

Alert No. 2016-5

U.S. ASR Hip Settlement Alert – 6/23/16

2015 Settlement Program Future EIF Award Reduction

- 1. Introduction.** The Claims Processor previously posted Claims Administration Procedure Number 4 (“CAP 4”) describing the application of PART B EIF reductions to Future Matrix Level Awards. The exact percentages of the reductions were not final at the time of the CAP. In March of 2016, the Claims Processor posted an Alert with updated information regarding the finalized reductions to Future Matrix Level Awards for claims in the 2013 Settlement, and this update provides a similar update to claims in the 2015 Settlement.
- 2. Maximum Future Reduction Percentages.** Under the PART B Award Schedule, Future Matrix Level Awards are subject to the same reductions as Past Matrix Level Awards, except that Future Matrix Level Awards are also subject to reductions of up to 50% (for Matrix Level IV) or 75% (for Matrix Levels I-III and V-VII). In consultation with the SOC, the Claims Processor will begin issuing notices on all eligible Future Claims in Matrix Levels I-VII applying the maximum reductions of 50% to Matrix Level IV awards and 75% to awards from all other Matrix Levels.

To the extent that funds remain after paying all eligible PART B EIF Claims, the Team and SOC may, at their discretion, compensate claimants for some portion of the 50% or 75% reductions from their Future Matrix Level Awards.

- 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.