

# Expenses and Compensation for CP

When lawyers sue over [cerebral palsy in infants](#), the goal is generally to get compensation for the parents and the child. The way that the amount being sought is calculated is complex, but here are some of the basics.

## 1: Medical Costs to Date

Your child will likely have had a lot of care right after being born and diagnosed with CP that may be very expensive. This will be factored into the total amount being sought in your claim to ensure that your family does not face these expenses alone.

## 2: Medical Costs Going Forward

Your attorney will take into account how much it will cost your child for treatment and care throughout their life. When you see news stories about huge jury awards for CP cases, it's usually because the child with CP is severely disabled and is going to face very significant expenses throughout their life because of it.

## 3: Pain and Suffering

Your child has been put through a lot and, because of that, the jury may opt to add a sum for pain and suffering. This usually takes into account the fact that some of that pain and suffering is yet to come and unavoidable.

## 4: Parent's Costs

The jury may not decide to award the parents anything in these cases. They can certainly decide to award the child damages without awarding the parents any compensation if they find that this is fairer. There are cases, however, where the parents also receive compensation.

## Settlements and Compensation

Settlements are sums of money offered by the defendant in exchange for the plaintiff dropping the lawsuit. These are sometimes great options, as there's a guaranteed payout and there isn't if you go to trial. Your attorney will make sure that the sum offered is enough to cover the expenses that concern you, but the decision of whether or not to take it is ultimately up to you.

If you're doing to take a settlement for a [birth injury](#) claim, remember that your lawyer does win under the terms of a contingency agreement, so discuss this matter with your attorney before you accept anything. You'll need to know how much of the settlement will go to legal fees and the defendant certainly isn't going to take this into account; they'll just try to get away with offering you as little as possible so that they don't have to pay a larger jury award or go to court.