

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

JACQUELINE AMORIM AND MATTHEW
HAGGENMILLER, on behalf of and
as parents and natural guardians
of VERA SOPHIA HAGGENMILLER, a
minor,

Petitioners,

vs.

Case No. 18-5070N

FLORIDA BIRTH-RELATED
NEUROLOGICAL INJURY COMPENSATION
ASSOCIATION,

Respondent.

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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 February 11, 2019, 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, Petitioners, Jacqueline Amorim and Matthew Haggemiller, as parents and natural guardians of Vera Sophia Haggemiller (Vera), a minor, and Respondent, the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association (NICA), have agreed that Jacqueline Amorim and Matthew Haggemiller are the parents and legal guardians of Vera, a minor; that Vera was born a live infant on or about April 5, 2018, at Memorial Regional Hospital, a "hospital" as defined by section 766.302(6) located in Hollywood, Florida; and that Vera's birth weight exceeded 2,500 grams. The Parties have further agreed that Martha Garzon, M.D., provided obstetrical services at Vera'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 Vera suffered a "birth-related neurological injury," as that term is defined by section 766.302(2), which was the sole and proximate cause of Vera's current medical condition.

It is ORDERED:

1. The Stipulation and Joint Petition filed on February 11, 2019, is hereby approved, and the Parties are directed to comply with the provisions of the Stipulation and Joint Petition.

2. Petitioners, Jacqueline Amorim and Matthew Haggemiller, as the parents and legal guardians of Vera, a minor, are awarded one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), pursuant to section

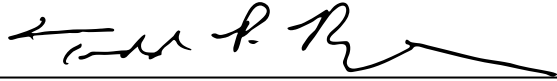
766.31(1)(b)1., to be paid as a lump sum to the parents; payment of benefits up to and including the effective date of the Stipulation and Joint Petition pursuant to section 766.31(1)(a), subject to the provisions of paragraph 19 of the Stipulation and Joint Petition; and payments of future expenses, as incurred.

3. NICA will reimburse Gary Cohen, Esquire, attorney for Petitioners, an agreed-upon attorney's fee of \$5,500.00 and expenses of \$437.08, totaling \$5,937.08 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 \$5,937.08 for attorney's fees and costs, the claims of Petitioners 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 14th day of February, 2019, in
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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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).