

Advocacy & Social Justice

MPA ADVOCACY

ZYPREXA (OLANZEPINE) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

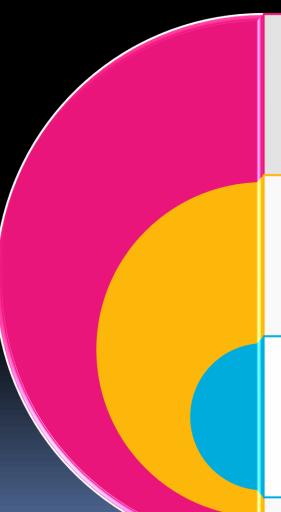
#### ABOUT THE MPA SOCIETY

- The MPA Society was formed in 1971
- We are a Non-Profit Registered Charitable
   Organization committed to providing high quality community based housing, advocacy and outreach services
- We are recovery and harm reduction focused
- We have more than 25 program sites
- Our services stretch from the West side of Vancouver to Maple Ridge

### WHY IS MPA SOCIETY INVOLVED IN THE ZYPREXA SETTLEMENT PROCESS

- We are dedicated to maximizing benefits for those recovering from mental illness and addictions
- We are committed to the principles and practices of advocacy and social justice
- We are interested in public awareness of advocacy, social justice and economic issues affecting those with mental illness and addictions
- We are committed to providing support for individuals that leads to empowerment and improvements of their individual determinants of health

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MPA SOCIETY IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROCESS



#### Increasing Public Awareness

- Working collaboratively with other groups and organizations
- Developing and distributing posters
- Developing and distributing a comprehensive claims information package

# Achieving Exemption Status For Claim Monies

- Working collaboratively with Ministry Officials to have claim monies exempt as income
- Working collaboratively with other groups and organizations to support the effort to have the claim monies exempt as income

#### Coordination Of The Claims Process

- Providing easy to understand information related to the claims process including information support
- Providing a final review of claim packages ensuring all criteria is met
- Forwarding completed claim packages to the Claims Administrator

# WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN THE SETTLEMENT CLAIMS PROCESS

Identifying Eligible Claimants

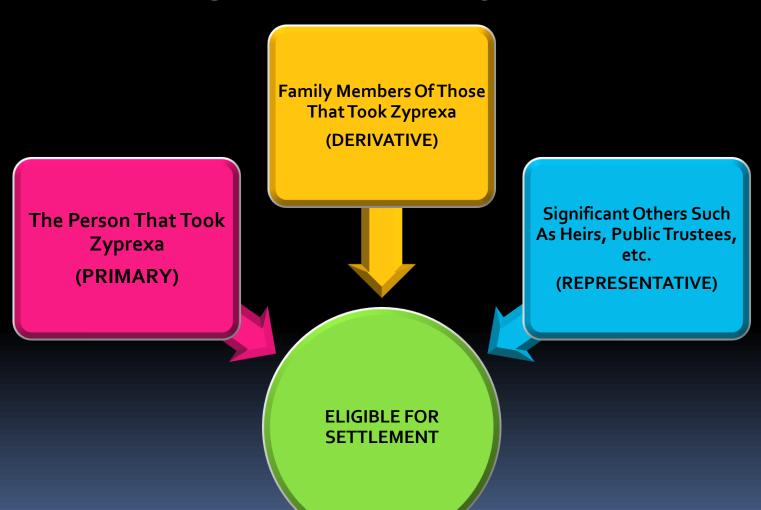
Assisting Claimants To Gather The Required Information

Assisting Claimants To Complete The Required Forms And Forwarding The Completed Packages to MPA Advocacy

### WHAT IS THE ZYPREXA (OLANZAPINE) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- A court approved class action settlement between Zyprexa manufacturer, Eli Lilly Canada, and people who were harmed by taking Zyprexa
- The settlement is Canada wide
- The settlement provides no admission of guilt on the part of Eli Lilly
- The total settlement award is just over 17 million dollars

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT



### WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

While Taking
Zyprexa Underwent
Documented
Treatment Changes
To Existing Diabetic
Treatment

While Taking
Zyprexa Developed
Hyperglycemia

While Taking
Zyprexa Developed
Ketoacidosis

While Taking
Zyprexa Developed
Diabetes

Zyprexa Was Taken Before June 06, 2007 For At Least 90 Days

While Taking
Zyprexa Developed
Pancreatitis

#### EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- When completing the claims package consider the following:
  - Did taking Zyprexa prior to June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 cause an undue hardship for the individual (these are only examples and not exhaustive):
    - Marital breakdown
    - Loss of employment and or income
    - Loss of housing
    - Lengthy periods of hospitalization
    - Other significant hardships

If so, provide supporting documentation. The Claims
Administrator may consider this information and award
additional points on the point distribution matrix and an
additional monetary award based on the degree of hardship

# WHAT IS IN THE SETTLEMENT INFORMATION KIT

Background Information

> Information On How To Use The Package

Appendix 1

Class Action Legal Notice Appendix 2

Claim Package Form

Completion Required To Determine Eligibility Appendix 3

Release of Information Forms

> Sample Letters

Appendix 4

Completion Checklist

# HOW MUCH COMPENSATION WILL EACH PERSON RECEIVE

- Each claimant is assessed individually so there is no pre-determined amount
- The settlement agreement provides a point distribution matrix
- Each "approved" injury or damage is assigned a point value
- The total score will determine the amount of any compensation for a claimant

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Currently settlement monies are not exempt for the purposes of income by the MHSD
- Claimants on Income Assistance risk losing benefits
- MPA has requested settlement monies be exempted
- PWD Claimants may be able to protect settlement monies and income assistance benefits through:
  - Registered Disability Savings Plans
  - Trusts

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Successful Claimants not on PWD will not be able to protect income assistance benefits and will be required to live on settlement monies
- MPA Advocacy encourages claimants receiving provincial income assistance to apply for PWD Designation
- For further information related to PWD contact:
  - MPA Advocacy
  - An Advocacy Group in your area
  - POVNET provides a list of advocates around the province at <u>www.povnet.org</u>

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