

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DAVID MARINO AS THE PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF  
DOROTHE MARINO AND SURVIVORS,  
DAVID MARINO, TIFFANY SMITH AND  
AMBER MARINO,

Claimants,

vs.

Case No. 19-0654MA

HCA HEALTH SERVICE OF FLORIDA,  
INC., d/b/a ST. LUCIE MEDICAL  
CENTER,

Defendant.

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FINAL ARBITRATION AWARD

The final arbitration hearing in this case was held before W. David Watkins, Chief Arbitrator; Maria P. Sperando, Arbitrator; and Scott H. Michaud, Arbitrator, from July 30 through August 2, 2019, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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AWARD

The following award was unanimously agreed to by the arbitration panel pursuant to section 776.207, Florida Statutes ("\*" indicates "stipulated" amounts):

1. Past Economic Damages	
a. Past Medical Bills	\$0.00*
b. Past Loss of Net Accumulations of the Estate of Dorothe Marino	\$18,637.00*
c. Past loss of household services	\$22,412.00*
d. TIFFANY SMITH	
Past loss of support and services provided by Dorothe Marino to Tiffany Smith	\$199,097.00
2. Future Economic Damages	
e. Present Value of Future Loss of Net Accumulations of the Estate of Dorothe Marino	\$195,531.00*
f. Present Value of Future loss of household services	\$744,303.00*
g. TIFFANY SMITH	
Present Value of Future loss of support and services provided by Dorothe Marino to Tiffany Smith	\$3,900,000.00
3. Non-economic Damages	
DAVID MARINO	\$250,000.00*
AMBER MARINO	\$250,000.00*
TIFFANY SMITH	\$250,000.00*
4. Funeral Expenses	\$2,770.00*

5. Section 766.207(e): interest on all accrued damages with respect to which interest would be awarded at trial (6.77% per annum)

Daily rate = .000185479 x 606 x past loss of support and contributions in kind provided by Dorothe Marino to Tiffany Smith plus past loss of net accumulations of the Estate of Dorothe Marino plus past loss of household services \$571,275.00

**6. Present value of economic and non-economic damages \$6,404,025.00**

7. Fees and costs 15% all Damages \$960,604.00

**TOTAL PRESENT VALUE ARBITRATION AWARD: \$7,364,629.00**

8. POST-ARBITRATION AWARD FEES TO BE PAID BY DEFENDANT:

Section 766.207(7)(g):

Defendant shall pay all the costs of the arbitration proceeding and shall pay all fees for all the Arbitrators other than the Administrative Law Judge. Defendant has agreed to pay the arbitrators, Maria P. Sperando and Scott H. Michaud, at the rate of \$750.00 per hour. Arbitrator Sperando and Arbitrator Michaud shall submit invoices to Defendant for payment of their time preparing the case, hearing the matter, and deliberating the case, as well as reimbursement costs by August 16, 2019. Defendant shall also pay for the costs of the arbitration proceeding, including the cost of the facility.

DONE AND ORDERED this 7th day of August, 2019, in  
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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