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## Hospital, physician to pay \$6.5 million in birth injury settlement



By Jennifer Delgado TribLocal reporter Wednesday at 8:16 p.m.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and a physician will pay \$6.5 million to a former Chicago resident whose newborn suffered extensive brain damage during labor more than 10 years ago, an attorney for the family said Wednesday.

The settlement was reached during mediation and approved today in Cook County Circuit Court.

In the lawsuit, Denice Cisneros accused the Park Ridge-based hospital of not performing a timely cesarean operation on her, causing her child to live with cerebral palsy and mental retardation, according to a press release from John Perconti, the lawyer representing Cisneros and her daughter, who now live in California.

Now 10, the girl has a history of seizures, walks with assistance and needs help getting dressed, bathing and using the washroom, Perconti said.

“(The child) will obviously never work and needs 24-hour care,” Perconti said. “She’ll never be able to live independently and this money will be utilized to take care of her for the rest of her life.”

Calls made to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital were not returned Wednesday afternoon.

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