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## STARTING A LAWSUIT

Your patient may have the right to start a lawsuit for injuries as a result of a motor vehicle accident. The patient may be entitled to compensation for physical injuries, pain and suffering, emotional trauma, loss of income, increased domestic expenses, child care expenses, etc.

Family members of the patient may also have a claim for compensation.

Written notice of the intention to start a lawsuit should be given to the persons-at-fault within 120 days of the accident. However failure to do so will not bar the lawsuit.

Generally, a lawsuit must be commenced within two years from the date of the accident. There are situations where this time limitation could be less than two years and it is recommended that your patient seek legal advice in that regard.

The patient needs to both notify the Accident Benefit Insurer within 7 days of the date of the accident and complete an Application for Accident Benefits.

It is important that the patient retain an experienced personal injury law firm to provide advice and assist with the lawsuit. Most reputable law firms provide a free, no-obligation initial consultation.