

Why a Retired Worker's Roundup Claim Can Still Be Substantial

Retirement Does Not Reduce a Roundup Claim to Lost Wages

A retired worker may assume there is little reason to pursue a Roundup claim because there are no longer paychecks to lose. The proposed \$7.25 billion Roundup settlement would not calculate compensation that way.

The settlement looks at occupational exposure, age when non-Hodgkin lymphoma was diagnosed, lymphoma subtype, treatment, and supporting evidence. Current employment status is not one of the factors used to assign an award tier.

A [Roundup cancer lawyer](#) can determine which tier applies, document factors that may increase the award, and prepare the claim without requiring the worker to gather decades of records alone.

How the Settlement Values a Retired Worker's Claim

The initial award tier is based on three factors:

- **Exposure Classification:** Occupational claimants are treated differently from residential users.
- **Age at Diagnosis:** The relevant age is generally the worker's age when NHL was diagnosed, not the age when the claim is filed.
- **NHL Subtype:** Aggressive lymphoma is assigned differently from indolent lymphoma.

Under the settlement's published structure, occupational claimants diagnosed from ages 60 through 77 have average Program Awards of \$105,000 for aggressive NHL and \$60,000 for indolent NHL.

Occupational claimants diagnosed before age 60 have averages of \$165,000 for aggressive NHL and \$85,000 for indolent NHL. Those diagnosed at age 78 or older are placed in a tier with a \$10,000 average regardless of exposure type or NHL subtype.

These figures are averages, not guaranteed payments. An individual Program Award can generally range from 80% to 120% of the applicable tier average based on the claimant's score.

Treatment and Exposure Evidence Can Affect the Award

After assigning the initial tier, the claims administrator calculates an individual score. Factors that may increase it include:

- Intensive treatment such as chemotherapy, radiation, or stem-cell or bone-marrow transplantation.

- Lugano or Ann Arbor Stage IV lymphoma.
- Longer and more frequent Roundup exposure.
- Strong documentary evidence of Roundup exposure.
- The timing between exposure and diagnosis.
- Younger age within the applicable tier.

This is where a retired worker's medical and employment records become important. Pathology reports establish the NHL subtype, while treatment records document chemotherapy, radiation, hospitalization, stem-cell or bone-marrow transplantation, and cancer stage.

Employment records, former coworkers, purchasing records, photographs, and application logs can support the duration and frequency of occupational Roundup use.

Cancer Can Still Cause Serious Financial Harm After Retirement

Retirees may not lose a salary, but they can still face deductibles, copayments, prescriptions, travel to cancer centers, paid home assistance, and costs not covered by Medicare or supplemental insurance.

Treatment may also require a spouse or adult child to provide care, miss work, or pay for outside help. Savings intended to support both spouses throughout retirement can instead be consumed by cancer-related expenses.

The settlement does not pay separately for every expense or personal loss. However, treatment intensity and disease severity can affect the claim score, and certain extreme circumstances may support additional compensation.

Additional Compensation May Be Available in Severe Cases

The settlement includes an Extraordinary Circumstances Fund for certain severe cases. Potentially qualifying circumstances include death following an NHL diagnosis before age 78, stem-cell or bone-marrow transplantation, irreversible bodily injury, CAR-T cell therapy, intrathecal chemotherapy, and certain other circumstances associated with a high Claim Score.

An Exigency Award may be available when a claimant has a terminal illness and may not survive long enough to receive a standard Program Award. It may also apply when the claimant faces imminent loss of housing. An Exigency Award provides accelerated payment rather than additional compensation and cannot be combined with another settlement award.

If the worker has died, an authorized estate representative may still be able to submit a claim. These situations require additional medical and legal documentation.

Medicare and Insurance Claims Can Reduce the Payment

Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, or another insurer may have a right to reimbursement for certain lymphoma-related treatment costs. That does not mean the insurer takes the entire settlement award.

The settlement's Healthcare Compliance Administrator is responsible for addressing healthcare reimbursement and lien issues and may work with government programs and other insurers to establish or resolve amounts that must be repaid.

Most importantly, a possible reimbursement claim is not a reason to abandon substantial Roundup compensation. It is one part of the settlement process that can be addressed while pursuing the money available to the retired worker.

The Lawyer Can Handle the Records and Claim Preparation

A retired worker with cancer should not have to build a Roundup claim alone. The client and family can provide whatever information they remember and sign the necessary authorizations. The lawyer and legal team can handle the investigation, paperwork, and communication required to pursue compensation.

A Roundup cancer lawyer can:

- **Confirm the Diagnosis:** Obtain pathology reports and verify that the worker has a covered non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis.
- **Gather Medical Records:** Collect records documenting cancer stage, chemotherapy, radiation, hospitalization, transplantation, and other treatment.
- **Reconstruct the Exposure History:** Identify when, where, and how the worker encountered Roundup throughout a career.
- **Obtain Employment and Income Records:** Request tax documents, Social Security earnings histories, payroll files, union records, pension documents, and other proof of qualifying work.
- **Locate Product Evidence:** Search for purchasing records, spraying logs, photographs, work orders, equipment records, and other evidence connecting the worker to Roundup.
- **Find Former Coworkers:** Locate and interview people who remember the worker's Roundup use.
- **Determine the Correct Settlement Tier:** Evaluate occupational classification, age at diagnosis, and NHL subtype.
- **Document a Stronger Claim Score:** Present evidence of intensive treatment, advanced cancer, long-term exposure, and other factors that may increase the award.

- **Identify Additional or Accelerated Compensation:** Determine whether an Extraordinary Circumstances Fund or Exigency Award may apply.
- **Prepare and Submit the Claim:** Complete the claim package, organize the evidence, obtain required signatures, and meet all deadlines.
- **Address Healthcare Reimbursement:** Handle Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, or private insurance issues connected to the claim.
- **Communicate With the Claims Administrator:** Answer requests, correct missing information, and track the claim through the settlement process.
- **Challenge an Incorrect Decision:** Request reconsideration if the claim is denied, placed in the wrong tier, or calculated using incorrect information.
- **Help the Family Continue the Claim:** Assist an authorized representative if the exposed worker dies or can no longer manage the process personally.
- **Keep the Family Informed:** Provide updates and explain important decisions without requiring the client to manage the claim day to day.

[Smoking](#) or another health risk does not automatically prevent someone from seeking compensation under the proposed settlement. However, medical history and evidence that NHL may be attributable to another cause can affect the Claim Score. A lawyer can review those issues along with the claimant's documented Roundup exposure.

The client provides the starting information; the lawyer does the heavy lifting. That allows the retired worker and family to focus on treatment, caregiving, and time together while the claim moves forward.

Ferrell Law Group Can Pursue a Retired Worker's Roundup Claim

[Ferrell Law Group](#) represents people nationwide in serious cancer and toxic-exposure claims. We can determine the appropriate settlement tier, obtain the necessary records, document factors supporting a higher claim score, and identify possible additional compensation.

For more than 30 years, our firm has pursued high-stakes exposure cases and recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for clients and families. Most of the process can be handled by phone, mail, and electronic records, and we can travel to clients when needed.

If you or a loved one developed non-Hodgkin lymphoma after using Roundup at work, [contact us](#) for a [free consultation](#). There is no fee unless we recover money for you.