

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	:	DELAWARE COUNTY, PA
v.	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
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PURDUE PHARMA L.P., et al.,	:	No. 2017-08095
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Defendants.	:	

**SPECIAL MASTER'S FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024
REGARDING THE DEPOSITS, EXPENDITURES AND PAYMENTS TO AND
FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OPIOID FEE FUND**

This is the fifth semi-annual report regarding the deposits, expenditures and payments to and from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Opioid Fee Fund ("Fee Fund"). This report covers the time period of July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. This report is being submitted pursuant to the Honorable Barry C. Dozor's December 1, 2022, "Order Regarding Fee Fund Payments of Vendor Invoices and Reporting Requirements." The background regarding the creation and administration of the Fee Fund was set forth in the Special Master's First Semi-Annual Report and will not be repeated. However, a brief summary of developments to date will be provided.

Wave 1 Settlements

With approval of the Court all eligible and approved contract attorney and other eligible costs and expenses (\$16,651,314.55) were reimbursed in late December 2022. This was comprised of \$12,582,565.32 for contract attorney costs and \$4,068,749.23 for other eligible costs and expenses. In 2022 the Fee Fund paid the total amount of \$219,560.69 for approved

administration expenses. This total comprised the invoices of the Administrator, approved vendors and Special Master. The balance in the Fee Fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$11,296,146.76.

On December 14, 2023, Judge Dozor entered an Order approving the Application of the Special Master for Approval of the Final Contingency Fee Awards. The total amount approved was \$28,357,429.04. The first of five (5) annual payments was paid to the approved law firms in December 2023. These payments in December 2023 totaled \$5,199,869.11. The balance in the Fee Fund as of December 31, 2023 was \$17,077,184.82.

Further to the December 14, 2023 Order approving the Final Contingency Fee Awards, a payment in the amount of \$471,616.70 was paid on January 4, 2024 to an approved law firm as the first of their five (5) annual payments. Due to the processing of the paperwork and the holiday, this payment was not made until 2024. Thus, the total annual payment for the first of five (5) annual payments to approved law firms in December 2023 and January 2024 was \$5,671,485.81.

On February 16, 2024, Judge Dozor entered an Order approving the Special Master's Application for Court Approval of the Final Agreed Litigation Conduct (a/k/a Common Benefit) Fee Awards. The total amount approved was \$28,328,412.08. The first of five (5) annual payments was paid to the approved law firms in late February/early March 2024. These payments totaled \$5,665,082.42.

The second of the five annual award payments totaling \$11,336,568.23 (\$5,671,485.81 Contingency Fees and \$5,665,082.42 Agreed Litigation Conduct a/k/a Common Benefit Fees) was paid to the approved law firms between December 27 - December 31, 2024. In addition, fifty percent (50%) of the third of the five annual award payments totaling \$5,668,284.12.

(\$2,835,742.91 Contingency Fees and \$2,832,542.21 Agreed Litigation Conduct a/k/a Common Benefit Fees) was also paid to the approved law firms between December 26-December 31, 2024.

Wave 2 Settlements

On November 13, 2024, the Honorable Barry C. Dozor entered an Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Add Funds to the Pennsylvania Opioid Fee Fund pertaining to Wave 2 Settlements. No Wave 2 settlement money has been distributed to date. We are starting to work on the allocation for the Wave 2 settlement.

As of December 31, 2024, the balance in the Fee Fund was **\$8,677,422.26**.

Deposits, Expenditures and Payments to and From the Fee Fund From July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Deposits

A. Wave I Settlements (“Distributors”)

A deposit in the amount of \$11,516,328.51 was made on December 23, 2024 as part of the Wave 1 settlements. The next Fee Fund deposit for Wave 1 settlements is expected to occur in late December 2025.

B. Wave 2 Settlements (“Pharmacies”)

A deposit in the amount of \$3,360,627.94 was made on December 13, 2024 as part of the Wave 2 settlements.

Expenditures and Payments From July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

The invoices of the Administrator, approved vendors and Special Master were paid from the Fee Fund during this reporting time period. From July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, a total of \$43,053.00 was paid. The payments are broken down as follows: J. Tann (\$34,000.00), Montgomery McCracken (\$3,053.00), and Rubris (\$6,000.00).

CONCLUSION

This semi-annual report is submitted pursuant to Judge Dozor's December 1, 2022 Order and includes a record of all deposits, payments and expenditures to and from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Opioid Fee Fund from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. A copy of this report is being sent to the designated persons listed in Judge Dozor's Order. A copy of this report will also be posted on the Pennsylvania Fee Fund website (<https://paopioidfeefund.com>).

By: s/Joel Schneider

Judge Joel Schneider (Ret.)
Special Master

Dated: January 28, 2025

cc: Honorable George A. Pagano
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