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## An Outline of Required Information for Estimating the Economic Value of the Diminution of an Individual's Earning Capacity, the Cost of Attendant and/or Medical Care and the Loss of Household Services

### I. Background and Case Information

- A. Name of injured: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Race: White \_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Sex/Gender: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Date of incident or injury (and initial date of earnings loss or impairment, if different from date of incident): \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Type of Incident/Accident and Injury: \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Trial/Mediation date(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Copy of Complaint. Please indicate if this analysis is to be calculated under:
1. Florida Medical Malpractice Arbitration Statute § 766.207 Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
*If so, Date of Arbitration* \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Federal Court (i.e. Rule 26) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### II. Estimating the Loss or Diminution of an Individual's Earning Capacity

- H. Previous occupational and earnings history (i.e. preferably copies of the income tax returns with W-2 forms for the five years prior to the incident).
- I. Verification of his/her rate of pay (i.e. copies of pay stubs; payroll records; personnel records).
- J. Verification of the plaintiff's employer's contributions to fringe benefits (i.e. health, dental and life insurance, 401K savings plan, etc.) as well as the plaintiff's current contributions/costs for those same benefits (see Attachment A).

- K. Educational Attainment (and, in case of child, a verification of class standing via school records preferably). This is mandatory in a case where injured has had no work record or work history is spotty.
- L. Date of return to employment and/or date of maximum medical improvement, as well as, income tax returns for the years subsequent to the incident. \_\_\_\_\_
- M. Has a vocational/rehabilitation specialist been retained to determine the plaintiff's pre- vs. post- incident earning abilities? In addition, a vocational rehabilitation expert may also be helpful in establishing the pre- and post-incident earning potential for a child.
- N. Any information relative to the impact of the incident on the plaintiff's work-life expectancy (i.e. has incident decreased the probability that the plaintiff will have a normal work-life expectancy).

**III. Cost of Attendant and/or Medical Care**

- O. Has a rehabilitation expert been retained to outline the cost of the future medical care that the plaintiff may require?
- P. If the cost of the plaintiff's future medical care needs are not provided in the form of a life care plan or rehabilitation plan, we will need the cost, frequency and duration\* of each medical care item that is required. (\*If the duration is different from the plaintiff's life expectancy). It is especially important to consider the impact that the injury might have on the plaintiff's life expectancy.

**IV. Loss of Household Services (see Attachment B)**

If a claim is being made for the loss of the plaintiff's services in and around the household, a statement will be required (from the plaintiff's spouse and/or children), defining and delineating the nature and extent (number of hours per week) of services which the injured party had been providing (see attached).

ATTACHMENT A

VALUE OF EMPLOYER FRINGE BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS

This form provides information which will be used to determine the value of employer contributions to fringe benefit plans. Please provide the following information from the plaintiff's most recent employer and return completed form.

Plaintiff (Employee): \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Base Gross Annual Salary = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please obtain the following information from employer and attach supporting documentation confirming these values:

	<u>Company Share Only</u>		<u>Employee Share</u>	
	Dollars Per (month, year, etc <u>please specify</u> )	OR As percent of Gross Annual Salary	Pre- Incident	Post- Incident
<b>1. Retirement and Savings Contributions:</b>				
a. Defined Benefit Pension Plan	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
b. 401K Plan	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
c. Profit Sharing	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
d. ESOP	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
e. Other Retirement Plan	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>2. Medical &amp; Medically Related Benefits:</b>				
a. Hospital, Surgical, Medical	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
b. Dental	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
c. Vision	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
d. Other (Please Specify)	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>3. Miscellaneous Benefit Programs:</b>				
	\$ _____	_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____

ATTACHMENT B

LOSS OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICES INFORMATION

Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

This form provides information which will be used to determine the extent (in hours per week) of the loss of household services sustained by the injured party. Please indicate the amount of time spent on each activity on a per week basis (including weekends).

NOTE: THERE IS A TOTAL OF 168 HOURS IN ONE WEEK. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE TIME FOR OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT, PERSONAL HYGIENE, RECREATION OR SLEEPING.

	<u>Pre-Incident Hours/Week*</u>	<u>Post-Incident Hours/Week</u>
1. <b>ROUTINE/DAILY ACTIVITIES:</b> (including vacuuming, dusting, laundry, ironing, shopping for household supplies, etc.)	_____	_____
2. <b>COOKING:</b> (including shopping, preparation, clean-up, etc.)	_____	_____
3. <b>REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE:</b> (including carpentry, electrical, pool, plumbing, painting, renovation/refurbishing, auto, boat, etc.)	_____	_____
4. <b>YARD WORK:</b> (including mowing, trimming, raking, watering, etc.)	_____	_____
5. <b>HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT:</b> (including bookkeeping, bill paying, tax preparation, etc.)	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SERVICES PER WEEK:</b>	_____	_____

**CHILDCARE SERVICES (independent of household services):**

Direct childcare services (including supervising household children *independent of other household tasks* (estimated above), bathing, feeding assisting with homework, chauffeuring, etc.); in addition we will need children's dates of birth.

**TOTAL CHILDCARE SERVICES PER WEEK** \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the time indicated is anything other than on a "per week basis" please specify (i.e. daily, monthly, annually).

**Information provided by (Name):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_