

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA  
GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION**

PAUL OFILI,

CASE NO.: 23-CA-015341

Plaintiff,

DIVISION: TD2

vs.

MICHAEL BASKA and SPE UTILITY  
CONTRACTORS,

Defendants.

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**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE MOTION FOR DIRECTED VERDICT**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court on Defendants' Motion for Judgment in Accordance with the Motion for Directed Verdict New Trial filed on April 2, 2025, and on Plaintiff's Opposition/Objection to "Defendants' Motion for Judgment in Accordance with the Motion for Directed Verdict" filed on May 30, 2025. The Court held a hearing on July 18, 2025. The Court maintains the same ruling made during trial and at directed verdict. The plain language of Florida Statute 768.0427 does not create a burden on the Plaintiff to introduce anything other than "any evidence" of reasonable medical expenses. The legislature's use of the word "shall" in subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c) does not create a burden on the Plaintiff to present evidence of amounts that private or government insurance would have paid. Instead, it requires the admission of such evidence if any party chooses to present it. Any other interpretation would render the legislature's inclusion of (2)(b)5 and (2)(c)3 illogical and inconsistent.

**WHEREFORE** it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that Defendants' Motion is **DENIED**.

**DONE AND ORDERED** and effective as of the date and time imprinted below with the

Judge's signature.

Electronically Conformed 9/11/2025  
Lyann Goudie

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LYANN GOUDIE  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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