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## VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

### Man wins suit against insurer for attendant care benefits

#### \$2.365 MILLION SETTLEMENT

The plaintiff's motor vehicle accident occurred in 2004. This was the third lawsuit between the plaintiff and his insurance company.

The most recent lawsuit before this case resulted in a judgment valuing family-provided attendant care at \$23.00 per hour. The plaintiff had sustained severe injuries in the 2004 accident, including a traumatic brain injury with right-sided spasticity and hemiparesis, loss of ability to inhibit impulsive behaviors, decreased cognitive, emotional, and intellectual abilities, and changes in behavior and emotional control.

His insurance company reduced his attendant care benefits to nearly half of the prior payment. This lawsuit

followed, which requested resumption of full payments and an increase from past levels because of an increase in the cost of living.

Ultimately, the insurance company not only reinstated the prior payments but increased the plaintiff's attendant care payments to take into account increases in the cost of living.

The plaintiff's law firm provided case information.

**Type of action:** Insurance coverage

**Injuries alleged:** Closed head injury including diffuse axonal injury to brain and severe hemiparesis

**Court/Case no./Date:** Oakland County Circuit

Court; Confidential;  
04/07/2024

**Name of case:** Confidential

**Name of judge:**  
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**Name of mediator:** Mark E. Morely

**Case evaluation:** \$125,000

**Settlement amount:**  
\$2,365,200

**Most helpful experts:**  
Hassan Almaat, M.D.

**Insurance carrier:**  
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**Attorneys for plaintiff:**  
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