

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NICOLE MUNSHOWER, on behalf of
and as parent and natural
guardian of BLAYNE MICHAEL
ROBARTS SNIPES, a minor,

Petitioner,

vs.

Case No. 15-0489N

FLORIDA BIRTH-RELATED
NEUROLOGICAL INJURY COMPENSATION
ASSOCIATION,

Respondent,

and

BAY MEDICAL CENTER SACRED HEART
HEALTH SYSTEM,

Intervenor.

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FINAL ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF AWARD

This cause came on for consideration pursuant to sections 766.304 and 766.305(7), Florida Statutes, upon the Stipulation and Joint Petition for Compensation of Claim Arising out of Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Pursuant to Chapter 766, Florida Statutes (Stipulation and Joint Petition), filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on June 30, 2015, as amended on July 1, 2015, for the entry of an order approving the resolution of a claim for compensation benefits filed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 766 and a resolution of

the exclusive remedy otherwise available as outlined in chapter 766.

By the terms of their stipulation, Petitioner, Nicole Munshower, as parent and natural guardian of Blayne Michael Robarts Snipes, a minor, and Respondent, the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association (NICA), have agreed that Nicole Munshower is the parent and legal guardian of Blayne Michael Robarts Snipes (Blayne), a minor; that Blayne was born a live infant on or about June 19, 2013, at Bay Medical Center Sacred Heart Health System, a "hospital" as defined by section 766.302(6) located in Panama City, Florida; and that Blayne's birth weight exceeded 2,500 grams. The Parties have further agreed that Krystal D. VanLowe-Marable, M.D., provided obstetrical services at Blayne's delivery and was a "participating physician" in the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan, as defined by section 766.302(7). The Parties have agreed that Blayne suffered a "birth-related neurological injury," as that term is defined by section 766.302(2), which was the sole and proximate cause of Blayne's injuries.

It is ORDERED:

1. The Stipulation and Joint Petition filed on June 30, 2015, as amended on July 1, 2015, is hereby approved, and the

Parties are directed to comply with the provisions of the Stipulation and Joint Petition.

2. Petitioner, Nicole Munshower, as the parent and legal guardian of Blayne Michael Robarts Snipes, a minor, is awarded one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), pursuant to section 766.31(1)(b)1., to be paid as periodic payments to the parent; payment of benefits up to and including the effective date of the Joint Stipulation and Petition pursuant to section 766.31(1)(a), subject to the provisions of paragraph 19 of the Stipulation and Joint Petition; and payments of future expenses as incurred.

3. NICA will reimburse Vanessa L. Brice, Esquire, attorney for Petitioner, an agreed upon attorney's fee of \$2,500.00 and expenses of \$500.00, totaling \$3,000.00 in full for services rendered in the filing of this claim.

4. Upon the payment of the award of \$100,000.00, past benefit/expenses, and \$3,000.00 for attorney's fees and costs, the claims of Petitioner shall be deemed fully satisfied and extinguished, except for Respondent's continuing obligation under section 766.31(2) to pay future expenses as incurred.

5. 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 Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 7th day of July, 2015, in Tallahassee,
Leon County, Florida.



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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

Review of a final order of an administrative law judge shall be by appeal to the District Court of Appeal pursuant to section 766.311(1), Florida Statutes. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing the original notice of administrative appeal with the agency clerk of the Division of Administrative Hearings within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed, and a copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal. See § 766.311(1), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Birth-Related Neurological Injury Comp. Ass'n v. Carreras, 598 So. 2d 299 (Fla. 1st DCA 1992).