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Vani Jain
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Dear Vani Jain:

Thank you for your letter regarding the anticipated Zyprexa Settlement Agreement and how expected financial awards may affect Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) recipients. I appreciate the time you have taken to write and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

As you may know, ODSP currently has income and asset exemptions for some settlements and awards. In particular, awards that compensate for pain and suffering as a result of injury to or the death of a member of the benefit unit up to a maximum of \$100K (per award per person) are exempt.

In some cases, the \$100,000 maximum may be expanded if the Director is satisfied the amount exceeding \$100,000 is:

- paid for expenses actually or reasonably incurred or to be incurred as a result of injury to or death of a member of the benefit unit;
- applied to expenses approved by the Director for disability-related items or services that are not and will not be otherwise reimbursed; or
- applied to education or training expenses that are incurred because of the member's disability, and are not and will not be otherwise reimbursed.

The Canadian Zyprexa Settlement Agreement and anticipated compensation awards fall under existing 'pain and suffering' exemptions for compensation awards.

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ODSP recipients are encouraged to speak to their caseworkers for more detailed information about their specific circumstances, this award and the exemptions that may apply.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mmeilleur', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister