

***** NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT *****

Minich, et al. v Spencer, et al., Suffolk Superior Court Civil Action No. 1584cv00278

You may be entitled to a payment from the settlement in a class action lawsuit challenging seclusion and restraint practices at Bridgewater State Hospital (“BSH”) **between January 29, 2012 and March 31, 2014**. The Complaint alleges that BSH had a policy of placing patients in seclusion or restraint without a good enough justification and for unreasonably long periods of time. The case has been certified as a Class Action. **The Class covers all individuals confined to Bridgewater State Hospital between January 29, 2012 and March 31, 2014 who spent more than 60 hours in seclusion in any given consecutive thirty (30) calendar days and/or more than 15 hours in restraint in any given consecutive thirty (30) calendar days, and who, in the aggregate, spent 50 or more hours in restraint and/or 400 or more hours in seclusion during the class period.** The Court has preliminarily approved a **Settlement Agreement that calls for the Defendants to pay \$1.5 million dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Class** as compensation for any physical or emotional injuries suffered in Seclusion or Restraint. The Court has also established a procedure for Class Members to receive a share of the Settlement funds. **For more information about the case go to bshclassaction.com.**

How do I get my payment? To make sure that you obtain payment, you must submit a valid and complete Claim Form to the Claims Administrator by the June 13, 2020 claims deadline. The Claims Administrator is Analytics, LLC, P.O. Box 2002, Chanhassen, MN, 55317-2002.

Where can I get a Claim Form? If you did not receive a Claim Form in the mail, you may download one or file online at www.BSHclassaction.com or call toll free 1-877-323-3678 or write to the Claims Administrator at Bridgewater State Hospital Class Action, P.O. Box 2002, Chanhassen MN 55317-2002. You may also write to Class Counsel at Prisoners’ Legal Services, 50 Federal Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, or call (617) 482-2773. If you are in a Department of Correction facility, you can call Prisoners’ Legal Services using the speed dial number: *9004#. Please do not contact the Court.