

NMI SETTLEMENT FUND

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Disbursement and Calculation of Public Law 20-35 Bonus

On December 15, 2017, the NMI Government appropriated \$3.5 million for the purpose of paying a bonus "to be distributed equally to all Settlement Class Members and CNMI Fund members receiving an annuity." *See* PL 20-35, § 2. The disbursement of the \$3.5 million to the Settlement Class Members will be based on the membership as of November 30, 2017, and in accordance with the Secretary of Finance's payment instructions as set forth below:

- 1. Retirees will receive an *equal share* with other retirees.
- 2. Survivors
 - a. Surviving spouses without qualified child(ren) will receive an *equal share*.
 - b. Surviving spouses with qualified children will *equally share* the bonus payment.
 - c. If no surviving spouse, surviving qualified children will *equally share* the bonus payment.
- 3. Retirees whose benefit payments are subject to a court-ordered divorce decree or judgment (including their non-retiree ex-spouses) will receive bonus payments based on the allocation set forth in their respective decree or judgment.

Based on the foregoing instructions, an equal share is equivalent to \$1,257.18. Please refer to the attached *Settlement Fund Bonus Calculation* for details.

The bonus payments are not covered payments under the Settlement Agreement. Thus, all recipients will be responsible for reporting and paying taxes on the bonus payments.

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NMI Settlement Fund Bonus Calculation Pursuant to Secretary of Finance's Payment Instructions

Appropriated and Funded Amount, PL 20-35						3,500,000.00
Count	Category					
2061	1	RETIREE				2,591,047.98
570	2	SURV SP w/o children				716,592.60
91	3	SURV SP w/ minor children & students				113,774.79
39	4	SURV CHILDREN w/o SURV SP				48,715.72
2	5	SURV SP & CH Non-FDIC Bank				2,514.36
2763						3,472,645.45
2						1,885.77
		SURV CH TURNED 18 & still in school				628.59
7		NEW SURV SP & CH Eligible for Bonus				9,743.15
9						12,257.51
		Settlement Fund Members				3,484,902.96
12		OPT OUT MEMBERS				15,086.16
2784		TOTAL BONUS			\$	3,499,989.12
(Category 1	RETIREE**	\$	1,257.18		
(Category 2	SURV SP w/o Children	\$	1,257.18		
Category 3		SURV SP w/minor Children & Student	\$ \$ \$	1,257.18 shared eq	ually	
Category 4		SURV CH & CHILDREN w/o SURV SP	CHILDREN w/o SURV SP \$ 1,257.18 shared eq		ually	
	Category 5	SURV SP & CH Non-FDIC Bank	\$	1,257.18 shared eq	•	

^{**}Includes distributions per court-ordered divorce decrees or judgments, not to exceed a retiree's bonus amount of \$1,257.18