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U.S. ASR Hip Settlement Alert – 3/15/16

## *Status of EIF Claims in the 2015 ASR Settlement Program*

1. **Introduction.** This Alert provides an update on the processing of Extraordinary Injury Fund claims submitted in the 2015 ASR Settlement Program, including which injury types may receive notices and the timing of payments.
2. **EIF Notices in the 2015 Settlement Program.** The SOC, Claims Administrator, and Claims Processor have agreed to begin issuing determination notices to claimants who filed Extraordinary Injury Fund claims in the 2015 Settlement Program. We will issue notices to individuals who filed EIF claims in the following levels:
  - (a) Matrix Level I – Re-Revision Surgery
  - (b) Matrix Level II – Major Complication (PE/DVT, Dislocation, Foot Drop, and Infection only)
  - (c) Matrix Level III – Delayed Recovery
  - (d) Matrix Level IV – Myocardial Infarction
  - (e) Matrix Level V – Stroke
  - (f) Matrix Level VI – Death
  - (g) Matrix Level VII – Discretionary (Liner Revision Surgery and Infection Claims for 6-8 Weeks of Antibiotic Treatment only)

The Claims Processor will continue performing preliminary reviews on all other EIF claims to provide the SOC and the Team with the data necessary to generate awards to eligible claimants in the remaining categories. The SOC and the Claims Processor are committed to the swift evaluation of all EIF claims, allowing the distribution of funds to eligible claimants as soon as possible.

3. **Timing EIF Payments from the 2015 Settlement Program.** The Settlement Agreement requires that we review and finalize every EIF claim before we can issue full payments, but the MSA also allows for partial, Interim Payments before that time. We will pay EIF claims in two installments. Eligibility Notices for the EIF claims filed in the 2015 Settlement Program EIF claims will show the total value of each EIF claim, while applying the 60% Interim Payment Percentage detailed in Claims Administration Procedure (“CAP”) Number 5. We will include the first eligible EIF claims in the Funding Report dated March 31, 2016, which will allow payment to issue shortly thereafter.
4. **Questions.** If you have any questions about this Alert, call or email your assigned Claims Processor contact, email us at [claimsprocessor@usashipsettlement.com](mailto:claimsprocessor@usashipsettlement.com), or call 1 (877) 391-3169.