New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

***Form of Payment - Assessment of Claimant’s Circumstances***

**Guidance for Payment Assessment Information**

*In the event that the final decision is a claim award*, the Administrator has the authority to determine payment type, whether as lump sum or as periodic installments up to 10 years.

* For periodic installment claim awards, the final decision will include a payment schedule with a calculation of interest on all deferred payments.
* The Administrator is required to add an interest assessment of 5 percent of the remaining unpaid amount of the award per annum for each year of repayment, to be compounded annually.

A claimant may provide **payment assessment information and supporting documents** to assist the Administrator’s independent evaluation (in the event the final decision is a claim award). The claimant may also request a preferred payment method for the Administrator’s consideration. The Administrator will not review a claimant’s payment assessment information unless his final decision includes a claim award.

The Administrator’s independent assessment for payment type for any final decision involving a claim award is based on the **totality of the Claimant’s circumstances**, including health, financial and related circumstances.

Here is some guidance on providing *Payment Assessment Information.* (as a separate attachment):

* **Statement or Declaration** explaining your circumstances signed under oath by the claimant.
* **Supporting documents** of health, financial and other related circumstances (such as documentation of an outstanding loan/lien).

*For a claimant who is represented by legal counsel, please also provide:*

* **Term for attorney’s fees payment** (for claimant’s represented by an attorney): single payment or payment term (with number of years for installment).
* **Attorney Certification on Declarations** (as confirmation that the law firm has verified with a lender the amount of outstanding loan balance for the claimant and will pay off the balance directly when a claimant receives an award (if any) pursuant to a final decision letter.

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| **IMPORTANT**:* The Administrator’s final decision may or may not resolve the claim with a claim award.
* A claimant’s opportunity to provide payment assessment information and request a payment type should NOT be interpreted as an affirmation of eligibility and is NOT an indication that a claim will be resolved with a claim award of any amount.
* A claimant should provide payment assessment information to the Administrator at least 3 weeks in advance of a scheduled Resolution Proceeding -- for the sole purpose of ensuring the claim file has all information that is needed for processing and evaluating claims as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

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