



Million-Dollar VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS 2014



SETTLEMENTS

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\$1,893,352

Deal will restore attendant care benefits

Plaintiff's ward, Willie McKissick, was severely injured in a 2004 automobile accident. This was his third lawsuit against defendant Citizens Insurance Co.

Before this lawsuit was filed, the defendant had been paying attendant care benefits at a rate that had been satisfactory to plaintiff but cut off benefits, claiming that plaintiff had not supplied reasonable proof of loss.

In this lawsuit, plaintiff claimed that defendant engaged in fraud and a conspiracy along with consulting physician W. John Baker and registered nurse Nora Vinic to violate the no-fault act. Defendant was unable to escape its prior nebulous discovery answer relating its program to reduce family-provided attendant care.

The settlement was for attendant care benefits only and represents a contract between the parties covering attendant care benefits for the next 5½ years. The amount of the settlement was considerably higher than what the insurance company had paid prior to the cutoff of attendant care benefits.

Nicholas S. Andrews, co-counsel for plaintiff, provided case information.



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Type of action: No-fault attendant care benefits

Type of injuries: Traumatic brain injury

Name of case: *McKissick vs. Citizens Insurance Co.*

Court/Case no./Date: Oakland County Circuit Court; 14-142741-NF; Oct. 17, 2014

Name of judge: Rae Lee Chabot

Settlement amount: \$1,893,352

Insurance carrier: Citizens

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Attorney for defendant: Donald C. Brownell