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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of ) and as parent and natural guardian of ) LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor, ) Plaintiffs, ) v. ) THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Defendant. )

## **DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

The United States of America, by and through its undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, hereby files its motion for summary judgment pursuant to Rule 56, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. As grounds, therefor, the defendant submits the following:

## **UNCONTROVERTED FACTS**

#### A. <u>Substantive Facts</u>

1. On August 20, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., the plaintiff Markeisha Jenkins was admitted into the North Shore Hospital, Miami-Dade County, Florida for delivery of her baby. She progressed normally during the first stage of labor as her cervix continued to dilate.

2. By approximately 2:45 a.m. on August 21, 2004, the plaintiff had progressed normally through the second stage of labor and was fully dilated. Christ-Ann Magloire, M.D., a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology with the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, attended to the

plaintiff's delivery.

3. During the second course of the delivery which included intervals with the vacuum, Lamaryia Redford was born on August 21, 2004 at 5:45 a.m.

#### B. <u>Procedural Facts</u>

4. On March 22, 2007, the plaintiff filed an action against the United States pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act since the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center is deemed to be "employees of the government" to the extent provided in 28 U.S.C. Section 2671 (DE 1). Plaintiff asserted a claim of medical malpractice related to the delivery of her baby, Lamariya Redford.

5. On May 16, 2007, the plaintiff effected service on the United States (DE 28). The United States filed its answer on July 13, 2007 (DE 36).

6. Enclosed with a cover letter dated September 18, 2008, the defendant propounded the plaintiff with interrogatories and a request for production. Questions regarding the identity and substance of expert witness testimony and calculation of any damages were included among the interrogatories.

7. At the time the complaint was filed, the plaintiff was represented by Jeffrey Hirsh. On October 26, 2007, the plaintiff's counsel filed a motion to withdraw (DE 44), and by order entered October 29, 2007, the court denied the motion with leave to renew on November 19, 2007 (DE 45).

8. In an effort to prevail upon plaintiff's counsel to provide responses to outstanding discovery, defense counsel engaged the plaintiff's counsel during several telephone conversations and letter(s) regarding same. Finally, in a response dated November 2, 2007, plaintiff's counsel provided answers to the interrogatories.

9. In interrogatory number 12 with sub-parts, the defendant inquired of the plaintiff

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information regarding the identity, qualifications, and opinion(s) of the plaintiff's expert(s). The plaintiff responded, "Not yet determined."

10. In interrogatory number 16, the defendant inquired about whether the plaintiff was claiming past earning and/or loss of future earnings capacity, and for the calculation used to arrive at any such amount. The plaintiff responded, "Yes. I have not calculated this." As well, in interrogatory 18, the defendant inquired of the plaintiff to state with specificity any amount sought for medical care, loss of earnings and all other elements of your damages. Again, the plaintiff responded, "I have not calculated this. The court will decide my daughter's serious neurological injuries."

11. The additional time plaintiff consumed to provide answers to the interrogatories did not produce pertinent information essential for the maintenance of any claim of medical malpractice. On November 7, 2007, the defendant filed a motion to compel answers to interrogatories (DE 47, with attachments). A copy of the defendant's motion with attachments is included as Exhibit 1.

12. On November 19, 2007, the plaintiff's counsel renewed his motion to withdraw as counsel (DE 50), and by order entered November 21, 2007, the court granted the plaintiff's motion (DE 51). Plaintiff has been proceeding pro se since her counsel withdrew from the case.

13. The plaintiff never filed any response to the motion to compel. As well, the plaintiff never communicated in any way to defendant about any proposed response to the defendant's motion to compel. On December 11, 2007, the magistrate judge granted the defendant's motion to compel (DE 53) and provided that the plaintiff shall respond to the subject discovery requests on or before December 24, 2007.

14. To date, the plaintiff has never responded to the interrogatories as ordered by the court

on December 11, 2007. Discovery ended on January 25, 2008.

15. The defendant has retained as its medical expert, Harold E. Fox, M.D., Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution, to review the case. After completing a comprehensive review of the medical records, and other pertinent data he enumerates in his declaration, he concluded without reservation that he found no evidence of any deviation from the standard of care in the medical treatment the defendant rendered to the plaintiff. A copy of Dr. Fox's eight page declaration and curriculum vitae are attached as Exhibit 2.

#### MEMORANDUM OF LAW

In the instant motion, defendant, as the moving party, bears "the initial responsibility of informing the ... court of the basis for its motion, and identifying those portions of 'the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any,' which it believes demonstrate the absence of a genuine issue of material fact." <u>Celotex Corp. v.</u> <u>Catrett</u>, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986). Where the nonmoving party bears the burden of proof at trial, the moving party may discharge this "initial responsibility" by showing that there is an absence of evidence to support the nonmoving party's case by showing that the nonmoving party will be unable to prove its case at trial. <u>United States v. Four Parcels of Real Property</u>, 941 F.2d 1428, 1437-38 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991).

In <u>Celotex</u>, the Supreme Court observed that, "[i]n our view, the plain language of Rule 56(c) mandates the entry of summary judgment, after adequate time for discovery and upon motion, against a party who fails to make a showing sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party's case, and on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial." 477

U.S. at 322-23. The plaintiff has not established that she has the evidence to prove the elements of her case.

This action arises under the Federal Tort claims Act, which provides that the law of the state in which the allegedly negligent act or omission occurred governs. <u>See</u>, 28 U.S.C. Section 2672 -2674. Since the alleged medical malpractice in this case occurred in Miami, Florida law applies. In Florida, a plaintiff in a medical malpractice action has the burden of proving by the greater weight of the evidence that the alleged actions of the health care providers represented a breach of the prevailing professional standard of care for those health care providers. See, Fla. Stat. Section 766.102. A plaintiff must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the health care providers breached the prevailing professional standard of care and that said breach was the proximate cause of the damages claimed. <u>Gooding v. University Hospital Building, Inc.</u>, 445 So. 2d 1015, 1018 (Fla. 1984).

Allegations of medical malpractice during the delivery of a baby and the cause (or existence) of any purported malady to the infant is outside the scope of a layman's knowledge. "A plaintiff must put on expert testimony to establish what the standard of care is if the subject in question is so distinctly related to some science, profession or occupation as to be beyond the ken of the average layperson." Briggs v. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 481 F.3d 839, 845 (D.C. Cir. 2007). "The expert must proffer a specific, articulable (and articulated) standard of care. The expert must testify as to specific standards and must relate them directly to the defendant's conduct. Absent such testimony, the jury will be forced to engage in idle speculation which is prohibited. And articulation of a specific standard is essential especially in circumstances in which the defendant is alleged to have failed to protect the plaintiff from harm." Briggs, 481 F.3d at 846 - 7

(internal citations omitted). "To prevail in a medical malpractice action, a plaintiff must identify the standard of care owed by the physician, produce evidence that the physician breached the duty to render medical care in accordance with the requisite standard of care, and establish that the breach proximately caused the injury alleged." <u>Torres v. Sullivan</u>, 903 So. 2d 1064, 1068 (2<sup>nd</sup> D.C.A. 2005).

That the plaintiff has delayed and then failed to retain any experts, as confirmed by her November 2, 2007 answers to the interrogatories, and her oral admissions, undermines the vitality of her case. The plaintiff's failure to comply with the court order directing the production of discovery only highlights that the plaintiff is without evidence to prove the elements of her case. Plaintiff has not produced evidence to establish the standard of care, that the standard was breached, that any breach proximately caused an injury, or the economic value of any claim. Conversely, the defendant has retained Dr. Fox, a prominent expert in the field of obstetrics and gynecology at John Hopkins Medical Institution. Dr. Fox has opined that the medical care rendered to the plaintiff was appropriate and well within the standards of care. Dr. Fox's medical opinion is both compelling and unrefuted.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, the defendant requests that summary judgment be granted as the plaintiff does not have evidence to establish that the defendant breached the standard of care, and that any breach proximately caused an alleged injury. Case 1:07-cv-20759-UU Document 61 Entered on FLSD Docket 02/29/2008 Page 7 of 8

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 29, 2008 Miami, Florida R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By: <u>s/ Karin D. Wherry</u> Karin D. Wherry Assistant United States Attorney Fla. Bar No. 509530 E-mail: <u>karin.wherry@usdoj.gov</u> 99 N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 Miami, FL 33132-2111 Tel.: (305) 961-9016 Fax: (305) 530-7139

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 29, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF, or in some other authorized manner for those counsel or parties who are not authorized to receive Notices of Electronic Filing.

s/Karin D. Wherry KARIN D. WHERRY ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY Case 1:07-cv-20759-UU Document 61 Entered on FLSD Docket 02/29/2008 Page 8 of 8

## **SERVICE LIST**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

MARKEISHA JENKINS, et al.,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

# DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES

The defendant, United States of America, by and through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, hereby submits its motion to compel the plaintiff to provide responses to the defendant's request for production propounded on September 18, 2007. As grounds, therefor, the defendant submits the following:

1. In the instant case, the plaintiff has filed a claim of medical malpractice against the Economic Family Health Center, a federally funded facility for which a defense is provided by the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act. The plaintiff seeks \$20 million. The defendant intends to vigorously defend this case.

2. On September 18, 2007, the defendant propounded to the plaintiff interrogatories and requests for production with a cover letter. A copy of the defendant's First Request for Production, defendant's First Set of Interrogatories, Authorization to Furnish Medical and Insurance

Information, Authorization to Furnish Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security Information and Records and cover letter are attached, Exhibit 1. To date, despite several telephone conversations between the defense and plaintiff's counsel and the assurance that the response would be forthcoming, and letters from the defense requesting same, the plaintiff has not posted any response to the request for production. On Friday afternoon, November 2, 2007, the defense received via facsimile a letter dated November 2, 2007 with the plaintiff's answers to defendant's First Set of Interrogatories, though not signed by the plaintiff. A copy of the plaintiff's cover letter and Answers to defendant's First Set of Interrogatories, is attached as Exhibit 2. The plaintiff's answers to the defendant's First Set of Interrogatories are incomplete and do not provide sufficient information.

3. As set forth in the plaintiff's cover letter dated November 2, 2007, plaintiff's counsel advised that "As to the Request for Production, we have requested materials, upon receipt, we will forward same to you."

4. On October 26, 2007, the plaintiff's counsel filed a motion to withdraw, and on October 29, 2007, the court denied the motion, but afforded the plaintiff's counsel the opportunity to renew his motion after November 19, 2007.

5. In its order dated August 24, 2007, the court set the discovery cut-off at January 25, 2008. With the impending holiday season and a case that is destined to be dependent upon experts, the defense has requested the information about the plaintiff's experts, in both the interrogatories and request for production. In addition, the defendant sought releases to be signed by the plaintiff so that the defendant may obtain records about the plaintiff from non-parties, all of which has been denied the defendant. To be sure, the defendant is prejudiced by the plaintiff's continued delay.

6. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37 provides that an application for an order directing a

party to respond to discovery requests may be made to the court in which the action is pending. In the instant case, the request for production has remained outstanding since it was served on September 18, 2007, with responses due on or before October 18, 2007, with plaintiff providing no definitive time for any production.

7. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(3) states that an evasive or incomplete disclosure, answer, or response is to be treated as a failure to disclose, answer or respond. In the interrogatories, the defendant asked at question 12, page 14, as follows:

- 12. With respect to all witnesses whom you will call or may call as experts to give opinion testimony in the trial of this matter, state the following:
- a. name and address;
- b. name and address of his/her employer or the organization with which he is associated in any professional capacity;
- c. the field in which he/she is offered as an expert;
- d. a summary of his/her qualifications within the field in which he/she is expected to testify;
- e. the substance of the opinions to which he/she is expected to testify and a summary of the grounds for each opinion;
- f. state the names and addresses of experts who have been retained or specially employed by the claimant in anticipation of this litigation or preparation for trial but who are not expected to be called as a witness for trial.

The plaintiff's response was "Not yet determined."

Further, at question 16, page 18, the defendant inquired,

16. If you are claiming loss of past earnings and/or loss of future earnings capacity, state the exact amount of each that you are claiming and the method used to calculate each claim.

In response, the plaintiff simply stated, "Yes. I have not calculated this."

Again at question 18, page 20, the defendant propounded the following question:

18. State with specificity the amount you are seeking to recover for medical care, loss of earnings (past and future) and all other elements of your damages.

The plaintiff 's response: "I have not calculated this. The court will decide my daughter's serious neurological injuries."

The defendant should not be prejudiced in its ability to defend the plaintiff's serious allegations. The plaintiff has not provided any reason to justify her delay. Neither the spirit nor the substance of The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure condone such dilatory conduct by a party to a federal civil suit. Plaintiff has stalled and stymied the defendant's ability to develop its case, which is patently unfair. Incomplete or evasive answers can support sanctions, including the expenses necessary to file the motion to compel if the plaintiff's position is not substantially justified. See <u>Stallworth v. The Harford Insurance Co.</u>, No. 3L:06CV89/MCR/EMT, Feb. 16, 2007 (not reported in Fed. Supp. 2<sup>nd</sup>) (copy Attached, Ex. 3); <u>Pensacola Beach Community United Church v. National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh</u>, 2007 WL 737499 (N.D. Fla.). In the instant case, the plaintiff has posited no justifiable reason for her failure to comply. In the meantime, the defendant seeks complete compliance with its discovery requests to the plaintiff. Defendant requests an order

compelling plaintiff to comply with defendant's First Request for Production, and to provide full and complete answers, under oath, to Interrogatories 12, 16 and 18 of defendant's First Set of Interrogatories.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 7, 2007 Miami, Florida R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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I hereby certify that on November 7, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF, or in some other authorized manner for those counsel or parties who are not authorized to receive Notices of Electronic Filing.

s/Karin D. Wherry KARIN D. WHERRY ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

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September 18, 2007

Jeffrey S. Hirsch, Esquire SunTrust International Center, Suite 1280 One Southeast Third Avenue Miami, Florida 33131

> Re: Jenkins v. United States Case No. 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

Dear Mr. Hirsh,

Enclosed are a notice of production and interrogatories for the above referenced case. An Authorization to Furnish Medical and Insurance Information and Authorization to Furnish Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security Information and Records are also included. Although you certainly have thirty days to provide the information and documents (and more if necessary), since the court has shortened our preference for the discovery and trial schedule, would you be able to advance the medical and Social Security releases within the next two weeks? I will then send them on for production of medical records, including North Shore Medical Center, and of course for income tax returns and earnings records. If you are able to provide them within the next few weeks, please advise my assistant Karen Snider, at 305-961-9372 and advise her that you will be sending them. She will send out the subpoenas with the signed releases. As well, if you need any additional information in my absence, please contact Ms. Snider. I will return to the office on October 3, 2007

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By:

Karin D. Wherry Assistant United States Attorney



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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of and as parent and natural guardian of LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

# DEFENDANT'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

The Defendant, United States of America, pursuant to Rule 34, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby requests that the Plaintiffs, MARKEISHA JENKINS, produce for inspection and/or copying the following designated records and documents within their possession, custody or control (including those in the possession, custody or control of their attorneys, agents and representatives) within thirty (30) days of the date of service at the offices of the United States Attorney, 99 N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Third Floor, Miami, Florida.

#### **DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED**

- 1. Copies of all federal income tax returns and all attachments thereto including, but not limited to, schedules, forms, statements, W-2 forms, 1099 forms, filed by Markeisha Jenkins from 2000 to the present.
- 2. Copies of all exhibits intended to be used at trial.
- 3. Copies of all medical, dental and hospital records and reports relating to the medical care and treatment Lamariya Redford has received during her life.

- 4. Copies of any and all documents containing statements or observations of persons who have knowledge of the facts and circumstances giving rise to this lawsuit.
- 5. Copies of any and all documents or records reflecting any income or benefits, including but no limited to SSI, Social Security, Veterans or Military benefits, received by Markeisha Jenkins and/or Lamariya Redford from 2000 to the present.
- 6. Copies of any and all documents reflecting the economic damages incurred by Markeisha Jenkins as a result of the care and treatment received by Markeisha Jenkins and/or Lamariya Redford.
- 7. Attached hereto are releases for Markeisha Jenkins to sign in order for the United States to obtain Social Security records, an earnings history, income tax records and medical records. Please complete the forms and return to the undersigned.
- 8. Any and all releases, covenants not to sue, Mary Carter or Mary Carter- type agreements to withhold execution and/or execute against one Defendant first entered into between the Plaintiffs and any other person, individual, insurance company, firm or corporation, who you contend may be responsible for Markeisha Jenkins injuries.
- 9. All statements obtained by you, your attorneys or investigators of independent witnesses having knowledge of facts relevant and material to the claims and defenses in the instant litigation.
- 10. All reports written and/or prepared by your experts concerning the subject matter of the instant lawsuit.
- 11. All documents which support your claim that the United States is liable for the injuries to Lamariya Redford.
- 12. Copies of all documents, other than medical records, which support or establish your alleged damages in this case.
- 13. All medical bills, nursing bills, doctor bills, hospital bills, drug bills, dental bills, and all other bills supporting Lamariya Redford's claims for damages in this case.
- 14. Any and all documents or records reflecting the income or benefits received by Markeisha Jenkins and Lamariya Redford from the government from 2000 to the present including but not limited, SSI, Social Security, Veterans and military benefits.
- 15. Any and all insurance records, including policy and payment records, for medical, life or disability insurance for which Markeisha Jenkins was the policy holder from January 2000 to the present.

16. All records in your possession, custody or control which relate to any civil or criminal action in which Markeisha Jenkins was a party since January 1, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by U.S. mail this 18 day of September, 2007, to:

Jeffrey S. Hirsh, Esquire SunTrust International Center, Suite 1280 One Southeast Third Avenue Miami, Florida 33131

Karin D. Wherry

Assistant U.S. Attorney

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

#### CASE NO. 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

MARKEISHA JENKINS, et al.,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

# **DEFENDANT'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

The Defendant, United States of America, pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby requests that the Plaintiff Markeisha Jenkins, respond under oath to the following interrogatories within thirty (30) days from the date of service hereof.

The number of interrogatories served herewith is 20. Each interrogatory shall be answered separately and fully, in writing, in the space provided, or, if the space provided is insufficient, on additional papers which may be attached to the answer. These interrogatories are continuing in nature so as to mandate the filing of supplementary answers upon the acquisition of further or contrary information prior to trial.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

1. "You" or "your" shall mean the plaintiff Markeisha Jenkins.

2. "Identify" or identity" when used in connection with a document, shall mean to state the title of the document, its author, the date on which it was prepared or written and its current location.

3. "Identify" or "identity" when used in connection with a person shall mean to state that person's name, his last known address, and his occupation.

4. "Documents" shall mean any writing, drawing, chart, photograph, tape or other data compilation from which information can be obtained, translated, or extracted.

5. "Person" shall mean any nature person, and shall also mean any corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or any other entity.

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## **INTERROGATORIES**

1. State your full name (include your current name and all former names by which you have been known, including nicknames, maiden name, names from prior marriages, etc.) residence address, work or business name and address, date of birth, place of birth and Social Security number.

2. State whether you are a naturalized United states citizen, and if so, identify your alien registration number and date of United States citizenship.

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3. State whether you have ever been married. If so, state the names of your spouses, their current addresses and the dates on which you were married and the marriage ended.

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4. Describe your educational background including the names and addresses of all educational institutions attended and all degrees received.

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5. Identify by name, date of birth and current residential address, all of your natural born or adopted children. For each child, identify the natural (biological) parents of that child.

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Identify (by name and address) each of your employers for the past 10 years; your job title, the length of time you were employed by each employer; and your starting and ending salary.

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Identify by name and address all health care providers (including but not limited to physicians, physical therapists, nurses, psychologists and psychiatrists) who conducted, examined, treated, or rendered any medical service to Markeisha Jenkins in the past 10 years. Please include in your answer the dates when such services were rendered.

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Identify by name and address all hospitals, clinics, mental care facilities, or medical facilities that rendered any medical or psychological services to Markeisha Jenkins in the past 10 years. Please include in your answer the dates when such services were rendered.

9. List the names and addresses of all persons who are believed or known by you, your agents or attorneys to have any knowledge concerning the issues in this lawsuit and specify the subject matter on which the witness has knowledge.

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10. Please state, in detail, each and every item of economic loss or damage sustained by you as a result of the care and treatment you received at the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center.

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11. Identify the source and amount of any and all payments your presently receive from the Social Security Administration, CHAMPUS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the military, or any other state or federal entity as a benefit or pension.

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- 12. With respect to all witnesses whom you will call or may call as experts to give opinion testimony in the trial of this matter, state the following:
  - A. name and address;

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- B. name and address of his/her employer or the organization with which he is associated in any professional capacity;
- C. the field in which he/she is offered as an expert;
- D. a summary of his/her qualifications within the field in which he/she is expected to testify;
- E. the substance of the opinions to which he/she is expected to testify and a summary of the grounds for each opinion;
- F. state the names and addresses of experts who have been retained or specially employed by the claimant in anticipation of this litigation or preparation for trial but who are not expected to be called as a witness for trial.

13. Please state the name and address of each person you expect to call as a fact witness at trial and, for each person, state his relationship to you and the subject matter on which such witness is expected to testify.

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14. Please identify by name all medical personnel who discussed with you or a member of your family the care and treatment Markeisha Jenkins and Lamariya Redford received at the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center.

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15. State the names and addresses of every health care provider (including doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors, clinics, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, etc.), hospitals (as an inpatient and outpatient), emergency care facilities, etc., who, or which, treated or examined you and/or Lamariya Redford as a result of the injuries you allegedly sustained in this case, and state the amount of the bills for each.

16. If you are claiming loss of past earnings and/or loss of future earnings capacity, state the exact amount of each that you are claiming and the method used to calculate each claim.

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17. Identify all medications that you and/or Lamariya Redford are currently taking, including the dosages and frequencies of each medication, the condition for which each medication was diagnosed, and the name and address of the physician who prescribed each medication.

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18. State with specificity the amount you are seeking to recover for medical care, loss of earnings (past and future) and all other elements of your damages.

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19. Please provide a list of all monies received into your household on a monthly basis and on a lump sum basis from all sources, including, but not limited to, Social Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, insurance disability, etc. Please specify the name and address of the source of the funds, the amount of the monies received monthly or on a lump sum basis and the time period for the payments.

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### **VERIFICATION**

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DADE

) S.S.: )

I, Markeisha Jenkins, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the attached Answers to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Markeisha Jenkins

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of ,2007 , who is personally known by \_\_\_\_ to me.

Notary

Name of Acknowledger

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by U.S. mail this <u>18</u> day of September, 2007, to:

Jeffrey S. Hirsh, Esquire SunTrust International Center, Suite 1280 One Southeast Third Avenue Miami, Florida 33131

Then Karin D. Wherry

Assistant U.S. Attorney

### AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH MEDICAL AND INSURANCE INFORMATION

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any physician, nurse or other medical personnel; any hospital, medical facility and other organization providing medical care, treatment, services and/or supplies; and any insurance organization to furnish to any representative of the United States any and all records, information and evidence in their possession, custody or control concerning Markeisha Jenkins and Lamariya Redford.

"Records" for purpose of this authorization shall include but are not limited to, medical charts, physician's office records, handwritten notes, correspondence to or from any person, entity, organization, all hospital records regularly maintained concerning patients, all laboratory reports, all x-rays, all medical reports furnished routinely or specially to any person, organization or entity including a representative of the patient, and all records generated or maintained by any insurance company.

Upon presentation of this authorization or an exact reproduction thereof, you are directed to permit the personal review or reproduction of such records, information and evidence by any representative of the United States of America or to have you copy such records, information and evidence and transmit them to the United States at the cost of the United States. You are also authorized to transmit any slides or tissue specimens or biopsy information or pathology slides pertaining to the medical condition of Markeisha Jenkins and Lamariya Redford to a representative of the United States for examination purposes.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original.

### MARKEISHA JENKINS

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of and as parent and natural guardian of LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor

### SSN of Lamariya Redford

Date this release was executed:

### AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH MEDICAID, MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION AND RECORDS

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any representative of Medicaid and/or Medicare, and/or the Health Care Financing Administration and/or the Social Security Administration to provide to any representative of the United States Attorney's Office any and all records, information, and reports in their possession, custody or control including but not limited to all medical records, claims, reports, billing records, pay-out information, correspondence, etc., concerning Markeisha Jenkins.

"Records" for purpose of this authorization shall include but are not limited to, copies of medical records, claim forms, requests or applications for benefits, correspondence, handwritten notes, earnings history information on Markeisha Jenkins, insurance records, and all records generated by Medicaid, Medicare, the Health Care Financing Administration and/or the Social Security Administration concerning Markeisha Jenkins.

Upon presentation of this authorization or an exact reproduction thereof, you are directed to permit the personal review or reproduction of such records, information and evidence by any representative of the United States or to respond by copying such records, information and evidence and transmitting the records to the United States at the cost of the United States.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original. This authorization shall remain in effect until the case is tried in U.S. District Court.

### MARKEISHA JENKINS

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of and as parent and natural guardian of LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor

SSN of Lamariya Redford

Date this release was executed:

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November 2, 2007

### VIA FACSIMILE (305) 530-7139

Karin Wherry, Esquire Assistant U.S. Attorney Federal Justice Building 99 N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 300/Civil Division Miami, FL 33132

# Re: Markeisha Jenkins, on behalf of and as parent and natural guardian of Lamariya Redford, a minor vs. United States of America, et al.,

Dear Ms. Wherry:

Enclosed is our client's answers to interrogatories which were propounded by you on September 18, 2007. Upon receipt of the jurat page, we will forward same to you. As to the Request for Production, we have requested materials, upon receipt, we will forward same to you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA CASE NO.: 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of and as parent and natural guardian of LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendants.

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### PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES PROPOUNDED BY DEFENDANT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

The Plaintiff, MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of and as parent and natural guardian

of LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor, file her Answer to Interrogatories propounded by

Defendant, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on or about September 18, 2007.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the forgoing was mailed

this <u>d</u>ay of November, 2007 and by via facsimile to: Karin D. Wherry, Esquire,

Assistant United States Attorney, 99 N.E. 4th Street, Suite 300, Miami, FL 33132-2111 .

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Respectfully submitted,

GOLDBERG & HIRSH, P.A. **Counsel for Plaintiffs** 

By:

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on November 2, 2007, I electronically filed the

foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF.

By:

s/Jeffrey S. Hirsh Jeffrey S. Hlrsh Attorney for Plaintiffs

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### PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES

 Markeisha Jenkins 1848 N.W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Miami, FL 33142

Unemployed

D.O.B.: 3/6/1985 Place of Birth: Miami, Florida S.S.#: 591-34-7785

- 2. U.S. Citizen
- Yes. Demetrius Batts Married on January 29, 2007 presently separated.
- 4. Attended school through 12<sup>th</sup> grade but failed FCAT I don't have a High School Degree. Miami Northwestern High School.
- 5. Lamariya Redford D.O.B.: 8/21/04 1848 N.W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Miami, FL 33142 Father: Earl Redford
- PRC Precision Response Corporation Title: Direct T.V. Representative worked there for 2 months \$9.00 an hour full time job.

Walmart 5851 N.W. 177<sup>th</sup> Street Miami Gardens, FL Title: Cashier worked there approximately 8 months. Starting pay \$6.35 an hour part-time and ending pay \$7.30 an hour part-time.

Target Title: Cashier worked there approximately 5 months. Starting pay \$6.25 an hour part-time.

Wendy's Restaurant Title: Cashier worked there about 6 months. Starting pay \$6.25 an hour part-time.

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- 1997 treated at Camallius House Clinic
   2002 Jackson North
   2002 Economic Opportunity Family Health Center
- See answer to number 7.
   2003 North Shore Hospital
- Wanda Phillips, mother 1848 N.W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Miami, FL

Jamisha Carter, friend Derricka Johnson, baby's aunt Earl Redford, father of baby

- 10. I have not been able to hold a full time job because I have to take my daughter to a doctor's appointment almost every week.
- 11. Medicaid, Social Security Benfits \$623.00, food stamps.
- 12. Not yet determined
- 13. See answer to number 9. They will testify as to what happened at labor and delivery and my daughter's injuries.
- 14. Dr. Christ-Ann A.E. Magloire
- 15. I was treated by Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Dr. Christ-Ann A.E. Magloire.

My daughter, Lamariya Redford has treated with the following:

Physical therapist, Isabel and Lynette, Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Magloirem 54 N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL Dr. Bridges (Primary Peditrician) Dr. Moody, Physical therapist and OT at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Silva Fagardo-Hiriartna Mailman Clinic Jackson Memorial Jaquess Toussaint, 1601 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL Dr. Robert Lopez 1001 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Neurologist Alexis Diaz, (ITDS) 1601 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Silva Fagardo-Hiriartna, 1601 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Silva Fagardo-Hiriartna, 1601 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Niami, FL Bascom Palmer (Jackson Memorial Hospital) Jackson Memorial MRI Center North Shore Hospital Miami Children's Hospital

- 16. Yes. I have not calculated this.
- 17. None
- 18. I have not calculated this. The court will decide my daughter's serious neurological injuries.
- 19. Social Security Benefits \$623.00 Food Stamps: \$298.00

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### **INTERROGATORIES**

1. State your full name (include your current name and all former names by which you have been known, including nicknames, maiden name, names from prior marriages, etc.) residence address, work or business name and address, date of birth, place of birth and Social Security number.

2. State whether you are a naturalized United states citizen, and if so, identify your alien registration number and date of United States citizenship.

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3. State whether you have ever been married. If so, state the names of your spouses, their current addresses and the dates on which you were married and the marriage ended.

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4. Describe your educational background including the names and addresses of all educational institutions attended and all degrees received.

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5. Identify by name, date of birth and current residential address, all of your natural born or adopted children. For each child, identify the natural (biological) parents of that child.

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Identify (by name and address) each of your employers for the past 10 years; your job title, the length of time you were employed by each employer; and your starting and ending salary.

7.

Identify by name and address all health care providers (including but not limited to physicians, physical therapists, nurses, psychologists and psychiatrists) who conducted, examined, treated, or rendered any medical service to Markeisha Jenkins in the past 10 years. Please include in your answer the dates when such services were rendered.

8. Identify by name and address all hospitals, clinics, mental care facilities, or medical facilities that rendered any medical or psychological services to Markeisha Jenkins in the past 10 years. Please include in your answer the dates when such services were rendered.

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List the names and addresses of all persons who are believed or known by you, your agents or attorneys to have any knowledge concerning the issues in this lawsuit and specify the subject matter on which the witness has knowledge. 10. Please state, in detail, each and every item of economic loss or damage sustained by you as a result of the care and treatment you received at the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center.

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11. Identify the source and amount of any and all payments your presently receive from the Social Security Administration, CHAMPUS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the military, or any other state or federal entity as a benefit or pension.

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- 12. With respect to all witnesses whom you will call or may call as experts to give opinion testimony in the trial of this matter, state the following:
  - A. name and address;
  - B. name and address of his/her employer or the organization with which he is associated in any professional capacity;
  - C. the field in which he/she is offered as an expert;
  - D. a summary of his/her qualifications within the field in which he/she is expected to testify;
  - E. the substance of the opinions to which he/she is expected to testify and a summary of the grounds for each opinion;
  - F. state the names and addresses of experts who have been retained or specially employed by the claimant in anticipation of this litigation or preparation for trial but who are not expected to be called as a witness for trial.

13. Please state the name and address of each person you expect to call as a fact witness at trial and, for each person, state his relationship to you and the subject matter on which such witness is expected to testify.

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14. Please identify by name all medical personnel who discussed with you or a member of your family the care and treatment Markeisha Jenkins and Lamariya Redford received at the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center.

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15. State the names and addresses of every health care provider (including doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors, clinics, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, etc.), hospitals (as an inpatient and outpatient), emergency care facilities, etc., who, or which, treated or examined you and/or Lamariya Redford as a result of the injuries you allegedly sustained in this case, and state the amount of the bills for each.

16. If you are claiming loss of past earnings and/or loss of future earnings capacity, state the exact amount of each that you are claiming and the method used to calculate each claim.

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17. Identify all medications that you and/or Lamariya Redford are currently taking, including the dosages and frequencies of each medication, the condition for which each medication was diagnosed, and the name and address of the physician who prescribed each medication.

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18. State with specificity the amount you are seeking to recover for medical care, loss of earnings (past and future) and all other elements of your damages.

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19. Please provide a list of all monies received into your household on a monthly basis and on a lump sum basis from all sources, including, but not limited to, Social Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, insurance disability, etc. Please specify the name and address of the source of the funds, the amount of the monies received monthly or on a lump sum basis and the time period for the payments.

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Stallworth v. Hartford Ins. Co. N.D.Fla.,2007. Only the Westlaw citation is currently available. United States District Court, N.D. Florida, Pensacola Division. Thomas STALLWORTH and Willie Mae Stallworth, Plaintiffs,

v. The HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY, et al., Defendants. No. 3:06cv89/MCR/EMT.

Feb. 16, 2007.

Thomas Stallworth, Houston, TX, pro se. Willie Mae Stallworth, Houston, TX, pro se. Joseph T. Kissane, Geoffrey David Sessions, Hinshaw & Culbertson, Jacksonville, FL, for Defendants.

ELIZABETH M. TIMOTHY, United States Magistrate Judge.

\*1 This cause is before the court on Defendant Hartford Insurance Company's motion to compel Plaintiffs' responses to requests for production (Doc. 53) and Plaintiffs' response thereto (Doc. 65).

This is an action alleging breach of contract and breach of the implied warranty of good faith and fair dealing. Generally, Plaintiffs allege Defendants breached their contract for automobile insurance coverage by failing to pay benefits for injuries Plaintiffs incurred during an automobile accident in May of 1999, and failing to reasonably perform their duties under the contract (see Doc. 30). Plaintiffs seek compensatory and punitive damages (id.).

On December 27, 2006, Defendant Hartford propounded, among other discovery requests, a request for production of documents (consisting of fourteen requests) upon each Plaintiff (see Doc. 53 ¶ 1, Ex. A). In Defendant's motion to compel, counsel alleges that Plaintiffs objected to request number 7, which requests copies of all medical, psychiatric and hospital records relating to an accident involving Plaintiffs that occurred on March 10, 2005 (id. at 2-3). Defendant asserts that Plaintiffs objected to the request on the ground that the information is irrelevant (id.). Counsel for Defendant further states that prior to the filing of the motion to compel, he made a good faith effort to obtain the discovery without court action but was unsuccessful (id. at 4).

Plaintiffs have responded to Defendant's motion to compel by stating that they submitted "copies of request for production" to Defendant on January 5, 2007 (Doc. 65 ¶ 2). Plaintiffs refer the court to Exhibit A in support of this assertion. Additionally, Plaintiffs state that on January 1, 2006, prior to initiation of his lawsuit, both of them signed medical authorizations and supplied them to Mr. Sean Manley and Nate F. Matthews, employees of Defendants, to enable Defendants to obtain "whatever medical documentation was needed by defendant from 1997 to present," and Plaintiffs refer the court to Exhibit D (*id.*  $\P$  5).

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provide that a party may serve requests for production of documents which are "in the possession, custody or control of the party upon whom the request is served."Fed.R.Civ.P. 34(a)."Control is defined not only as possession, but as the legal right to obtain the documents requested upon demand." Searock v. Stripling, 736 F.2d 650, 653 (11 th Cir.1984). The response shall state that inspection and related activities will be permitted as requested, unless the request is objected to, in which case the reasons for objection shall be stated. Fed.R.Civ.P. 34(b). If the documents for production are not in existence, the objecting party should so state under oath. See Cairnes v. Chicago Exp., Inc., 25 F.R.D. 169, 170 (N.D.Ohio 1960). An evasive or incomplete answer to an interrogatory or request for production is to be treated as a failure to answer. Fed.R.Civ.P. <u>37(a)(3)</u>.

\*2 Upon review of Plaintiffs' response to the mo-

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tion to compel, the court concludes that Plaintiffs have not responded to the discovery request and should be required to do so. As discussed supra, this action involves a claim for personal injury benefits; therefore, evidence relating to accidents and injuries that occurred after the accident in May of 1999 are relevant to the issue of whether Plaintiffs' presently claimed injuries resulted from the accident in May of 1999 or a subsequent accident. See Holmes v. Redland Const. Co., 557 So.2d 911, 912 (Fla.3d Dist.Ct.App.1990) (evidence relating to personal injury claim brought by plaintiff five years after accident for which he was currently suing was relevant because it tended to prove that plaintiff's presently claimed injuries resulted from subsequent accident); State Farm Fire and Cas. Co. v. Pettigrew. 884 So.2d 191, 197 (Fla.2d Dist. Ct.App.2004 (citing Holmes) ). Additionally, to the extent Plaintiffs contend that they complied with the request for production because they supplied Defendants with medical authorizations in January of 2006 (see Doc. 65 ¶ 5, Ex. D), this does not constitute compliance with Defendant's discovery request. Plaintiffs do not allege that they informed Defendant in their response to the request for production that they had executed the authorizations one year earlier, nor do they assert that they supplied the one-year-old authorizations in response to Defendant's request. Furthermore, the authorizations enable Defendant to obtain medical records only for the period of time from 1997 to January 1, 2006, thus the authorizations do not cover the period subsequent to January 1, 2006. Moreover, the authorizations attached to Plaintiffs' response to the motion to compel enable Defendant to obtain records of only one Plaintiff, Thomas Stallworth (Doc. 65, Ex. D). Because the documents requested by Defendant are discoverable and Plaintiffs did not provide them, Plaintiffs shall be required to provide them.

The remaining issue is whether Defendant Hartford is entitled to an award of expenses. <u>Rule 37(a)(4)</u> provides, in relevant part:

(A) If the motion is granted or if the disclosure or requested discovery is provided after the motion was filed, the court shall, after affording an opportunity to be heard, require the party ... whose conduct necessitated the motion or the party or attorney advising such conduct or both of them to pay to the moving party the reasonable expenses incurred in making the motion, including attorney's fees, unless the court finds that the motion was filed without the movant's first making a good faith effort to obtain the disclosure or discovery without court action, or that the opposing party's nondisclosure, response, or objection was substantially justified, or that other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust.

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Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 37(a)(4). There exists a rebuttable presumption that the court will impose sanctions against the party whose conduct necessitated the motion to compel. The party who necessitated the motion may rebut this presumption by showing that his or her failure to comply with a discovery request was either "substantially justified" or "that other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust."Fed.R.Civ.P. 37(a)(4)(A). A party's objection to a discovery request is substantially justified if the objection raises an issue about which there is a genuine dispute, or if reasonable people could differ as to the appropriateness of the discovery request. See Doe v. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Gov't, 407 F .3d 755, 766 (6th Cir.2005) (citing Pierce v. Underwood, 487 U.S. 522, 565 (1988)).

\*3 In this case, the court cannot conclude that Plaintiffs' objection to the request for records related to the 2005 accident was "substantially justified." Furthermore, Defendant Hartford states that even after he advised Plaintiffs of the holding in *Holmes*, Plaintiffs refused to provide the requested documents. Therefore, the court cannot conclude that an award of expenses is unjust. Accordingly, Defendant Hartford is entitled to fees and expenses incurred in bringing the motion to compel.

### Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

Defendant's Hartford's motion to compel (Doc.
 is GRANTED.

Plaintiffs shall respond to Defendant's requests for production within TWENTY (20) DAYS of the date of docketing of this order.

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3. Within TWENTY (20) DAYS of the date of docketing this order, Defendant Hartford shall submit documentation of fees and expenses incurred in making the motion to compel. Within TWENTY (20) DAYS thereafter, Plaintiffs will be permitted to address the issue of sanctions and the reasonableness of the fees and expenses submitted by Defendant Hartford's counsel.

### DONE AND ORDERED.

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 07-20759-CIV-UNGARO

MARKEISHA JENKINS, on behalf of	)
and as parent and natural guardian of	)
LAMARIYA REDFORD, a minor,	)
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Plaintiffs,	)
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v.	)
	)
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) ·
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Defendant.	)
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### DECLARATION OF HAROLD E. FOX, M.D., PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §1746

I, Harold E. Fox, M.D., declare as follows:

I am a board certified obstetrician gynecologist and sub-specialist in maternal and fetal medicine and am chairman of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at John Hopkins Medical Institution. A copy of my curriculum vitae is attached. I have participated in the birth of over 12,000 infants, am an examiner of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and direct the education programs for trainees in general obstetrics and gynecology and the sub-specialities of the field including maternal and fetal medicine. In my role as an obstetrician-gynecologist, specialist in maternal-fetal medicine (board- certified and with current recertification in both fields), I am aware of the standards of practice that apply to the care of obstetric patients. I have cared for many patients with clinical presentations similar to Ms.

Jenkins'. I have diligently reviewed the records that have been forwarded to me and have been listed below. The opinions that I will express are expressed with a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

In November, 2007, Karin D. Wherry, Assistant United States Attorney, forwarded medical records and deposition testimony regarding the case styled, Jenkins v. United States, Case Number 07-20759-CIV-Ungaro, for my review and asked that I express my opinion regarding the care rendered to Markeisha Jenkins and her child, Lamariya Redford. The records that I have reviewed include:

- Records from the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc., for Markeisha Jenkins;
- Medical records from the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc., for Lamariya Redford;
- Medical records of the North Shore Medical Center, Miami, Florida for Markeisha Jenkins including fetal monitoring strips;
- Medical records of Mail Man Center, University of Miami Pediatric Neurology Department for Lamariya Redford.
- Florida Department of Health Children's Medical Services records for Lamariya Redford;
- 6. North Shore Medical Records of Lamariya Redford;
- 7. Jackson Memorial Hospital MRI reports for Lamariya Redford;
- 8. Deposition transcript of plaintiff Markeisha Jenkins;
- 9. Affidavit of Martin Gubernick, M.D.

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#### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

On August 20, 2004, Ms. Jenkins was admitted at approximately 8:30 in the morning as a gravida 1, para 0 for post-dates induction of labor. It is my opinion that the prenatal care was appropriate and that admission for induction of labor was appropriate. The patient was noted to be contracting approximately every 3 to 6 minutes and vaginal examination by her caregiver, Dr. Magloire, revealed the cervix to be 1 centimeter dilated, completely effaced with the vertex presenting at -2 station. Pitocin was infused beginning at 2 milliunits per minute. Review of the appropriately maintained labor monitoring records reveals the administration of an epidural for pain relief and a normal progress of labor. Specifically, there was no evidence of uterine hyperstimulation or non-reassuring fetal status.

The patient progressed normally through her labor and was found to be completely dilated with the vertex presenting at +2 station at approximately 2:45 in the morning of August 21, 2004. Ms. Jenkins was attended by the labor and delivery nurses as well as Dr. Magloire during her second stage of labor. After a normal second stage of labor, vacuum assistance for vaginal delivery was discussed with the patient and her family and the record indicates that consent was verbalized and that there was understanding of the offer for assistance with delivery. Consent was acknowledged in the medical record.

At 04:36, the vacuum was applied by her attending physician and with one pull resulting in some descent, there was a pop-off of the vacuum. The patient was encouraged to push with contractions and at 04:46, a second application of the vacuum was carried out. With one pull, a pop-off resulted after descent was again noted. At 04:55, the medical record indicates that the attending physician repaired a bleeding peri-urethral laceration under local anesthesia. A Foley catheter was placed to expedite the repair and at 05:10, the Foley catheter was removed after the attending physician completed the repair of the peri-urethral laceration. At 05:10, the neonatal intensive care unit staff were notified of the impending delivery and at 05:12 (2 hours and 30 minutes of full dilatation which is normal), the vacuum was reapplied. There was noted to be descent of the vertex and, again, a pop-off was experienced. Appropriately, the vacuum was not reapplied and at 05:30, the patient was noted to be pushing effectively with descent of the presenting part and at 05:45 (3 hours of the second stage of labor which is normal with an epidural anesthesia in a nuliparous patient), spontaneous delivery occurred. A loose umbilical cord around the neck and meconium stained amniotic fluid (present in 20-30% of all deliveries) was also noted. The infant was given to the neonatal intensive care unit staff and received Apgar scores of 9 and 9 at one and five minutes (perfectly normal). The placenta was delivered at 05:55 and due to an acute post-partum hemorrhage, the patient was appropriately managed with agents to control maternal bleeding including Methergen, Pitocin, and Cytotec. Aggressive management led to resolution of the post-partum bleeding.

The infant had an uncomplicated neonatal course with no signs of hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy.

The baby had normal physical examinations as well as neurological assessment. General neurological assessment was normal in early childhood and ultimately Lamariya was diagnosed with a hemiparysis felt to be the result of an intracranial event involving basal ganglia. In short, there was no birth trauma and no hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy and the prenatal course was completely uncomplicated and the developmental parameters of head circumference were normal.

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#### **OPINION**

It is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the care that was rendered by the Family Health Center staff and physicians and the staff and physicians of North Shore Hospital and Dr. Magloire was appropriate and met the standard of care.

Careful review of the continuous fetal heart-rate monitoring record demonstrates a reassuring fetal heart-rate pattern with activity state changes indicative of central nervous system activity state cycling (very reassuring) was recorded throughout the labor. In the second stage of labor, the fetal heart-rate is very reassuring with normal activity state changes persisting and moderate variability of the fetal heart-rate throughout. It is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that in its entirety, the fetal heart-rate record was reassuring and that there was no indication for intervention by cesarean section due to fetal intolerance of labor or for any other reason.

Dr. Martin Gubernick alleges numerous departures from the standard of care. Specifically, on or about August 21, 2004, he alleges the vacuum assisted delivery with three vacuum pulls in total were negligently performed. My review of the material which I have referenced demonstrates appropriate use of the vacuum with abandoning the procedure after three pulls with the result fifteen minutes later of a spontaneous vaginal delivery. Descent was noted with each pull. It is my opinion that the application and utilization of the vacuum assistance was appropriate and met the standard of care.

It is Dr. Gubernick's opinion that on or about August 21, 2004, the fetal monitoring traces revealed abnormalities consistent with fetal hypoxia resulting in fetal encephalopathy indicating an emergency STAT cesarean section. My review of the fetal monitoring tracings fails to identify any such indication. Further, the outcome for the child with Apgars of 9 and 9 and no

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sequelae of hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy indicates that there is no such event. Further, the focal lesion that occurred in this child is not a lesion that is of hypoxic ischemic nature. In my opinion, the most likely etiology was a spontaneous untoward event. It should be noted that hemorrhage associated with the use of a vacuum extraction is subarachnoid in nature and presents with signs early in the neonatal period. There is no evidence of an early presentation of a neurological deficit and no evidence of a subarachnoid bleed.

It is alleged by Dr. Gubernick that on or about August 21, delivery was negligently delayed with two additional vacuum pulls in that after the first pull the standard of care indicates performance of a STAT cesarean section. I am aware of no standard that indicates moving to a cesarean section after one pull for a vacuum assisted vaginal birth. Further, descent was noted with each vacuum application and pull, an observation which justifies continued attempts at vacuum assisted vaginal delivery. It is my opinion that the selection and use of the vacuum and the technique applied was appropriate and met the standard of care.

It is Dr. Gubernick's opinion that on August 21, there was a negligent delay in the delivery with two additional vacuum pulls and that this directly and proximately caused fetal hypoxia that caused fetal encephalopathy. As I have mentioned before, the medical record clearly demonstrates that there was no fetal hypoxia with Apgar scores of 9 and 9 and no evidence of hypoxic encephalopathy in the newborn. Furthermore, as I have already indicated, the use of the vacuum was appropriate and completely met the standard of care. I state this opinion with medical certainty.

Dr. Gubernick goes on to indicate that the Tenet Health System North Shore, Dr. Christ-Ann Magloire and Economic Opportunity Family Health Care Center, Incorporated negligently failed to timely and appropriately monitor the fetal monitoring tracings of Markeisha Jenkins. The medical records clearly document attentive assessment of fetal well-being by the nursing staff and by the physician staff caring for Ms. Jenkins during her labor. In addition, the medical records document appropriate prenatal care. It is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that this care was completely appropriate and met the standard of care.

Dr. Gubernick goes on to cite the above referenced providers for failure to note abnormalities in the fetal heart tracing of Markeisha Jenkins. Again, it is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the monitoring records were reflective of a perfectly normal heart-rate pattern with reassuring characteristics throughout labor. It is my opinion that there were no abnormalities in the fetal monitoring tracings indicating lack of fetal well-being.

Dr. Gubernick goes on to repeat most of the allegations that I have already mentioned and, in short, I respectfully disagree with each and every opinion expressed by Dr. Gubernick. It is further my opinion that the medical records indicate absolutely no basis for the conclusions drawn by Dr. Gubernick.

Having read the deposition of Ms. Jenkins, I realize that she is very concerned about the peri-urethral laceration and the bleeding that required a suture during the delivery process (not a frequent but a known occurance). It is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the recognition of the bleeding and cessation of interventions (completely reassuring fetal heart-rate and normal duration of the second stage of labor) in order to take the time to control the bleeding with a suture litigation of the peri-urethral laceration was appropriate and met the standard of care. In fact, I believe this was exceptionally good judgment. The patient experienced a post-partum hemorrhage which was immediately recognized and appropriately managed after delivery of Lamariya. Had the patient experienced continuing blood loss from this known complication of vaginal birth and the ensuing post-partum hemorrhage that was

appropriately recognized and managed, her blood loss would have been much more extensive and possibly led to the requirement of transfusion or further interventions. The complication of the peri-urethral laceration is a known complication of vaginal birth associated either with spontaneous delivery or assisted vaginal delivery and it is my opinion that the judgment utilized by the delivering obstetrician to take the time to control the bleeding prior to moving ahead with delivery was good judgment and met the standard of care.

The opinions that I express in this report are based on my education, training, and experience in the practice of obstetrics. Markeisha Jenkins reported, during her deposition, that Lamariya was developing and progressing exceptionally well. Any diagnosis of Lamariya is an untoward outcome and not the result of actions or inactions by those caring for Ms. Jenkins during her labor and delivery.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 27 day of February, 2008, at Gibson Island, Maryland.

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#### **EDUCATION**

- 1963-1967 University of Rochester B.A. 1967 Rochester, New York
- 1967-1972University of Rochester<br/>School of MedicineM.D. 1972School of Medicine<br/>Rochester, New YorkWith Honor &<br/>Distinction<br/>in Research

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M.Sc. - 1972

1969-1970 Oxford University Nuffield Institute of Medical Research Fetal Physiology Research (Prof. G. Dawes) Oxford, England

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1972-1975University of Rochester<br/>Strong Memorial Hospital<br/>Rochester, New YorkInternship OB/GYN<br/>Residency OB/GYN<br/>Henry Thiede, M.D.<br/>Program Director

- 1975-1977University of Rochester<br/>University of Southern<br/>CaliforniaFellowship<br/>Maternal Fetal Medicine<br/>Henry Thiede, M.D.<br/>Program Director
- 1994 Management Course OB/GYN Dept. Chairs APGO and The Crimson Group Boston, Massachusetts
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#### **CERTIFICATION**

#### SPECIALTY

1977 American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Diplomate #14940

- 1989 American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Recertification
- ABOG Recertification #14940
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- ABOG Recertification #14940
- Current General Ob/Gyn Oral Board Examiner ABOG

## **SUBSPECIALTY**

- 1981American Board of OB/GYN<br/>Certification in Maternal/Fetal Medicine
- 1994Recertification # 14940
- 2003 2005 Recertification #14940

## **APPOINTMENTS**

10/26/96- Present	CURRENT Johns Hopkins University Dorothy Edwards Professor of Gynecology & Obstetrics Director, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics Gynecologist and Obstetrician in Chief Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
4/1/97- Present	Joint Appointment as Professor in the Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
7/01/02-6/30/05	Member Committee on Faculty Development and Gender
7/01/99- 6/30/2002	Chair - Administrative Committee of the Medical Board of the Johns Hopkins Hospital
7/01/99- 6/30/2002	Vice Chair - Medical Board of The Johns Hopkins Hospital

#### Leadership Responsibilities - Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

- 11/06 Present Member Discipline Committee Johns Hopkins Medicine
- 2004 Present Trustee Johns Hopkins Healthcare
- 2005 Present Executive Champion Efficiency Discharge Program
- 2005 Present Member Claims Review Committee Johns Hopkins Medicine
- 2004 Present Trustee Johns Hopkins Healthcare
- 2004 6/30/2005 Chairman of Johns Hopkins Hospital Medical Board
- 2003 -2005 Advisor Leadership Development Program Johns Hopkins Medicine
- 2002 Present Chair Credentials Committee JHHC & JHC
- 2002- Present Corporate Advisor -United Premier Medical Group/Johns Hopkins Medicine Collaboration
- 2002 Present Co-Chair Access Improvement Task Force Johns Hopkins Hospital
- 2001- Present Co-Chair Innovations in Quality Care, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
- 2001- Present Member, Joint Committee on Risk Management
- 11/08/01-Present Member Advisory Committee for the Office of Funded Programs, Johns Hopkins Medicine
- 3/2000 Present Budget Oversight Group Johns Hopkins Hospital
- 1999 2005 Elected Governor, Board of Governors, CPA, Johns Hopkins Medicine
- 9/99-2006 Chair Government Relations Committee, CPA

9/99-Present	Administrative SWAT Team JHH
1/1/98 - 1/1/2001	Agenda Committee to Advisory Board of Medical Faculty
6/10/97 - Present	Board of Trustees of the Johns Hopkins Medical Services Corporation (JHMSC) (Community Physicians)
11/96 - Present	Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty
7/01/96-Present	Member Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty, Johns Hopkins Medicine
9/4/97 - Present	Member of Disciple Committee, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
9/4/97- 8/2000	Joint Committee on House Staff and Postdoctoral Programs Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
9/4/97- Present	Board of Trustees Johns Hopkins Home Health Care
9/4/97 - Present	Clinical Practice Association Co-Chair of Operations Committee
12/97 - Present	Chair of Organizing Committee for Comprehensive Women's Health Center - Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
1996 - Present	Trustee - Johns Hopkins Home Care Group
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## <u>PAST</u>

3/15/95-10/26/96 George Washington University Medical Center Oscar I. and Mildred S. Dodek Professor (endowed with tenure) Chairman of Obstetrics & Gynecology Executive Director, Center of Excellence for

Women's Health Obstetrician/Gynecologist in Chief College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University and the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of NY

- 9/1/91-3/14/95 Professor and Acting Chairman, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology -Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director - Sloane Hospital for Women, The Presbyterian Hospital
- 1988-3/14/95 Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology and of Clinical Pediatrics with Tenure of Title Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons
- 1988-3/14/95 Attending Physician, The Presbyterian Hospital
- 1988-1992 Vice Chairman, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, New York
- 1988-1992 Associate Director, The Sloane Hospital for Women, The Presbyterian Hospital, New York
- 1985-3/14/95 Medical Director, Midwifery Program, The Sloane Hospital for Women, N.Y., N.Y
- 1980 -1988 Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, College of Physicians and Surgeons
- 1979 1988 Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology, College Of Physicians & Surgeons
- 1976-1979 Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine
- 1975-1979 Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology University of Rochester School of Medicine
- 1975-1979 Assistant Attending Physician, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Strong Memorial Hospital

# **OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

The C	<u>The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.</u>		
1995-1996	Executive Director- Center of Excellence for Women's Health		
1996	Chairman - formation group for Primary Care Center Activity completed.		
1995-1996	Chairman - Committee of Chairs, GWU Med. Center		
1996	Elected Chair of Chairman's Group - Executive Committee of Medical Staff, GWU Hospital		
1996	APT Committee		
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1987-3/14/95	Director AIDS Program, Obstetrics & Gynecology Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center		
1984 - 1988	Director Obstetrics, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center		
1984-1988	Director, Regional Center for Tertiary Perinatal Care, The Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York		
1979 -3/14/95	Director Maternal/Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons		
1979-1984	Medical Director Western and Upper Manhattan Perinatal Network		
<u>CONSULTANT</u>			
1996- Present	Howard County General Hospital, Maryland		
1996 - Present	Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center		
1982-1995	Northern Westchester Hospital		

- 1976-1979Rochester General Hospital1975-1979St. Mary's HospitalRochester, New York
- **REVIEWER**Obstetrics and Gynecology<br/>American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology<br/>Journal of Pediatrics<br/>Fertility & Sterility<br/>American Journal of Diseases in Children<br/>Journal of Maternal Fetal Medicine<br/>New England Journal of Medicine

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Pediatric AIDS and HIV Infection Administrative Editor and Course Director - Oakstone Medical Publishing Precis B An update in Obstetrics and Gynecology-Obstetrics Third Edition

#### HONORS

1971	Alpha Omega Alpha
1972	MD with Honor and Distinction in Research University of Rochester
1972	Student Marshall (Graduation)
1975	EKAS Award - Leadership and Teaching University of Rochester
1975	LUND Award - Research University of Rochester
1976	Sigma Xi
1979	Faculty Teaching Award University of Rochester

1993	Selected Participant as Acting Chairman APGO Chairman Management Services
1995	Group Leader APGO Management Course
1995	Sloane Hospital for Women Distinguished Service Award
1995-1996	Honorary President: Kane King Dodek Society GWU, Washington, D.C.
1996-2000	Phi Beta Delta International Scholars Honor Society
2005	ACOG District IV B David A. Nagey Foundation for Perinatal Outreach Education and Research for Outstanding Contributions and Support
	The George Washington University
1996	Chairman (appointed) Formation Committee for Primary Care Center GWUMC
1995-1996	Chairman (elected) Committee of Chairs
1996	Chair (elected) of Chairman=s Group, Medical Staff
1995-1996	Executive Committee, GWU Hospital
1995-1996	Member, Physician Advisory Committee to Hunter Group
1995- 1996	Perinatal Mortality Committee
1995-1996	MFA Representative to Medical Center Risk Management Committee
	Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York
1992-1995	Joint Conference Committee
1992-1995	Directors of Service

1992-1995	Executive Committee, Medical Board
1992-1995	Co-Chair, Vendor Selection Committee Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Managed Care Committee
1992-1994	Member, Managed Care Committee
1989-1991	Co-Chairman OB/GYN, Operations Improvement Committee Founded Sloane Stork Club
1988-1995	Medical Board of The Presbyterian Hospital
1988-1991	Chairman Quality Assurance - OB State Survey
1983-1987	Capital Budget Committee Presbyterian Hospital in The City of New York
1981-1988	Patient Care Committee - OB/GYN
1984-1987	Appropriateness Review Neonatal Care New York State Health Department
1983-1995	Education Committee
1994-1995	Board of Directors, Columbia-Presbyterian Physician Network Co- Chair, Vendor Selection Committee, CPPN
<u>Colu</u>	mbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
1993-1995	Family Medicine Formation Committee
1992-1994	Co-Chair Search Committee for Director, OB/GYN, at Harlem Hospital Center
1990-	Member, Search Committee for Chairman of Rehabilitation Medicine
1992-1995	Member, Harlem Hospital Liaison Committee

1992-1995	Member Affiliations Committee
REGIONAL	
1993-1994	OB Section, New York Academy of Medicine - Chairman
1992-1995	Member, ACNC Board of Directors
1987-1995	Obstetrics Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Health, NYC AIDS Subcommittee
1987-1995	New York City Department of Health Special Advisory Committee on AIDS
1987-1989	Maternal Child Welfare Committee New York County Medical Society
<u>STATE</u>	
1993-1995	Folic Acid Advisory Committee to DOH - ACOG Representative
1993-1995	Midwifery Advisory Committee to DOH
1993-1995	State Board of Midwifery appointed by the Regents of The University of the State of New York

## **NATIONAL**

1995 - Present	ACOG, Presidential Appointee to Standards Committee
1991-1995	Member, Women's Committee ACTG-NIAID
1988-1993	Chairman Executive Committee NIAID - Epidemiology Branch WITS Program (collaborative Perinatal HIV Transmission Study)
1988-Present	Antiretroviral Registry Advisory Committee- Member Emeritus and Senior Advisor Burroughs Wellcome, NIH, CDC

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1988-1991	Pediatric Core Committee, OB Representative
	ACTG (AIDS Clinical Trial Group)
	NIAID Treatment Branch

1986-1988 Steering Committee, Alternate NIH Maternal Fetal Medicine Network NICHD,CDC

## **INTERNATIONAL**

1995-1996	Chairman, Women's Health Initiative AIHA, USAID Program for Estonia
July 1996	GWU Representative for visit and press conference with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in Tallinn Estonia
December 1984	World Health Organization Professor at Chungdu, Sechuan PRC Training Center Prenatal Education
	Inaugural Rounds at Sechuan Medical College, Chungdu, Peoples Republic of China
2003 - Present	United Premier Medical Group Chairman- Medical Advisory Board

## **GRANT SUPPORT**

1994-1997 (Resigned 3/14/95)	Women and Infants (HIV) Transmission Study (WITS II) Principal Investigator \$ 750,000 - NIAID, NICHD, NIDA
1988-1995	Women & Infants (HIV) Transmission Study Principal Investigator \$8.2 million - NIAID, NICHD, NIH
1990-1995	Women in Need of Services (OSAP) Principal Investigator \$1.7 Million (5 years)

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1990-3/14/95	Treatment of Pediatric HIV Infection - ACTU, NIAID Co-Investigator \$899,952
1991-1992	Acupuncture Service for Pregnant Cocaine & Crack Addicted Abusers - Principal Investigator \$50,000 - March of Dimes
1988-1996	Northern Manhattan Women & Children HIV Demonstration Project - HRSA Project Director, The Presbyterian Hospital \$122,467.00 / \$25,002.00, supplementary annual
1988-1995	Obstetrical Initiative Director, \$70,000 per year. Co-Director Maternal Child HIV Program Presbyterian Hospital AIDS Center
1993-1995	Adult ACTU-CPMC. Co-Investigator; Women=s Program Director, NIAID, NIH
1986-1990	Maternal Fetal Medicine Collaborative Network Grant Co-Investigator
	Other Multiple Funded Grants from March of Dimes And the NIH in the past years.

MAJOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

1996	Center of Excellence for Women's Health, Executive Director, GWU
1988-1995	Women and Children Care Center The Presbyterian Hospital Developed a Multi-Department Collaborative Research Center with total funding of \$3,000,000 per year.
1987-1995	Perinatal Counseling Service The Presbyterian Hospital (150,000)

- 1980-1982 Development of Certificate of Need for Regional Center for Tertiary Perinatal Care (Ph 12- East) (First in the State of N.Y.) State approval and implementation of program- \$1.5 million (Transition from Robert Wood Johnson program)
- 1975-1979 Developed Program and Obtained Funding for Regionalization Program for Perinatal Care Finger Lakes Region Strong Memorial Hospital University of Rochester School of Medicine Rochester, New York March of Dimes. Funded \$70,000 per year.

#### ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1997 – Present	Maryland Ob Gyn Society Board of Directors
1996 – Present	American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society
1996-Present	Washington Academy of Medicine
1996-Present	American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society
1995-Present	Washington Gynecological Society
1993-Present	American College of Physician Executives
1988-Present	New York Academy of Medicine, Chairman, Obstetrical Section 1993-94
1983-Present	Perinatal Research Society
1982-1995	New York State Association of Regional Perinatal Programs (Founding member) President - 1984 Treasurer - 1982-1983
1992-1994	Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Hospital Infections Program Investigation and Prevention - Consultant

1991	Special Study Section Member HIV-Perinatal NIAID
1990	Site Visit Team - GCRC
1986-1995	New York State Perinatal Association
1980-1995	New York Obstetrical Society-Fellow
1995-Present	Corresponding Fellow N.Y. Obstetrical Society
1980-Present	New York Academy of Science
1979-1995	New York Perinatal Society
1978-Present	Society of Perinatal Obstetricians-Fellow
1977-1996	Medical Society of New York State
1977-Present	Society for Gynecological Investigation (Member)
1977-Present	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
1973-Present	American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
1987-Present	International AIDS Society
1982-Present	Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics

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