

# Federal Court Approves Class Action Settlement in Lawsuit Brought on Behalf of Anthem Insureds with Eating Disorders

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**NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA / AGILITYPR.NEWS / May 27, 2022 /** On May 24, 2022, U.S. District Court Judge Jeffrey S. White entered an order finally approving a class action settlement in a lawsuit brought by [Kantor & Kantor, LLP](#) and co-counsel [Kathryn M. Trepinski](#) against defendant Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company.

The [lawsuit](#) was brought on behalf of a class of California residents:

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- (1) who were enrolled under an ERISA health plan issued or administered by Anthem,
- (2) who had been diagnosed with an eating disorder and
- (3) who had a request for eating disorder treatment processed through Anthem's Utilization Review program.

A subclass consists of class members whose request for authorization for eating disorder treatment was denied by Anthem.

Under the settlement, qualifying subclass members could elect to have their denied claims reprocessed by Anthem under a revised Utilization Review program or, if they choose, receive a set payment, the amount of which is dependent on whether they continued treatment (\$5,500) or discontinued treatment (\$2,100) after Anthem's denial.

All class members will benefit from the injunctive relief that is part of the settlement, which brings a number of Anthem's business practices into compliance with the [California Mental Health Parity Act](#).

***"I'm extremely gratified by this result, which will benefit Anthem insureds throughout the state who were wrongfully denied medically necessary treatment for their eating disorders"*** commented [Lisa Kantor](#) of Kantor & Kantor, LLP.

The next step in the settlement is the reprocessing of the claims of the class members who chose that option and the mailing of checks to those class members who chose the set payment.

The case is [Bailey v. Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Ins. Co., Case No. 4:16-cv-04439-JSW](#), pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

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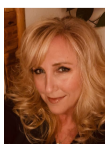
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Since 2004, our law firm has grown from its' Northridge, California home office base to an additional 6 offices on the west coast, with capabilities to represent people nationwide. Getting the best representation is critical and we have a proven track record of being the law firm that strives to provide the best for our clients, from beginning to end.

### **About The Law Offices of Kathryn M. Trepinski**

Located in Beverly Hills, Kathryn Trepinski is a nationally recognized lawyer specializing in holding insurance companies accountable for their unlawful business practices. She has achieved success in revealing in insurance company misconduct, in stopping corporate bad practices, and in obtaining compensation for for the victims of insurance company abuse. Ms. Trepinski represents plaintiffs exclusively in her practice.

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