



Milwaukee family gets \$18M after birthing injury

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MILWAUKEE (AP) - A federal judge has approved an \$18.2 million settlement between the U.S. government and a Milwaukee mother whose daughter suffered brain damage during birth.

The lawsuit was argued in federal court because the clinic where the birthing complications occurred was a federally funded community health center.

The family's lawyer said Wednesday that Jacqueline Lugo gave birth in 1998, but her daughter got stuck in the birth canal for more than 20 minutes. Attorney Euel Kinsey says the girl sustained severe brain injury due to lack of oxygen.

Federal attorneys argued the government wasn't at fault. They said any negligence was by people for whom the government wasn't responsible.

The settlement was approved July 8.