

May 07, 2015

Jones, Herrington and Crosby
Attn: Kenny Smith
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Re: Medical Cost Projection
Martha Blackburn

Dear Attorney Kenny Smith:

You requested an estimated medical cost projection of future medical expenses for your client Martha Blackburn. An estimated projection is based on the following criteria:

General Information

Client Name	Martha Blackburn
Date of Birth	03/28/1954
Current Age	61
Gender	Female
Life Expectancy	14.8
Based on	National Vital Statistics, Report Vol. 62, No. 7, January 6, 2014
State jurisdiction	Illinois
Type of case	Personal Injury
Date of accident	08/19/2012
Description of accident	Client was in car stopped at a stop sign, when she was hit from behind.
Description of injuries sustained	Herniated disk at levels L4-S1, with radiating pain into the leg.
Brief overview of injury related medical treatment received	Treatment at ER, orthopedic visits, physical therapy, ESI's, MRI and initial lumbar fusion.
Cost projection requested for	Lumbar spine injury, initial surgery done, additional level surgery
Future medical expenses	\$232,532
Date of report	05/07/2015

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Medical Cost Projections:

Medical cost projection is used when a summary overview is required for non-catastrophic cases. A medical cost projection is used to inform settling parties the estimated, or expected, medical treatments and associated costs over a lifetime or throughout the medical event. A medical cost projection differs from a life care plan in scope and testifying opinion.

Overview of Medical Cost Projection factors:

CostProjections medical cost projections calculate total medical treatment needs and associated costs based on standard methodology, addressing these factors: body parts injured or diagnoses, life expectancy, diagnostic procedures, laboratory studies, physician evaluations, counseling needs, equipment and supplies, prescription and OTC medications, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, injection intervention, past surgical history, future surgical needs, spinal cord stimulator, home attendant care, vans, emergency room visits, and other medical care or provider services impacting future medical treatment.

Factors for specific condition:

This medical cost projection estimate is based on the condition of Lumbar spine injury, initial surgery done, additional level surgery. Factors considered for this condition include:

- Periodic diagnostics every 3 years to monitor status of lumbar spine
- Annual liver and kidney function studies due to chronic use of medication
- Periodic urine drug screening due to potential narcotic use
- Bi-monthly physician evaluations to monitor status of lumbar spine
- Use of TNS unit for muscle spasms and pain, with monthly replacement of supplies
- Monthly allowance for prescription medications for muscle relaxants, anti-inflammatories, narcotics
- Allowance for periodic injection therapy for lumbar spine
- Allowance for periodic physical therapy for flare-up of condition
- Surgical consideration

Basis for cost factoring:

Costs are based on midrange pricing quoted in Physician's Fee and Coding, 2014, goodrx.com, or internet research. Costs are not reduced to present day value or factored for medical inflation. Medical records have not been reviewed.

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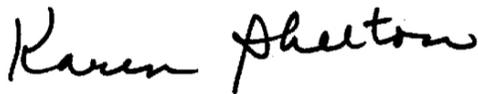
Summary:

This medical cost projection was prepared at the request of Attorney **Kenny Smith** who supplied medical information regarding **Ms. Martha Blackburn**. This MCP is based on standards of care treatment guidelines for her **Lumbar spine injury, initial surgery done, additional level surgery**.

Category	Annual Cost	One-Time Cost	Lifetime Cost
Repeat Surgery		\$128,000	\$128,000
Diagnostic	\$900		\$13,319
Labs	\$150		\$2,219
UDS	\$100		\$1,479
MD Visits	\$738		\$10,922
TNS	\$300		\$4,439
Meds	\$2,400		\$35,519
Injection	\$1,200		\$17,759
Therapy	\$1,275		\$18,869
Total Injury Related Medical Costs			\$232,532

This Medical Cost Projection was prepared for use in settlement negotiations on a consulting basis only and not for expert testimony. This Medical Cost Projection is based solely upon information provided by referring party. CostProjections has not reviewed medical records to determine the accuracy of the medical condition. All applicable standards, protocols, and methodologies were followed in compiling this report. CostProjections further advises this is an Estimated Medical Cost Projection only. Actual costs, using standard life care planning methodology, may vary.

Respectfully submitted:



Karen Shelton, RN
Certified Nurse Life Care Planner

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