

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

RICHARD A. CULMER AND MARCY M.)
CULMER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS)
PARENTS, NATURAL GUARDIANS, AND)
NEXT FRIENDS FOR CELIA CULMER,)
A MINOR,)
)
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Petitioners,)
)
vs.) Case No. 07-4484N
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FLORIDA BIRTH-RELATED)
NEUROLOGICAL INJURY)
COMPENSATION ASSOCIATION,)
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Respondent,)
)
and)
)
ORLANDO REGIONAL HEALTHCARE)
SYSTEM, d/b/a SOUTH SEMINOLE)
HOSPITAL; PETER C. PERRY, M.D.;)
ROBERT J. BOWLES, M.D.; and)
PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES, LLC,)
)
Intervenors.)
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_____)

FINAL ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND JOINT PETITION
FOR COMPENSATION OF CLAIM ARISING OUT OF FLORIDA BIRTH-RELATED
NEUROLOGICAL INJURY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 766, FLORIDA STATUTES

This cause came on to be heard pursuant to Sections 766.304 and 766.305(7), Florida Statutes, upon the Stipulation and Joint Petition of the parties, filed June 16, 2008, for the entry of an order approving the resolution of a formal claim for compensation benefits heretofore filed in this cause in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 766, Florida Statutes,

and a resolution of the exclusive remedy otherwise available as outlined in Chapter 766, Florida Statutes.

By the terms of their stipulation, the parties have agreed that Richard A. Culmer and Marcy M. Culmer are the parents and legal guardians of Celia Culmer (Celia), a minor; that Celia was born a live infant on October 11, 2005, at Orlando Regional Healthcare System, d/b/a South Seminole Hospital, a "hospital" as defined by Section 766.302(6), Florida Statutes, located in Seminole County, Florida; and that Celia's birth weight exceeded 2,500 grams. The parties have further agreed that Peter C. Perry, M.D., and Robert J. Bowles, M.D., delivered obstetrical services at Celia's birth, and at all times material hereto, were "participating physician[s]" in the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan, as defined by Section 766.302(7), Florida Statutes. Finally, by their stipulation, the parties have agreed that Celia suffered a "birth-related neurological injury," as that term is defined by Section 766.302(2), Florida Statutes.

After due consideration of the interests of all parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is

ORDERED that:

1. The Stipulation and Joint Petition of the parties, filed June 16, 2008, is hereby approved, and the parties are directed to comply with the provisions thereof.

2. Petitioners, Richard A. Culmer and Marcy M. Culmer, as the parents and legal guardians of Celia Culmer, a minor, are awarded One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), pursuant to Section 766.31(1)(b)1., Florida Statutes, to be paid in lump sum.

3. Upon payment of the award of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), attorney's fees and other expenses of Ten thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars and nineteen cents (\$10,667.19), and past expenses, the claims of Petitioners (Claimants) shall be deemed fully satisfied and extinguished, except for Respondent's continuing obligation under Section 766.31(2), Florida Statutes, to pay future expenses as incurred.

4. The Division of Administrative Hearings retains jurisdiction over this matter to resolve any disputes should they arise, regarding the parties' compliance with the terms of this Final Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17th day of June, 2008, in
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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Administrative Law Judge
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review pursuant to Sections 120.68 and 766.311, Florida Statutes. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing the original of a notice of appeal with the Agency Clerk of the Division of Administrative Hearings and a copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the appropriate District Court of Appeal. See Section 766.311, Florida Statutes, and Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association v. Carreras, 598 So. 2d 299 (Fla. 1st DCA 1992). The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed.