures and assessments established by the Federal Settlement. Approved claimants will receive lump sum compensation based upon their age, current disease level and the probability of disease progression in the future, determined as a percentage of the compensation received by the claimant in the Federal Settlement. Spouses, children under 21 years of age 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. As a result of a 2007 Supreme Court of Canada decision (*Hislop v. Canada*), estates are not eligible for compensation under the Alberta Settlement.

If you resided in Alberta on March 10, 2008, you will be bound by the Settlement unless you opt-out by submitting an opt-out form to the Administrator by June 12, 2008. **If you do not opt-out, you will be bound by the terms of the Alberta Settlement. If you resided outside of Alberta on March 10, 2008**, you will not be bound by the Settlement unless you **opt-in to the Settlement by (1) submitting a claim to the Administrator** within the time allowed by the Federal Settlement, and **(2) returning the release provided by the Administrator** of the Alberta Settlement within the time allowed by the Alberta Settlement.

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

www.Albertapre86post90.ca

For more information or to obtain an opt-out form for the Alberta Settlement or an application form for the Federal Settlement, please contact:

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