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## What is the lawsuit about?

Plaintiffs claim that the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and Settling Individual Blue Plans (collectively, "Settling Defendants") violated antitrust laws by entering into an agreement not to compete with each other and to limit competition among themselves in selling health insurance and administrative services for health insurance. Settling Defendants deny all claims. The Settling Defendants have asserted that their conduct results in lower healthcare costs and greater access to care for their customers. The Court has not decided who is right.

## Who is affected?

You may be eligible to receive payment if you are an **Individual, Insured Group** (and their employees) or **Self Funded Account** (and their employees) that purchased or were enrolled in a Blue Cross or Blue Shield health insurance or administrative services plan during one of the two Settlement Class Periods. Government accounts are excluded from the Class.

The Settlement Class Period for **Individuals and Insured Groups** is from February 7, 2008 through October 16, 2020. The Settlement Class Period for **Self-Funded Accounts** is from September 1, 2015 through October 16, 2020. Dependents, beneficiaries (including minors), and non-employees are **NOT** eligible to receive payment.

All **Individuals, Insured Groups, and Self-Funded Accounts** that purchased or were enrolled in a Blue Cross or Blue Shield health insurance or administrative services plan during the applicable Class Period will also benefit from the parts of the Settlement requiring Settling Defendants to change certain of their practices that were alleged to be anticompetitive. Dependents, beneficiaries (including minors), and non-employees will benefit from this part of the Settlement.

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## What can you get from the Settlement?

Class Members who submit valid claims may receive a cash payment from the Net Settlement Fund. The Net Settlement Fund is estimated to be approximately \$1.9 billion. This is after deducting attorneys' fees, administration expenses and other costs from the \$2.67 billion Settlement Fund. For more details on the Plan of Distribution, read the Long Form Notice available at [www.BCBSsettlement.com](http://www.BCBSsettlement.com). You can also call (888) 681-1142. Settling Defendants also agreed to make changes in the way they do business to increase the opportunities for competition in the market for health insurance.

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Opt outs and objections must be postmarked by **July 28, 2021**. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing to consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Fairness Hearing is on October 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CT. The Court will also decide whether to approve attorneys' fees and expenses up to \$667.5 million and \$101 million for additional costs and service awards. These amounts will be deducted from the \$2.67 billion Settlement Fund. You may ask to attend the Fairness Hearing, on your own or through counsel, but you do not have to do so.

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## Questions?

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