

Settlement Status and Negotiations

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Settlement Posture

Postured for Settlement?	Yes – claim is in post-MMI, post-AME posture and active settlement discussions are underway.
Current Settlement Options	Stipulated Award vs. Compromise & Release (C&R) under discussion.

Negotiation Summary

Party	Position (Approximate)	Notes
Applicant	Global demand in the mid-\$40,000 range.	Seeks lump-sum resolution including PD and closure of future medical on lumbar and left knee.
Defense	Offers in the mid-\$20,000 range for a moderate C&R.	Values PD consistent with low-to-mid-teens rating and limited future medical exposure.

Settlement Type and Authority

Preferred Structure	Open to either (1) Stipulated Award with PD paid over time and future medical left open for lumbar spine and left knee, or (2) Compromise & Release if priced appropriately to buy out future medical exposure.
Authority Status	Internal authority based on mid-teens PD range and conservative future medical has been requested/updated following AME report. Final authority to be aligned with any formal DEU rating once issued.
Outstanding Items	Awaiting final DEU rating, confirmation of ongoing accommodation of permanent work restrictions, updated lien status, and confirmation that no further med-legal specialties are needed.

Settlement Notes

Additional PD exposure remains reserved pending DEU formal rating and final settlement structure. Indemnity benefits (PD advances) have been issued at the estimated PD rate and will be credited against any eventual PD award or C&R consideration.