

1758 PERSONAL INJURIES: FUTURE HEALTH CARE EXPENSES

(Question _____) (Subdivision _____ of question _____) asks what sum of money will fairly and reasonably compensate (plaintiff) for future health care services.

If you are satisfied that (plaintiff) will require health care services in the future for injuries sustained as a result of (e.g. the accident), you will insert as your answer to this question (subdivision) the sum of money you find will reasonably and necessarily be incurred in the future to care for (plaintiff).

COMMENT

This instruction and comment were approved in 1998 and updated in 2010.

For future hospital and medical expenses, see Redepenning v. Dore, 56 Wis.2d 129, 201 N.W.2d 580 (1972); Ashley v. American Auto Ins. Co., 19 Wis.2d 17, 119 N.W.2d 359 (1962).

To sustain an award for future health care expenses, two criteria must be met: (1) there must be expert testimony of permanent injuries requiring future medical treatment and the incurring of future medical expenses; and (2) an expert must establish the cost of such medical expenses. Weber v. White, 2004 WI 63, 272 Wis.2d 121, 681 N.W.2d 137, ¶20 (citing Bleyer v. Gross, 19 Wis.2d 305, 311, 120 N.W.2d 156 (1963)).