

**NEW JERSEY ATTORNEY GENERAL’S SECOND NOTICE RE NEXT STEPS TO
RECEIVE DISTRIBUTORS’ FIRST SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

This is a second notice to all 262 New Jersey subdivisions eligible for distributions under the Distributors’ settlement agreement, as set forth in Exhibit G of the Distributors’ settlement agreement. If your subdivision is represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please immediately contact them.

1. Agreement on First Payment Calculations From Distributors

- a. As you know, the Attorney General provided Notice of Calculations of First Payment from Distributors to you on May 13, 2022 (“May 13, 2022 Notice”), and asked that you respond with any questions or comments by May 31, 2022.
- b. Our Office addressed all questions and comments, and has now obtained agreement with all of the Participating Subdivisions in New Jersey on the calculation numbers for the first payment from the Distributors.
- c. The State will relay that agreement to the Settlement Fund Administrator, BrownGreer.

2. Payment Instructions/Establishment of Portal

- a. Once BrownGreer receives notice of that agreement from the State, BrownGreer will be in touch with each of the Participating Subdivisions (via emails to the contacts receiving this second notice) to obtain payment information (*e.g.*, transmittal instructions for how each Participating Subdivision would like to receive its payments from the Distributors).
- b. In particular, we understand that BrownGreer will provide instructions for establishing accounts in the National Opioid Settlements Portal (the “Portal”).
- c. The Portal will be the primary means for the State and the Participating Subdivisions to submit information and documentation to BrownGreer.
- d. Authorized Officials for the Participating Subdivisions (discussed more below) will have the ability to create Portal accounts for other users within New Jersey related to the same Participating Subdivision (*e.g.*, staff members who work for the same entity).
- e. After creating Portal accounts, Authorized Officials for the Participating Subdivisions must complete the Payment Election Form and W-9 Form in the Portal.
- f. BrownGreer will use this information, together with the applicable allocation amounts, to create payment instructions that it will submit to the Directed Trustee, Wilmington Trust Bank.
- g. The Directed Trustee will then send Settlement Payments to the State and individually to each Participating Subdivision in accordance with the payment instructions.
- h. We expect that the first payment from Distributors will be made by the Settlement Fund Administrator to the State and the Participating Subdivisions around mid-July.

3. Voluntary Redistribution of Funds

- a. BrownGreer will need to know whether any of the New Jersey Participating Subdivision will be electing to voluntarily redistribute its funds.

- b. Section D.4 of the attached State Subdivision Agreement addresses how such funds should be redistributed.
 - c. For a voluntary redistribution to be applied to the relevant portion of an Annual Payment, notice must be provided to the Settling Distributors and the Settlement Fund Administrator at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the Payment Date.
 - d. For the first payment from the Distributors, though, our understanding is that when Participating Subdivisions upload their payment information to the Portal, each Participating Subdivision will have the option of electing to voluntarily redistribute its share, and will not have to provide the requisite 60-day notice to the Settlement Fund Administrator and Distributors.
4. **Authorized Officials**
- a. BrownGreer also needs to know which individual(s) should act as the Authorized Official on behalf of your Participating Subdivision to receive direct payments.
 - b. As of now, the Authorized Officials of the Participating Subdivisions will be those who signed onto the settlement agreements on behalf of their subdivisions (as captured by the vendor, Rubris), and we have updated those contacts based on responses we received to our Office's May 13, 2022 Notice.
 - c. BrownGreer is interested in whether any other individuals in a Participating Subdivision should be added as Authorized Officials to receive such communications, and will be in touch to discuss that with each of the Participating Subdivisions.

If you have any questions, please email the New Jersey Attorney General's Office at OpioidSettlements@njoag.gov. Thank you.