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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

J.J., a.k.a. J.T., a minor, REATHA and
KEITH TOM, husband and wife and the
marital community therein, and A.L., a minor
child,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. C15-1967RSL

ORDER APPROVING GAL
SETTLEMENT

THIS MATTER having come before the undersigned Judge of the above entitled Court this day, pursuant to the Petition for Approval of Minor’s Settlement; the Court having considered the Report of the Settlement Guardian Ad Litem regarding the adequacy of the settlement and having considered the records and files herein; it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The settlement offer in favor of J.J., a minor, as set forth in the Petition for Approval of Minor’s Settlement; be and is hereby approved;
2. The father, Keith Tom, is hereby authorized to execute releases of the minor’s claim.
3. The costs and attorney’s fees incurred herein are approved as follows:

A. Attorney’s Fees: \$ 55,000 (\$220,000/25%)

ORDER APPROVING GAL SETTLEMENT

1 4. The settlement Guardian Ad Litem fees in the amount of \$2076.65 are hereby
2 approved and shall be paid by Christopher Williams directly to REBECCA
3 ALBRIGHT.

4 5. Upon receipt, Plaintiff's counsel is directed to disburse funds as follows:

5 A. Christopher Williams fees: \$ 55,000.00

6 B. PHIA \$ 73,575.28

7 C. The Farmers Group \$10,000.00

8 D. Regence Blue Shield \$26.66- disputed

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10 6. Mr. Williams is authorized to negotiate the \$16,148.00 per 2.2 of the Petition on
11 behalf of denied claim amount and to pay the claim as appropriate.

12 7. Mr. Williams is authorized to negotiate a lower subrogation amount with all carriers
13 on behalf of Petitioner and to be paid for this effort per his fee agreement.

14 8. The balance of funds shall be paid to Keith Tom.

15 9. The other claims involving Reatha Tom, Keith Tom and Avery Lane will result in
16 payouts to them in the amount of \$3750.00 each.

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18 Any funds held in the above referenced (Blocked Account) on behalf of J.J. are not to be
19 released except pursuant to further order of this Court, or upon proof that J.J. has reached the
20 age of eighteen years old, at which time the funds held in the Blocked Account shall be released
21 to J.J. upon their request, without further order of the Court.

22 Settlement Guardian Ad Litem Rebecca Albright shall be discharged upon filing of the
23 receipt of funds into the Blocked Account without further order of this court.
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1 SO ORDERED this 3rd day of August, 2017.

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5 Robert S. Lasnik
6 United States District Judge
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