

Workers' Compensation Settlement Survey

(1) Why did you settle your claim? *(Please check all that apply.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was afraid I might lose at a trial.
<input type="checkbox"/> The dispute was taking too much time and effort.
<input type="checkbox"/> I needed the money quickly.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> I thought it would be a fair way to end the dispute.
<input type="checkbox"/> I thought it was the best way to get my benefits. |
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(2) Did your attorney explain that you had a choice to go to trial or seek a settlement? Yes No Don't remember

(3) Did you feel any pressure to settle your claim or go to trial? Yes No Don't remember

If "Yes," how much pressure did you feel from:	Pressure to SETTLE			Pressure to GO to TRIAL		
	None	Some	A lot	None	Some	A lot
(a) Your employer	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(b) Worker's comp insurer	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(c) Your attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(d) Your family	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(e) Medical or rehab providers	<input type="checkbox"/>					

(4) When you settled your claim, how well did you understand the cash benefits, medical services and vocational rehabilitation services you might have won in a trial?

- Very well Mostly Some Not at all Don't remember

(5) Before you settled your claim, did your attorney talk about your chances of winning if you went to trial?

- Yes No Don't remember

(6) When you settled your claim, how well did you understand what your settlement said?

- Very well Mostly Some Not at all Don't remember

(7) If you were doing it all over, would you settle your claim or go to trial?

- Settle Go to trial Not sure

(8) What else would you like to have known before you agreed to a settlement?

(9) Are you employed right now? Yes No

If "Yes," how does your current pay compare to your pre-injury pay?

- Much more A little more About the same A little less Much less

(10) How has your medical condition related to your injury changed since your settlement?

- Improved No change Gotten worse

(11) Do you think your settlement was a fair compromise? Yes No Not sure

Please explain your answer:

(12) Do you have any other comments about how the workers' comp system handles disputes?
