

**MONTANA EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, GALLATIN COUNTY**

**NOTICE OF MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CLASS ACTION**

**You Or A Family Member May Be Entitled To Money Payments.**

**Read This Legal Notice Carefully. Your Rights May Be Affected.**

<b>Why am I receiving this Notice?</b>	You are receiving this Notice because you are or have been a member of the Montana University System’s Employee Group Benefit Plan (“Plan”) between October 5, 2001 and December 31, 2016. As a potential Class Member you are entitled to this Notice.
<b>What is the Class Action about?</b>	The Class Action claims the Montana University System failed to pay certain medical expenses that were due under the Plan. The Montana University System has agreed to pay such medical expenses.
<b>What determines if I am entitled to payment of money?</b>	You or a family member are likely due money if the following two conditions exist: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. You or a family member incurred medical expenses for injuries between October 5, 2001 and December 31, 2016; and</li><li>2. Your medical expenses were <b>not</b> paid in full by the Plan because the medical expenses were paid or able to be paid by another source, including another source of insurance.</li></ol>
<b>How do I apply for additional payments?</b>	<b>Please fill out the enclosed Acknowledgment and Claims Form and return it in the self-addressed envelope.</b> If eligible, monetary payments will be paid directly to you. If you need help, please call the class attorney—Hillary P. Carls at 406-586-1926—or visit the class website at <a href="http://choices.mus.edu/notice.asp">http://choices.mus.edu/notice.asp</a> . <b>The claims form must be completed and returned prior to April 13, 2018 or you may forfeit your right to payment.</b>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR HELP CALL 1-844-632-5699 OR VISIT**

**<http://choices.mus.edu/notice.asp>.**

**YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CLASS AT:**

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Bozeman, MT 59715  
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If you are injured, your health insurance plan is legally required to pay your medical expenses. Even if you or the person who caused your injuries has other insurance to pay the medical expenses (such as automobile or homeowner’s insurance) your health insurance must also pay your medical expenses. Only if you have been fully compensated for all damages, including payment of your attorney fees and costs, will the Montana University System have the right to be reimbursed for any payments it has made. Under Montana law, this is called your right to be “made whole.”

It is your right to hire your own attorney to represent your interests in this class action.

It is your right to request that the Court exclude you from being a member of this class action, and upon receipt of a written request to exclude, the Court will exclude you from the class. To be excluded from the class you must make a written request to the Court by July 12, 2017. The written request to be excluded from the class must reference *Gendron v. Montana University System*, Cause No.: DV-09-953B and be submitted to:

Clerk of the District Court  
Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Gallatin County  
W. W. Lessley Law & Justice Center  
615 South 16th Ave., Rm. 302  
Bozeman, MT 59715

If you do not request to exclude yourself from the class action, the Court's judgment for class members will be binding on you pursuant to Montana Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(3).

It is also your right to object to the award of attorney fees and costs. The Montana University System agrees that class attorneys are entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, over and above the amount paid to Class Members. The parties have not yet reached agreement on the amount of the attorneys' fees and costs. If the parties do not reach an agreement on the amount of the attorneys' fees and costs, the parties will submit their written positions on the attorney fees and cost award by September 15, 2017, and the Court will decide the attorney fee and cost award at the Final Fairness Hearing.

To object to the award of attorney fees and costs you must make a written request to the Court by October 15, 2017. You have the right to inspect the parties' requests and positions regarding the attorney fees and costs award at the Clerk of the District Court office indicated below. The written request to object to the award of attorney fees and costs must reference *Gendron v. Montana University System*, Cause No.: DV-09-953B and be submitted to:

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It is your right to attend the final Fairness Hearing in this matter. The final Fairness Hearing in this matter is scheduled for December 5, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the W.W. Lessley Law & Justice Center, 615 South 16th Ave., Room 201, Bozeman, Montana.