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Judge: Parents of Boy Hurt by Forceps Delivery Get \$42M

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A federal judge has awarded \$42 million to the parents of a Pennsylvania boy left disabled because of brain injuries caused by a doctor who used forceps to deliver the boy.

The verdict by a federal judge in Harrisburg on Thursday stems from a six-day trial in September on claims by a Chambersburg couple, Christiana Late and Nathan Armolt.

Their son, identified only as D.A., understands language but can't speak, read or write and will eventually have to use a motorized wheelchair.

The couple sued the federal government for errors allegedly made by an obstetrician at Keystone Women's Health Center, a federally supported facility, during the boy's February 2012 birth.

Keystone officials say they're "saddened" by the boy's hardships and disabilities.

Most of the verdict — about \$33 million — is to cover the boy's future medical care.
