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This website is provided for the benefit of the plaintiffs in Neal v MDOC and related cases.

A proposed settlement agreement has been reached that would resolve the following pending cases: *Tracey Neal, et al v Michigan Department of Corrections*, et al, Washtenaw County Circuit Court Case No. 96-6986-CZ, the joined case of *Nicole Anderson, et al, v Michigan Department of Corrections*, Court of Claims No. 03-162-MZ, (the "Class Action"), and *Tammy LaCross, et al v Nancy Zang, et al,* Washtenaw County Circuit Court Case No. 05944-CZ, and the federal case, *Natheauleen Mason, et al v Granholm, et al,* United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Case No. 05-cv-73943 (the "related cases").

On July 15, 2009, Judge Timothy P. Connors preliminarily approved a settlement between the parties. Below are links to the Notice of Settlement and the Class Settlement Agreement.

If you believe you have a claim, please read the Notices at the link below, and be sure to note the deadlines for making a claim, making objections, or opting out of the settlement. These deadlines are also listed in the Time Line below.

Notice of Settlement of Class Action (1-page Summary)

Notice of Settlement of Class Action (5-page document)

Class Settlement Agreement

For more details on the settlement, visit the distribution page.

### TIME LINE

The following are important deadlines in the settlement process

July 15, 2009

Preliminary judicial approval of settlement, notice and plan of allocation

July 21, 2009

Settlement documents, mailed, posted, published and placed on website

August 14, 2009

Objections to the settlement documents are due.

Claim forms are due to participate in settlement. Letters are not claim forms.

Opt-out letters due.

September 4, 2009

Last date for ineligibility letters to be sent out

Individual allocation letters to be sent out

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## **September 18, 2009**

Appeals to the Claims Master are due for those determined ineligible

### **September 24, 2009**

Appeals to the Claims Master are due for the allocation determination

# October 2, 2009

Claims Master to issue ruling on ineligibility appeals

# October 16, 2009

Appeals of Claims Master's ruling on ineligibility due to the Court. Court's final ruling on eligibility due **November 1, 2009** 

Letters from the Claims Master with decisions on individual appeals of the allocation

### October 30, 2009

Class members' final objections to allocation must be filed with the Court

## November 4, 2009

Final hearing on objections to allocation

## November 25, 2009

Distribution begins if no appeals are filed or the distribution is not stayed by the Court or otherwise delayed by changes in dates of the prior events

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