

Top 10 Tips For Dealing With the Final Claims Deadline of June 3, 2019:

1. If the only document you submitted in this case is the Proof of Claim form in the bankruptcy, this is NOT enough to qualify for a payment. You must submit the Proof of Manufacturer Form and documents showing that you have or had a Dow Corning breast implant. If you want to apply for the \$2,000 Expedited Release payment, you must also complete the Expedited Release/Disease claim form. The only requirement to be paid for Expedited Release is that you have acceptable Proof of Manufacturer.
2. If the only document you submitted in this case was something sent to the MDL settlement, this is NOT enough to qualify for payment. You can rely on medical records you sent to the MDL, but you must submit the Settlement Facility's Proof of Manufacturer Form and the Expedited Release / Disease claim form.
3. The Plan did not provide for cure deadlines for Proof of Manufacturer or Expedited Release. If you received a Notification of Status letter stating that your Proof of Manufacturer is deficient, you must correct the deficiencies by submitting documents on or before June 3, 2019. You probably will not receive a letter from the Settlement Facility telling you about your cure deadline (although we are working to urge the Settlement Facility to send these letters), but everyone must cure any deficiency in their claim on or before June 3, 2019. The only exception is if you received a different deadline in writing from the Settlement Facility. If you have any question about what your cure deadline is, contact the Settlement Facility and ask them.
4. Many people who contact us tell us they do not know what class they are in. It is very important that you figure this out now so that you can submit the correct claim forms on or before June 3, 2019. The only claims that are allowed at this point are for those women who have or had a Dow Corning breast implant. If you are a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or if you were implanted in the U.S., then you are in Class 5. If you are not a U.S. citizen and were not implanted in the U.S., review the online Claimant Information Guide at Tab 2 here: <http://www.tortcomm.org/infoguide.shtml> to see if you belong in either Class 6.1 or Class 6.2. You must submit claim forms for the correct class. If you are in Class 5, complete the Class 5 claim forms. If you are in Class 6.1, complete the claim forms for that class. The same is true for Class 6.2 claims. If you complete the wrong claim forms, this will cause delay in processing your claim.
5. Many women submitted the Proof of Manufacturer Form but have not submitted the Expedited Release / Disease claim form. **If all you submit is the Proof of Manufacturer Form and nothing else, then you will not be paid anything.** The Settlement Facility will not automatically issue Expedited Release Payments to you. If you do not complete and submit the Expedited Release claim form on or before June 3, 2019, you will miss getting \$2,000 (Class 5), \$1,200 (Class 6.1), or \$700 (Class 6.2) Do not miss getting your payment. Take action now.
6. If you want to submit a Disease claim and need help, we have a list of attorneys with experience in this settlement who have offered to accept new clients. Send an email to info@tortcomm.org and we will send you a list of attorneys that you can choose

from. It is not important to select an attorney based on how close they are to you geographically. It is more important to select an attorney who is already knowledgeable about this settlement and has experience getting claims approved.

7. If a claimant has passed away, the claimant's estate can still submit a claim for payment. The personal representative of the claimant's estate can submit probate documents to the Settlement Facility showing (s)he is the court-appointed representative. The Settlement Facility will issue payment to that person. If you have any questions about what documents the Settlement Facility will need from the probate court, contact the Settlement Facility.
8. Keep your address and contact information updated. There are thousands of claimants who submitted a claim that has been approved, but they moved and cannot be located. Do not let this happen to you. Even if you are represented by an attorney, send your updated address and contact information to the Settlement Facility.
9. Do not wait until the last minute to gather your documents or submit a claim. Take action now to avoid delay. Many people wait until the last minute to try and obtain medical records or to send in documents. This causes a lot of delay in processing claims and in analyzing and getting approval for final premium payments. Also, do not be late in sending in claim forms. The forms and documents **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or before June 3, 2019. Send your documents in well in advance of this date. We suggest sending them by certified mail so that you have a receipt showing the date and that it is before June 3, 2019. The Settlement Facility has rejected hundreds of claims over the past 15 years because claimants have missed the deadline by a day. There will not be any extensions, so send your forms and documents in as soon as possible. Don't let your payment be denied because you were a day late sending in the form.
10. **SIGN YOUR CLAIM FORMS.** Many women complete the forms and send them in but forget to sign the form. If you do not sign the form, it will be determined to be a deficiency that must be fixed within a specific deadline. While this may seem easy to do, it is surprising how many women do not respond to letters from the Settlement Facility asking them to fix this small problem. Do not let your payment be delayed or even denied permanently simply because you forgot to sign the claim form(s).