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Florida Office of Insurance Regulation Medical Malpractice Closed Claims Report

Department File Number: M200639901
Claim Number: 20035-01
Date Submitted: 3/13/2006

Insurer Information

Insurer Name Coverage Type

AMERICAN PHYSICIANS ASSURANCE CORPORATION Primary

Insurer FEIN Professional License Number

38-2102867

Insurer Contact Information

TypeFirst NameMILast NameIndividualNancyKirsch

Street Address

327 Plaza Real, Suite 319

CityStateZipBoca RatonFL33432

Phone Ext Fax E-Mail Address

(561) 362 - 3332 (561) 417 - 6125 nkirsch@acaponline.com

Insured Information

Type First Name MI Last Name

Individual ABUL F MOHAMMED ALI

Insurer Type Street Address of Practice

Licensed 225 NE 19TH DRIVE

CityStateZip CodeCountyOKEECHOBEEFL34972Okeechobee

Policy Number Per Claim Policy Limits Aggregate Policy Limits

126316 \$500,000 \$1,000,000

Profession or Business Other Profession or Business

Medical Doctor

License Number Specialty Code & Classification Certification Number

ME60462 Neurology - Including Child - No Surgery

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Injured Person Information First Name MI **Last Name** Date of Birth Street Address Gender **County where Injury Occurred** Okeechobee City State Zip Code Location where injury occured Other location where injury occured Other Hospital/Institution RAULERSON HOSPITAL Name of Institution Code **Location of Institutional Injury** Other Location of Institutional Injury Patients' Room **Date of Occurrence Date Reported to Insurer** 11/25/2002 6/20/2003

Diagnostic Information

Final Diagnosis For Which Treatment Was Sought Including Patient's Actual Condition

The claimant presented with a three day history of facial drooping on the right as well as weakness in the right arm and leg.

Operation, Diagnostic, Or Treatment Procedure Rendered Causing The Injury

Insured performed a neurological evaluation and referred the claimant for various studies to rule out an acute cerebral vascualr event.

Diagnostic Code:

Misdiagnosis Made, If Any, Of Patient's Actual Condition

Insured misdiagnosed claimant with Bells palsy. Claimant actually was undergoing acute cerebral bascular event.

Principal Injury Giving Rise To The Claim

It is alleged that the insured mistook an evolving CVA for a Bells palsy and thus denied the patient possible further treatment which resulted in the condition to worsen to a semi-comatose state.

Severity Of Injury

Permanent: Major - Paraplegia, blindness, loss of two limbs, brain damage.

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Legal Information

Date of Suit Circuit Court Case Number

4/5/2004 2004CA123

County Suit Filed in Date of Final Disposition

Okeechobee 3/13/2006

Other Defendants Involved in this Claim

RAULERSON HOSPITAL PICERNE, STEVEN D

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES, P.A.

Stage of Legal System at which Settlement was Reached or Award Made

More than 90 days, after suit filed and prior to or during the course of mandatory settlement conference.

Final Method of Claim Disposition

Settled by parties

Court Decision Other

No Court Proceedings.

Arbitration

Claim not subject to Arbitration.

Date of Payment 3/13/2006

Financial Information

Was there a settlement Resulting in payment to the Plaintiff?

Yes

Indemnity Paid by Insurer on behalf of Insured Loss Adjust Expense Paid to Defense Counsel

\$250,000 \$76,184

All Other Loss Adjustment Expense Paid

\$22,685

Injured Person's Total Non-Economic Loss

\$0

Deductible

\$0

Injured Person's Total Economic Loss

Incurred to Date Anticipated

Medical Expense\$0Wage Loss\$0

\$0 \$0 \$0

Safety Management Steps Taken by Insured to Make Similar Occurrence Less Likely

\$0

Insured consulted with claims personnel and defense counsel. \$250,000.00 was paid in full and final settlement of all claims on behalf of the insured.

Updates

No updates found.

Other Expenses