

Participating Subdivisions or to compensate any Attorney for costs incurred in representing one or more Non-Participating Subdivisions.

3. In allocating the MDL Expense Fund, the Administrator shall not allocate any funds for costs incurred after November 14, 2022, unless the Administrator determines that there are sufficient funds to cover all subdivision costs incurred prior to November 14, 2022 and that special circumstances exist to justify costs incurred following the public announcement of the Walmart Agreement, including reasonable costs related to the implementation of the Walmart Agreement.

*G. Eligibility*

1. It is the intention of all parties participating in the Fee Panel process that there should be total transparency to the Fee Panel and to all fund participants. In connection with the process to be developed by the Fee Panel, any and all monies in attorney's fees received or awarded, including prior or future Contingency Fees, Common Benefit Fees, referral fees, expenses paid, promises for payment, or any other Fee Entitlement, to any Applicant in any opioid litigation shall be disclosed to the Fee Panel as a condition of participating in the Attorney Fee Fund and prior to an award from the Fee Panel. Any payment, expectation of payment or perceived entitlement to participate in a State Back-Stop Agreement or any other agreement reached with a Settling State or any Subdivision or any other source regarding payment of fees must be disclosed to the Fee Panel. Similarly, any right to payment from any other fund, for example a fund for payment to lawyers representing Settling States or Tribal Nations or Subdivisions shall be disclosed to the Fee Panel. Because it is anticipated that there will be multiple firms listed on contingent fee agreements with Litigating Subdivisions, the Fee Panel shall establish procedures, with input from Attorneys for Participating Litigating Subdivisions, for which party or parties should petition for fees from such groups and to whom the fee shall be paid and thereafter distributed to co-counsel in accordance with applicable agreements. For the avoidance of doubt, all Attorneys that are part of such groups must meet the eligibility criteria in paragraph II.G.3, must be subject to the criteria set forth in paragraph II.C.4, and must be disclosed to the Fee Panel.
2. An Applicant may apply for and recover attorneys' fees from the Common Benefit Fund, the Contingency Fee Fund, and any fund created by a past or future State Back-Stop Agreement, provided the Applicant satisfies the requirements relevant to each such fund and requirements for disclosure to the Fee Panel.
3. An Attorney may not receive any payment from the Attorney Fee Fund (which includes both the Contingency Fee Fund and the Common Benefit Fund) unless the following eligibility criteria are met and annually certified by the Attorney:

- a. The Attorney must expressly waive the enforcement against the Litigating Subdivision client of all Fee Entitlements (other than under State Back-Stop Agreements) arising out of or related to any or all Qualifying Representations of any Participating Litigating Subdivision prior to applying for attorneys' fees from the Attorney Fee Fund. All applications for attorneys' fees under this Fee Agreement shall include an affirmation by the Attorney of such waiver and notice to the client(s) of such waiver. Such waiver shall not preclude the Attorney from submitting such Fee Entitlements to the Fee Panel as a factor for consideration in allocating payments from the Attorney Fee Fund or in connection with a State Back-Stop Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, no Attorney may recover fees under this Fee Agreement unless the Attorney expressly agrees not to enforce Fee Entitlements as to each and every Participating Litigating Subdivision represented by that Attorney, but such Attorneys may participate in and receive funds from a State Back-Stop Agreement.
- b. The Attorney must represent that s/he has no present intent to represent or participate in the representation of any Later Litigating Subdivision or Later Litigating State with respect to Released Claims against Released Entities.
- c. The Attorney must represent that s/he has not and will not engage in any advertising or solicitation related to Released Claims against Released Entities where such advertising or solicitation relates to a representation of a Subdivision eligible to be a Participating Subdivision after the Threshold Subdivision Participation Date.
- d. The Attorney must represent s/he will not charge or accept any referral fees for any Released Claims brought against Released Entities by Later Litigating Subdivisions or Later Litigating States. This representation shall not prohibit Attorneys from receiving allocated shares of any future common benefit assessments arising out of settlements or judgments with Later Litigating Subdivisions or Later Litigating States that are the result of the MDL Court's Common Benefit Order.
- e. The Attorney may not have and must represent that s/he does not have a Fee Entitlement related to a Later Litigating Subdivision or Later Litigating State, other than a potential Common Benefit Fee.
- f. The Attorney must fully disclose the participation, or the anticipation of participation, in any agreement with a Settling State or Participating Subdivision concerning fees arising out of or related to the Walmart Agreement, including any fees paid or anticipated to be paid or any State Back-Stop Agreement.