

If You Were Uninsured And Received Treatment Or Hospital Services At a Sutter Health Affiliated Hospital Between September 3, 2000 and August 3, 2006, This Notice May Affect Your Rights

You May Qualify For Benefits If You Were Treated at a Sutter Health Hospital

What Is The Settlement About?

A settlement has been proposed in the Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing Cases, a group of proposed class action lawsuits about the pricing of treatment and hospital services for uninsured patients at Sutter Health affiliated hospitals.

The settlement will allow uninsured patients to claim refunds or discounts on prior bills. If you qualify, you will need to send in a claim form to get a refund or a recalculation of your bill, or you can decide to exclude yourself from the settlement or object to it. The settlement also changes the hospitals' pricing to give discounts to all uninsured patients in the future.

The Sacramento Superior Court authorized this notice of proposed settlement. Before any money is paid, the Court will have a final hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement.

Who's Included?

You are a Class Member and could receive benefits if you:

- 1) Received certain hospital services from a Sutter Health hospital between September 3, 2000 and August 3, 2006; and
- 2) Were uninsured at the time of treatment.

How Do You Ask For A Payment?

A detailed notice and claim form package will include everything you need. Just call or visit the website below to get one. If you qualify for a refund or a recalculation of your bill, you must send in a completed claim form. Claim forms will be due by January 17, 2007.

What Are Your Other Options?

If you don't want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by October 26, 2006, or you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue, Sutter Health or the hospitals or related individuals about the legal claims in this case (such as pricing and collection practices),

including through Pollack v. Sutter Health, Alameda Superior Court No. RGO 4-173716, Whitehead et al. v. Sutter Health, San Francisco Superior Court No. CGC 04434647, and Stowers v. NCO Financial Systems, Inc., Sacramento Superior Court No. 01AS06661, the cases included in the Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing Cases. If you exclude yourself, you can't get money from this settlement. If you stay in the settlement, you may still object to the exact settlement terms by October 26, 2006. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

A hearing will be held in this case (Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing Cases, J.C.C.P. No. 4388) in Department 60 of the Lorenzo Patiño Hall of Justice, Sacramento Superior Court, located at 651 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, on November 27, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. At the hearing, the Court will determine whether the proposed Settlement should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate, and will consider the application of Plaintiffs' Counsel for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses, and for a service award to each of the six named Class Representative Plaintiffs in the amount of \$10,000 each, and to the one individual Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000. The award of fees and costs won't reduce the settlement fund or your potential benefits.

You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to.

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY. Additional information, including a list of Sutter Health hospitals, information about how to obtain benefits, how to exclude yourself from this settlement, object to the settlement, and/or appear and speak at the hearing, and about the legal claims you will be giving up if you do not exclude yourself, is available by calling toll free 1-866-621-4154, visiting the website www.uninsuredsettlement.com, or writing to Sutter Settlement, P.O. Box 38, Minneapolis, MN 55440.