

If you were enrolled in an automatic renewal magazine subscription by Synapse, you may be entitled to money

Summary Notice of Class Action Settlement
Cruz v. Synapse Group, Inc., et al.
San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 37-2018-00032240-CU-MC-CTL

What is the Lawsuit about? The Lawsuit alleges that defendants Synapse Group, Inc. and SynapseConnect, Inc. (together, “Synapse”) enrolled certain California consumers in automatic renewal or continuous service magazine subscriptions, and posted charges to the consumer’s credit card, debit card, or third party payment account, without first presenting the consumer with the automatic renewal offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner. Synapse denies the claims in the Lawsuit and the Court has not decided which party is right. The parties have agreed to a Settlement to provide benefits to eligible Class Members and to resolve the case.

Am I a Class Member? Based on the business records of Synapse, the individual identified on this Summary Class Notice was enrolled by Synapse in an automatic renewal subscription between May 17, 2012 and October 8, 2018, and therefore has the right to participate in the Settlement.

What relief does the Settlement provide? Synapse has agreed to pay the principal Settlement Amount of Four Million Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$4,980,000). If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, each Participating Class Member will receive a pro-rata share of the Net Settlement Amount. The “Net Settlement Amount” is the Settlement Amount reduced by any sums awarded by the Court for attorneys’ fees, litigation expenses, any class representative service payments, and expenses of settlement administration. The Settlement also provides for injunctive relief.

What are my options? If you want to participate in the Settlement, you must submit a timely Claim, which must be validated by the Settlement Administrator. You may submit a Claim through the settlement Website, www.synapsesettlement.com, which can also be accessed through the following link: www.synapsesettlement.com.

Please use the following CPT ID and Passcode to access the Claim Form on the Settlement Website:

CPT ID: <<ID>>
Passcode: <<Passcode>>

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by May 3, 2019. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will not receive any compensation from the Settlement, but you will retain whatever legal rights you may have against Synapse for any claims based on enrollment in, or charges for, automatic renewal or continuous service subscriptions. Any judgment entered by the Court will bind all Class Members who do not request exclusion. If you stay in the Settlement, you may object to it by May 3, 2019. The Long Form Class Notice, which is available on the Settlement Website, explains how to exclude yourself or object. If you do not request to be excluded from the Class, you may, if you so desire, enter an appearance through counsel. The Court will hold a hearing on June 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request by the lawyers representing all Class Members for attorneys’ fees and costs, and for service awards to the class representatives. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don’t have to.

More information? For complete information about the Settlement and its terms, to view the Long Form Class Notice, Settlement Agreement, related Court documents, and to learn more about how to exercise your various options under the Settlement, including how to submit a Claim, go to www.synapsesettlement.com. You may also email the Settlement Administrator at synapsesettlement@cptgroup.com or call 1-888-202-1382.