

Alert No. 2014-7

U.S. ASR Hip Settlement Alert – 5/19/14

Status of the U.S. Settlement Program

- 1. Introduction.** On Thursday, May 15, 2014, DePuy informed the Claims Administrator that it will move forward with the U.S. Settlement Program (“the Program”) and will not exercise its Walk Away Right under Article 17 of the Settlement Agreement. This means the Program will proceed with reviewing and processing claims to determine if claimants are eligible for payment and will issue payments in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. The exact timing and amount of compensation will depend on a number of factors and circumstances specific to each claim. This Alert provides general information on the process by which the Claims Processor will notify claimants and their attorneys of its eligibility and payment determinations.
- 2. Issuance of Program Notice.** After the Claims Processor reviews a claim, we will issue a *Program Notice* to claimants informing them of the status or outcome of their claim(s). The Program Notice will contain information on the Claims Processor’s findings, including details on any eligible, denied or incomplete claim(s), and the next steps available to claimants. Portal Users will view Program Notices by logging in to their Portals and clicking the “Notices” tab on the left hand menu. The Claims Processor will send an email alerting Portal Users when a Program Notice is available. Portal Users will also have the option to accept or contest the Claims Processor’s determination and upload additional documents to support their claim(s). The Program Notice and the email accompanying it will provide more specific instructions about viewing and responding to the notice.
- 3. Questions.** If you have any questions about this Alert, call or email your assigned Claims Processor contact, email us at claimsprocessor@usashipsettlement.com, or call 1 (877) 391-3169.