



Birth Alerts BC CLASS ACTION

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND PROPOSED PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE “BIRTH ALERTS” CLASS ACTION

To: All persons who were the subject of a “Birth Alert” in British Columbia since May 31, 1980.

This notice is meant to help you understand the proposed settlement so you can decide what to do. Your legal rights are still affected even if you choose to do nothing, so please read this carefully.

This information may be upsetting.

This notice includes information about experiences that could bring up strong or painful feelings. If you need support right now, you can contact the following organizations at no cost:

- **BC Mental Health & Crisis Response (no area code needed): 310-6789**
- **Hope for Wellness Help Line (for Indigenous peoples):** Call or text **1-855-242-3310** or visit **www.HopeForWellness.ca**
- **Health and mental health support in your area:** Call **2-1-1** for free and confidential help.

Do you have questions about this document? You can contact:

Claims Helpers

The Claims Helpers provide support during the Claims process. They are not connected to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

Phone: 1-833-632-6557

Claims Helpers monitor the Info Line from 9 a.m. PT to 5 p.m. PT
Mondays to Fridays (excluding statutory holidays)

Email: Info-BABC@BirthAlertsBC.ca

Mail: Birth Alerts BC Notice Provider (c/o Castlemain)
688 Saint Joseph Street
Winnipeg, MB R2H 3E2
Canada

A class action lawsuit about the Government of British Columbia’s (the Province) use of Birth Alerts has settled for a total of **\$66 million**. CFM Lawyers LLP represents everyone included in this class action. If the proposed settlement is approved, all class members who submit an eligible Claim will receive compensation of at least \$2,000. Indigenous class members will also receive an additional amount.

A full copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement is available at www.BirthAlertsBC.ca.

Before the proposed settlement becomes final, the Court must review and approve it. The Court will also review the plan for how compensation will be shared with class members. The Settlement Approval Hearing will take place at the Supreme Court of British Columbia in Vancouver.

- Date: December 4, 2026
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Location: 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia

At the hearing, CFM Lawyers will also ask the Court to approve its legal fees, and for payment of costs they have spent pursuing the class action. CFM Lawyers will request up to 25% of the Settlement Amount to be paid to compensate the lawyers for their work on this class action. The Court must approve these requests before any money is paid to the lawyers.

CFM Lawyers have already asked the Court to approve the payment of specific disbursements out of the Settlement Fund in advance of the Approval Hearing. These disbursements relate to the costs of the Notice Provider, the Claims Administrator, and costs associated with the request and review of hospital records. The Court has approved these payments.

You do not need to attend the hearing. CFM Lawyers will be there and will answer the Court's questions. Any member of the public may attend the hearing in person or, pending the Court's approval, remotely.

Your rights under the proposed settlement

I want to be a class member and share in the proposed settlement

You can choose to take part in the proposed settlement and submit a Claim for compensation.

- You can submit your Claim now. Further information on the claims deadline will be available after the Court has reviewed the settlement and made its decision.
- You can submit your Claim online at www.BirthAlertsBC.ca or by mail. **Claims Helpers** are available to assist you.
- If your Claim is accepted, you will receive compensation.
- You will not be able to start your own legal action against the Province for the Claims that are released in this class action.

The released Claims are explained in Sections 5.1 to 5.3 of the Settlement Agreement. You can read the full Settlement Agreement at www.BirthAlertsBC.ca.

I want to object to the proposed settlement, Distribution Plan, or Class Counsel's request for legal fees

If you disagree with the proposed settlement, Distribution Plan, or Class Counsel's request for legal fees, you can share these concerns with the Court. To share your concerns, you must submit an "Objection Form".

- Your form must be sent to the **Claims Helpers** by **November 20, 2026**, by email, fax or mail.
- You can also ask to speak in Court about your objection.
- If you object and the proposed settlement is approved by the Court, you can still submit a Claim for compensation.

To share your objection to the proposed settlement, Distribution Plan, or Class Counsel's request for legal fees, you must complete and submit the Objection Form. You can get the form at www.BirthAlertsBC.ca or by calling the **Claims Helpers** at **1-833-632-6557** and asking them to mail it to you.



Your Objection Form must be mailed, emailed or faxed no later than **November 20, 2026** to:

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Winnipeg, MB R2H 3E2, Canada
Email: Info-BABC@BirthAlertsBC.ca
Fax: 1-833-233-2982

I want to Opt Out of the class action

You can choose not to be part of the proposed settlement by “opting out”. This means that you do not wish to participate in the proposed settlement.

- If you opt out, you will not receive any money from the proposed settlement even if it is approved by the Court.
- You can still take legal action on your own, but you will need to pay your own legal costs.
- You will not be able to object to the proposed settlement or take part in the approval hearing.

To opt out of the proposed settlement, you complete and submit the Opt Out Form by **December 8, 2026**. You can get the form at www.BirthAlertsBC.ca or by calling the **Claims Helpers** at **1-833-632-6557** and asking them to mail it to you. Send your completed Opt Out Form by **December 8, 2026**, to:

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I want to do nothing

If you choose to do nothing, you will not get any money from the proposed settlement even if it is approved by the Court. You will not be able to start your own legal action against the Province for the Claims that are settled in this class action.

Please note that **objecting** to the proposed settlement is not the same as **opting out**.

- **Objecting** means you are staying in the Class Action, but you want to tell the Court that you disagree with part or all of the proposed settlement.
- **Opting out** means you are choosing not to be part of the proposed settlement, this means you will not be eligible for compensation if the proposed settlement is approved.

If you believe or suspect that you were the subject of a Birth Alert, please visit www.BirthAlertsBC.ca or contact a **Claims Helper**, free of charge. Their contact information is listed at the bottom of this notice.

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