Claim Resolution
Structured Settlement Agreements

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CRSSA Basics

- Worker is 50 years or older
- Claim is six months old
- Allowance order is final
- Parties
- Voluntary program
- Not Option 3
Who is a Good Candidate?

- Needs retraining
- Singular work history
- No HS degree or GED
- Not ATW full time
Terms of Settlement

- Claim closure
- Periodic payments

- **May** reopen for MEDICAL only
- No further $/Voc benefits
CRSSA by the Numbers

- January 1, 2012 - effective date of law
- 10,222 claims reviewed
- 745 approved state fund settlements (454 SI)
- 1875 total state fund claims settled
- $100K median state fund settlement value
CRSSA Process

- Referral or application
- PS4 review
- Weekly meeting
- Contact parties
- Negotiate terms
- Write contract
CRSSA Process, cont.

- Gather signatures
- File with BIIA
- Best interest conference*
- BIIA review/decision
- Cooling off period
- Implement terms by order
- Make payments
Timeframe for Completion of Process

- 1 day-2 weeks to review and negotiate terms
- 1-3 days to draft contract
- 1 day-2 weeks to collect signatures
- 7 days to best interest conference after filing*
- Up to 45 calendar days for BIIA approval
- 30 day cooling off period

*If worker is unrepresented
The Role of the VRC

- Make referrals to the unit
- Provide your contact info
- Rely on dept for the specifics
- Continue services to ADSS
- Refer to LNI.WA.GOV
CRSSA Website

Settle Your Claim

One alternative to monthly time loss benefits is a structured settlement.

Download and print the forms
How to Apply for a CRSSA

Apply online

Step 1: Apply for a Structured Settlement

Step 2: Fill out a Structured Settlement Income and Expense Worksheet (F240-007-000).
Structured Settlement

50 years or older, final claim allowance for 180 days

YES

Worker not interested in retraining or Option 2

YES

Give worker structured settlement contact information

Structured settlement in the best interest of department AND worker

YES

Employer's rates affected?

YES

Employer is a party and must agree or waive consent

Program Specialist will contact VRC re: possible structured settlement

Usually within three weeks

Contract drafted, signed by parties, submitted to the BIIA

Worker unrepresented?

YES

Must have a conference with an industrial insurance appeals judge at the BIIA – scheduled within 7 days. IAJ approves or rejects.

BIIA has 45 calendar days to approve/reject the contract

If approved, 30 day revocation period

Program specialist will notify VRC 7 days before contract becomes final and claim will close

Claim manager will close referral, VRC does not need a closing report but needs to submit all bills before claim closure

Continue with vocational process unless otherwise notified by program specialist
Thank you

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