

~~2. THE ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE BASED ON THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION FOR THE 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE AWARD OR VERDICT.~~

~~(2) (I) A COURT MAY ON ITS OWN MOTION, OR ON MOTION OF A PARTY, EMPLOY A NEUTRAL EXPERT WITNESS TO TESTIFY ON THE ISSUE OF A PLAINTIFF'S FUTURE MEDICAL EXPENSES OR FUTURE LOSS OF EARNINGS.~~

~~(II) UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES, THE COSTS OF A NEUTRAL EXPERT WITNESS SHALL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG THE PARTIES.~~

~~(III) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SUBSECTION LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF A COURT CONCERNING A COURT'S WITNESS.~~

~~[3-2A-09.] 3-2A-10.~~

~~[The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN §§ ~~3-2A-07A, 3-2A-08A, 3-2A-08A~~ AND 3-2A-09 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE provisions of this subtitle shall be deemed procedural in nature and [shall] MAY not be construed to create, enlarge, or diminish any cause of action not heretofore existing, except the defense of failure to comply with the procedures required under this subtitle.~~

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~~(a) A person described in subsection (b) of this section is not civilly liable for any act or omission in giving any assistance or medical care, if:~~

~~(1) The act or omission is not one of gross negligence;~~

~~(2) The assistance or medical care is provided without fee or other compensation; and~~

~~(3) The assistance or medical care is provided:~~

~~(i) At the scene of an emergency;~~

~~(ii) In transit to a medical facility; or~~

~~(iii) Through communications with personnel providing emergency assistance.~~

~~(b) Subsection (a) of this section applies to the following:~~

~~(1) An individual who is licensed by this State to provide medical care;~~

~~(2) A member of any State, county, municipal, or volunteer fire department, ambulance and rescue squad or law enforcement agency or of the National Ski Patrol System, or a corporate fire department responding to a call outside of its corporate premises, if the member:~~

~~(i) Has completed an American Red Cross course in advanced first aid and has a current card showing that status;~~