STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN RE: THE ARBITRATION OF SENTA WILLIAMS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GARY WILLIAMS, DECEASED,

Claimant,

vs.

Case No. 19-2950MA

LAKE CITY MEDICAL GROUP; ERNEST DE LEON, M.D.; VIDA UMSTEAD, ARNP; SHARMA ATKINSON-STATEN, ARNP; AND VANESSA MILLER, ARNP,

Defendants.

FINAL ARBITRATION AWARD

The final arbitration hearing in this case was held before W. David Watkins, Chief Arbitrator; Kelly Hamer, Arbitrator; and Daniel Harwin, Arbitrator, on January 15, 2020, in Jacksonville, Florida.

APPEARANCES

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AWARD

Following the sworn testimony of witnesses and the presentation of all evidence at the arbitration hearing, the duly-appointed arbitrators deliberated and reached the following

unanimous decision, pursuant to section 766.207, Florida Statutes:

1.	Funeral	expenses:	\$0.	00

2. Past loss of earnings: \$3,215.00

3. Past and future medical expenses: \$0.00

4. Future Loss of support:

-part-time wages/salary:	\$49,472.00
-Social Security benefits:	\$15,262.00

5. Future Loss of services: \$250,000.00

6. Non-economic damages, awarded to Senta Williams for a 100% loss of capacity to enjoy life: \$250,000.00

7. Section 766.207(e): interest on all accrued damages with respect to which interest would be awarded at trial (6.83 per annum).

Daily rate = $0.00018712 \times 397 \text{ days } x \text{ past damages}$ of \$38,820.00:^{1/} \$2,882.22

Present value of economic and non-economic damages \$570,831.22

8. Fees and costs, 15% of total damages: \$85,624.68

Total present value awarded: \$656,455.90

POST ARBITRATION AWARD FEES TO BE PAID BY DEFENDANTS

9. Defendants have agreed to pay the arbitrators, Kelly Hamer and Daniel Harwin, at the rate of \$750.00 per hour, for a total of thirteen (13) hours each, for preparation, travel, hearing, and deliberation. Accordingly, no later than February 15, 2020, Defendants shall pay to the arbitrators named above \$9,750.00 each.

DONE AND ORDERED this 24th day of January, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

W. DAVID WATKINS

Administrative Law Judge
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ENDNOTE

Past loss of earnings (\$3,215.00) + past loss of support (\$35,605.00) = \$38,820.00.

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