

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

THIS NOTICE IS TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED DENTAL SERVICES PRIOR TO JUNE 9, 2017 AT THE OFFICE OF DR. VIVEK (VICK) HANDA AND UPPER MIDDLE DENTAL LOCATED AT 1900 WALKERS LINE IN BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

1. What is the purpose of this Notice?

This Notice is for all persons who received dental services from DR. VIVEK (VICK) HANDA, UPPER MIDDLE DENTAL and VICK HANDA DENTISTRY PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION (“the Defendant”), prior to June 9, 2017, and their family members.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has approved the settlement of this class action against the Defendant on behalf of the Class. The class action alleged that the Class Members were exposed to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and/or HIV after receiving dental services from the Defendant prior to June 9, 2017.

The Defendant has agreed to pay the all-inclusive sum of \$1,611,500 CAD to settle the claim. The Settlement Agreement constitutes a compromise of all disputed claims, without any admission or findings of liability or wrongdoing against the Defendant.

The detailed terms of the Proposed Settlement are set out in the Settlement Agreement between the parties. The Settlement Agreement and Distribution Protocol can be found at www.handadentalsettlement.com.

2. Who can submit a claim?

Class Members can claim part of the Settlement Fund on the following basis:

- (A) The Class Member was *exposed* to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and/or HIV after receiving dental services from the Defendant prior to June 9, 2017, and may have seen a doctor and/or gone for laboratory testing, but did not contract Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and/or HIV (the “Exposed Class”); or
- (B) The Class Member contracted Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and/or HIV after receiving dental services from the Defendant prior to June 9, 2017 (the “Infected Class”);
- (C) The Class Member contracted Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and/or HIV from a member of the Infected Class who had already contracted Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and/or HIV after receiving dental services from the Defendant prior to June 9, 2017 (the “Cross-Infected Class”); and
- (D) All living parents, grandparents, children, siblings and spouses within the meaning of section 61 of the Family Law Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F-3, as amended, of the persons described in paragraphs (B) and (C) above (the “FLA Class”).

3. How do I submit a claim?

To be eligible to receive part of the Settlement Fund, Class Members must submit a completed Claim Form to the Claims Administrator, RicePoint, **postmarked by no later than June 14, 2021**.

Class Members who have received prior notices by mail will receive an additional Notice setting out the particulars for submitting a claim. This written Notice will provide Class Members with a unique Claim ID and PIN with directions to access a secure Website URL that will allow each Class Member to file a claim electronically. The Website will prompt the Class Members to enter their unique Claim ID and PIN into two text fields. Further instructions and directions will be given at that time.

If you have not received written Notice from the Claims Administrator and require a unique Claim ID and PIN, please immediately contact:

Handa Dental Claims Administrator
c/o RicePoint Administration Inc.
P.O. Box 4454, Toronto Station A
25 The Esplanade
Toronto, ON M5W 4B1
1-866-761-0345

Class Members will be required to provide proof of their identity and attest to various statements.

Once the claims period has expired, and the Claims Adjudication process has been completed for all Class Members except the Exposed Class, payments under the Settlement Agreement will be distributed to Class Members by RicePoint.

4. How do I get more information?

For more information, or if you have any questions, please email Class Counsel at the address below:

Claims Administrator:	Class Counsel:
Handa Dental Claims Administrator c/o RicePoint Administration Inc. P.O. Box 4454, Toronto Station A 25 The Esplanade Toronto, ON M5W 4B1	Flaherty McCarthy LLP Attention: Sean A. Brown Toronto-Dominion Centre 95 Wellington Street West, Suite 1000 Toronto, ON M5J 2N7 Email: info@handadentalclassaction.com

**The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has authorized distribution of this Notice.
Questions about this Notice should NOT be directed to the Court.**