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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Plaintiff, :

v. :

CIVIL NO.: 3:17-cv-1193

RICHARD C. ANGINO, ESQUIRE, :

ANGINO LAW FIRM, P.C. f/k/a :

Angino & Lutz P.C. f/k/a :

Angino & Rovner, P.C., and :

GLORIA TROSTLE, as Administratrix:  
of the ESTATE OF DAVID A. :

TROSTLE :

Defendants. :

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**COMPLAINT**

1. This is a civil action by the United States of America for declaratory judgment and money damages to recover amounts due and owing to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"), a component of the United States Department of Health & Human Services, by virtue of charges the Medicare program paid on behalf of beneficiary David A. Trostle, but for which the Medicare program was not ultimately responsible.

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff is the United States of America.

3. Defendant Richard C. Angino, an attorney, represented Mr. Trostle in the matter entitled *David A. Trostle And Gloria L. Trostle v. Bloomfield Pharmacy, Inc., et al.*,” No. 2013-527 in the Perry County Court of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania. Defendant Angino’s office is located at 4503 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1799.

4. Defendant Angino Law Firm, P.C. is the current employer of Defendant Richard C. Angino and is located at 4503 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1799. Defendant Angino Law Firm, P.C. was formerly known as Angino & Lutz, P.C. (as of 2014) and Angino & Rovner, P.C. (1983-2014). Defendant Angino and the defendant law firms will be referred to herein as the Angino Defendants.

5. Defendant Gloria L. Trostle is the Administratrix of the estate of David A. Trostle.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Upon information and belief, Mr. Trostle’s death was unrelated to the third-party payments at issue in this matter.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1345, 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(2), and 42 C.F.R. Part 411. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim in this action occurred in this District.

### **RELEVANT MEDICARE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

7. The Medicare program, which was enacted in 1965, is a federally funded program of health insurance for the aged, the disabled, and persons suffering from end stage renal disease. 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395 – 1395*lll* (the Medicare Act). The Secretary of HHS (the Secretary), acting through the Administrator of the CMS, has overall responsibility for the program.

8. In 1980, Congress enacted the Medicare Secondary Payer statute (MSPS), which requires insurers to make the primary payment for services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries, leaving the Medicare program to provide benefits only as a “secondary” payer. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b).

9. The MSPS uses two mechanisms to protect Medicare funds and ensure that Medicare is the secondary payer. First, it prohibits Medicare from making payments for covered medical items and services if payment has already been made or can reasonably be expected to be made by another source, or “primary plan,” such as the insurers that paid the settlement in this case. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(2)(A)(ii). Second, when a primary plan cannot be expected to make payment promptly, the MSP provisions permit Medicare to pay – but conditions those payments on reimbursement after the primary plan makes payment. 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(2)(B)(i). The payments Medicare makes in these circumstances are referred to as Conditional Payments.

10. Medicare has a right to recover Conditional Payments from either the primary plan or an entity that received payment from a primary plan. Such entities include beneficiaries and attorneys who represent them. 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(2)(B)(ii); 42 C.F.R. § 411.24(g).

11. After a beneficiary reports a settlement to Medicare, the agency responds with notification of the amount of reimbursement due. *See e.g.*, Exhibit 1, CMS’s Initial Determination dated August 14, 2014.

A beneficiary dissatisfied with Medicare's determination has the right to request a redetermination from the contractor who made the initial determination, then a reconsideration by a Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC), followed by a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), and a request that the Medicare Appeals Council (MAC) review the ALJ decision. 42 U.S.C. § 1395ff(b) and (c); 42 C.F.R. §§ 405.940, 405.960, 405.1000, 405.1100. An individual must obtain a decision from the MAC before suing Medicare in federal district court. 42 C.F.R. §§ 405.1130, 405.1136; 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). If an individual fails to timely appeal at any level of review, the most recent agency decision becomes binding. *See e.g.*, 42 C.F.R. §§ 405.958, 405.978, 405.1048, 405.1130.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

12. On or about July 8, 2011, upon information and belief, a pharmacy dispensed the incorrect drug to Mr. Trostle, causing him to suffer lithium toxicity, which put him in a coma for two weeks and required a 66-day stay in various hospitals. Medicare paid \$84,353.00 of the related medical charges.

13. In March 2013, the Angino Defendants informed Medicare that Mr. Trostle was pursuing a third-party claim related to the lithium toxicity, and asked Medicare to identify medical charges related to his injuries. Exhibit 2, Correspondence from Agino-Rovner dated March 28, 2013.

14. CMS responded with an interim amount of Conditional Payments of \$725.00, and subsequently announced a second interim amount of \$1,212.00. Exhibit 3, CMS Correspondence dated May 20, 2013, at 5; Exhibit 4, CMS Correspondence dated May 22, 2014, at 5. On both occasions, CMS informed Mr. Trostle that if the case involved ingestion, which Mr. Trostle's case did, the interim amount stated was incorrect, and requested that Mr. Trostle contact Medicare.

15. Upon information and belief, the Angino Defendants knew or should have known that Medicare paid more than \$1,212.00 for the 66 days Mr. Trostle spent in the hospital related to the lithium toxicity.

16. The Angino Defendants proceeded to settlement of the personal injury case without contacting Medicare to determine whether the Conditional Payment amounts noted in CMS's letters were

accurate. The parties settled the claims for \$225,000.00.

17. When the Angino Defendants reported the settlement, Medicare performed a further review of its paid claims, and identified \$84,353.00 in medical charges related to the lithium toxicity. Exhibit 1, CMS's Initial Determination, dated August 14, 2014, at 7. Medicare reduced its claim by its share of the attorneys' fees and, in a letter dated August 14, 2014, notified the Angino Defendants and Mr. Trostle that it was due \$53,295.00 from the settlement proceeds. *Id.* at 1. Medicare indicated that payment was due in 60 days.

18. Medicare's letter explained how to appeal Medicare's determination. *Id.* at 3-4, 12.

19. The Angino Defendants responded to Medicare's letter by arguing that Mr. Trostle was required to pay only \$1,577.00. Exhibit 5, Trostle's Request for Redetermination, dated August 26, 2014. Medicare interpreted this letter as a request for redetermination – the first level of the administrative review process. 42 C.F.R. §§ 405.940 – 405.958.

20. Medicare considered Mr. Trostle's appeal and denied it, informing the Angino Defendants and Mr. Trostle of its redetermination decision. Exhibit 6, CMS's Redetermination Decision, dated October 15, 2014 at 1. Again, Medicare explained how to appeal the decision, notifying Mr. Trostle that he had 180 days, or until April 18, 2015, to write to Maximus Federal Services ("Maximus"), the Qualified Independent Contractor, to appeal the agency's decision. *Id.* at 1-2.

21. Defendants failed to file a timely appeal to Maximus. Consequently, the agency's redetermination decision became binding on Mr. Trostle. 42 C.F.R. § 405.958.

22. To date, this debt has not been paid.

23. Upon information and belief, Defendant Trostle or the Angino Defendants received payment of \$225,000.00 from the primary plans. The MSPS and its implementing regulations therefore authorize the United States to recover the amount due Medicare from the Defendants. 42 U.S.C.A. § 1395y(b)(2)(B); 42 C.F.R. § 411.24(g).

24. Because this debt has not been repaid within the required sixty-day time period, CMS is also entitled to receive interest on this



debt under 42 U.S.C. §1395y(b)(2)(B) and 42 C.F.R. § 411.24(m)(2). The rate of interest accruing on this debt is 9.625% per year as provided for under 42 C.F.R. § 405.378(d) and CMS's Initial Determination dated August 14, 2014. Exhibit 1 at 4, § V.

25. Moreover, because the United States has expended litigation costs because the Angino Defendants and Defendant Trostle have opposed recovery of this debt, the United States will not pay its share of the attorney's fees and costs. Instead, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 411.37(e)(1), the principal amount of the debt is now the Conditional Payment amount of \$84,353.00.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

### **COUNT ONE**

**(Recovery of Medicare Secondary Payments 42 U.S.C.  
§ 1395y(b)(2)(B); 42 C.F.R. § 411.24(g))**

26. The United States brings this cause of action against all Defendants under the Medicare laws and regulations. 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(2)(B); 42 C.F.R. § 411.24(g).

27. As detailed more fully in the allegations set forth above, which are incorporated herein, the Defendants are liable for a

Conditional Payment amount of \$84,353.00, plus interest at the rate of 9.625% from August 14, 2014.

WHEREFORE, the United States of America respectfully requests that the Court (1) enter judgment in its favor declaring that the United States is entitled to reimbursement from Defendants for the medical charges Medicare paid on behalf of David Trostle related to the lithium toxicity he experienced in July 2011, as alleged hereinabove, (2) enter judgment in its favor in the amount of \$84,353.00 plus interest at the rate of 9.625% from August 14, 2014, and (3) award such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate, including, but not limited to, costs.

Dated: July 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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United States Attorney

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DAVID A TROSTLE

RE: Beneficiary Name: TROSTLE, DAVID A  
Medicare Number: [REDACTED]  
Case Identification Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of Incident: July 08, 2011  
Demand Amount: \$53,295.14

**Please note that if we know that you have an attorney or other individual representing you in this matter, we are sending him/her a copy of this letter. If you have an attorney or other representative for this matter and his/her name is not shown as a "cc" at the end of this letter (indicating that he/she is receiving a copy), please contact us immediately. If you have any questions regarding this letter and are represented by an attorney or other individual in this matter, you may wish to talk to your representative and make sure that he/she has received a copy of this letter before contacting us.**

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We are writing to you because we learned that you have made a liability claim relating to an accident, illness, injury, or incident occurring on or about July 08, 2011 and obtained a recovery. We have determined that you are required to repay the Medicare program \$53,295.14 for the cost of medical care it paid relating to your liability recovery. (The term "recovery" includes a settlement, judgment, award, or any other type of recovery.)

Please read this entire letter, as it contains important information, including:

- An explanation of why you need to repay Medicare and the way we determined the amount you are required to repay (Parts I and II);
- Instructions for repaying Medicare if you agree that there has been an overpayment and accept the amount we have determined you owe. (Part III);
- Instructions for requesting waiver of recovery (for the full or a part of the amount of this demand) or appeal (if you disagree that an overpayment exists or with the amount of the overpayment we have determined you owe). (Part IV). Please note that Medicare will not initiate any recovery action while your request for waiver of recovery or appeal is pending;
- Interest charges that apply if you do not repay Medicare within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter and certain actions Medicare may decide to take if you fail to repay the amount you owe (Part V);
- Whom you should contact if you have questions about this letter (Part VI).

#### **I. Why am I required to repay Medicare?**

You are required to repay Medicare because Medicare paid for medical care you received related to your liability recovery. The Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) law allows Medicare to pay for medical care received by a Medicare beneficiary who has or may have a liability claim. However, the law also requires Medicare to recover those payments if payment of a liability settlement, judgment, recovery, or award has been or could be made. Congress passed the MSP law because it wanted to make sure that the Medicare Trust Funds would have enough money to pay for medical care that beneficiaries may need in the future. Congress decided that, if a liability recovery was available to pay for a Medicare beneficiary's medical care, then that money should be used to pay for the care and any amounts already paid by Medicare should be refunded to the Medicare Trust Funds.

If you would like to read the MSP law, you can find it in Title 42 of the United States Code, Section 1395y(b)(2). You can also find the regulations that explain how the Medicare program recovers amounts it is owed under the MSP law in Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, beginning at Section 411.20. You can also learn more about how the MSP law works by contacting your local Social Security office or by visiting [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)





## **II. How did Medicare decide how much money I owe?**

The Medicare program paid \$84,353.11 for medical care related to your liability recovery. We have enclosed a list of the payments Medicare made related to your recovery with this letter. The Medicare program generally reduces the amount a Medicare beneficiary is required to repay to take into account the costs (such as attorney's fees) paid by the beneficiary to obtain his or her liability recovery. You can find the formula we use to decide how much the amount of this reduction should be at 42 C.F.R., sub-section 411.37. We have applied the formula and determined that the amount you owe Medicare is \$53,295.14.

This letter relates only to money paid from your current recovery. If, in the future, you receive additional money from this liability recovery, or any other liability recovery, you must let us know.

## **III. If I accept this determination, how do I repay Medicare what I owe?**

As stated, Medicare has calculated an overpayment of \$53,295.14, with repayment requested within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, August 14, 2014. Please send a check or money order for \$53,295.14, made payable to Medicare, to us at the address listed at the end of this letter. Please make sure to include your name and Medicare number on the check or money order and include a copy of this letter with your payment.

The amount requested in this letter may not include payments received prior to the issuance of this demand letter dated August 14, 2014. Upon issuing a check, please deduct previous payments made to the Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) for the above referenced debt.

Please continue reading for information regarding your rights with respect to this overpayment and what happens if you do not repay Medicare timely (including the accrual and assessment of interest).

## **IV. What rights do I have if I disagree with the amount this letter says I owe or think that I should not have to repay Medicare for some other reason?**

**Right to Request a Waiver**--You have the right to request that the Medicare program waive recovery of the amount you owe in full or in part. Your right to request a waiver is separate from your right to appeal our determination, and you may request both a waiver and an appeal at the same time. The Medicare program may waive recovery of the amount you owe if you can show that you meet both of the following conditions:

1. This overpayment (for purposes of requesting waiver of recovery, the amount you owe is considered an overpayment) was not your fault, because the information you





gave us with your claims for Medicare benefits was correct and complete as far as you knew; and when the Medicare payment was made, you thought that it was the right payment;

AND

2. Paying back this money would cause financial hardship or would be unfair for some other reason.

If you believe that both of these conditions apply to you, you should send us a letter that explains why you think you should receive a waiver of recovery of the amount you owe. If you request a waiver, we will send you a form asking for more specific information about your income, assets, expenses, and the reasons why you believe you should receive a waiver. Medicare will not initiate any recovery action while your request for waiver is pending. If we are unable to grant your request for a waiver, we will send you a letter that explains the reason(s) for our decision and the steps you will need to follow to appeal that decision if it is less than fully favorable to you.

**Right to Appeal-** You also have the right to appeal our determination if you disagree that you owe Medicare as explained in Part I of this letter, or if you disagree with the amount that you owe Medicare (\$53,295.14) as explained in Part II of this letter. To file an appeal, you should send us a letter explaining why you think the amount you owe Medicare is incorrect and /or any reason(s) why you disagree with our determination. Medicare will not initiate any recovery action while your appeal request is pending. Once we receive your request, we will decide whether our determination that you must repay Medicare \$53,295.14 is correct and send you a letter that explains the reasons for our decision. Our letter will also explain the steps you will need to follow to appeal that decision if it is less than fully favorable to you.

You have 120 days from receipt of this letter August 14, 2014 to file an appeal. We must assume that you received this letter within five (5) days of the date of the letter August 14, 2014 unless you furnish us with proof of the contrary.

If you do not already have an attorney or other representative and you want help with your request for waiver or appeal, you can have a friend, lawyer, or someone else help you. Some lawyers do not charge unless you win your case. There are groups, such as lawyer referral service that can help you find a lawyer. There are also groups, such as legal aid services, that will provide free legal services if you qualify.

#### V. What happens if I do not repay Medicare the amount I owe?

If you do not repay Medicare in full by October 12, 2014, you will be required to pay interest on any remaining balance, from the date of this letter, at a rate of 9.625% per year as determined by





federal regulation. If the debt is not fully resolved within 60 days of the date of this letter, interest is due and payable for each full 30 day period the debt remains unresolved. By law, all payments are applied to interest first, principal second. You can find the regulation that explains interest charges at 42 C.F.R., sub-section 411.24(m).

If you choose to appeal this determination or request a full or partial waiver of recovery, you may wish to repay Medicare the full amount or the amount you believe you owe within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter to avoid the assessment of interest. Interest accrues on any unpaid balance, which may include any amount you are determined to owe once a decision is reached on your request for waiver of recovery or appeal. If you receive a waiver of recovery or if you are successful in appealing our decision, Medicare will refund any excess amounts you have paid. Medicare will not initiate any recovery action while your request for waiver or appeal is pending.

If you can't repay Medicare in one payment, you may ask us to consider whether to allow you to pay in regular installments. If you make installment payments, you should be aware that your payments will be applied to any interest due first and then to the outstanding principal amount.

The provisions of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 apply to Medicare debt. Recovery actions may include collection by Treasury offset against any monies otherwise payable to the debtor by any agency of the United States (for example, tax refunds or federal benefits), among other collection methods. If Medicare intends to take collection action (including referral to Treasury), you will be provided with appropriate notice. This notice will include information concerning appropriate steps to avoid such actions.

#### **VI. Who should I contact if I have questions about this letter?**

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call the BCRC at 1-855-798-2627 (TTY/TDD: 1-855-797-2627 for the hearing and speech impaired) or you may contact us in writing at the address below. If you contact us in writing, please be sure to include the beneficiary's name, Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number (this is the number found on the beneficiary's red, white and blue Medicare card), and the date of the incident. Providing us with this information will help us respond more quickly to any questions you may have.

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Sincerely,  
BCRC

CC: ANGINO & ROVNER, P.C.

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### Payment Summary Form

Report Number: RMCAN - 5-5

Contractor: NGHIP

Date: 08/14/2014

Time: 06:02:02

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Beneficiary Name: TROSTLE, DAVID A

Beneficiary HICN: [REDACTED]

Case ID: [REDACTED]

Case Type: L - Liability

Date of Incident: 07/08/2011

TOS	ICN	Line #	Processing Contractor	Provider Name	Diagnosis Codes	From Date	To Date	Total Charges	Reimbursement Amount	Conditional Payment
20	[REDACTED]	0	52280	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$17,821.22	\$3,124.24	\$3,124.24
20	[REDACTED]	0	12501	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$16,447.55	\$9,527.48	\$9,527.48



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71	005	00882			\$229.00	\$55.02	\$55.02
71	007	00882			\$314.00	\$80.19	\$80.19
Sum of Total Charges:						\$226,354.88	
Total Conditional Charges:						\$84,353.11	



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RE: David A. Trostle  
HIC # [REDACTED]  
Date of Incident: 7/8/2011

To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed you will find the Proof Of Representation and Consent To Release. Our office represents Mr. Trostle regarding his injuries suffered on July 8, 2011 and we are hereby requesting a Conditional Payment Account Summary at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

Tiffany M. Herb, Paralegal to  
Attorney Rich Sadlock

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Exhibit 2



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*non-trauma based injury, this conditional payment amount will need to be revised. Please contact the MSPRC immediately with a description of the injury so that we may associate the appropriate claims with your case.*

We have posted this conditional payment information under the "MyMSP" tab on the [www.mymedicare.gov](http://www.mymedicare.gov) website. The information at [www.mymedicare.gov](http://www.mymedicare.gov) will be updated regularly with any changes or newly processed claims.

Please be advised that the conditional payment amount listed above is an interim amount. We are still reviewing medical claims related to your case. The conditional payment amount (including a zero amount) is not a final amount. It will be updated once we receive settlement information from you.

#### **Option to Self-Calculate Your Final Conditional Payment Amount Prior to Settlement**

If you have experienced a physical trauma based injury, can demonstrate that you have completed treatment, and expect to receive a settlement of \$25,000 or less, you may be able to participate in a new process that allows you to calculate your own FINAL conditional payment amount prior to settlement. Please visit [www.msprc.info](http://www.msprc.info) for additional details, including eligibility criteria, instructions on how and when to elect this option, and a special mailing address.

#### **Has Your Case Settled?**

If your case has settled, please provide us with a copy of:

- 1) The settlement agreement from the third party payer showing the total amount of the settlement, signed and dated, AND
- 2) Your closing statement reflecting the actual amount of the attorney's fees and cost (excluding medical bills)

#### **Questions or Concerns?**

If you have questions about this letter, you may call the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor (MSPRC) at 1-866-677-7220 (TTY/TDD: 1-866-677-7294 for the hearing and speech impaired) or you may contact us in writing at the address below. If you contact us in writing, please be sure to include the beneficiary's name and Medicare health insurance claim number.

If you have an attorney or other representative, you may wish to contact him or her first.

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## Payment Summary Form

Report Number:

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Contractor:

MEDICARE SECONDARY PAYER RECOVERY CONTRACTOR

Date: 05/20/2011

Time: 12:00 PM

TROSTLE, DAVID A

Case ID:

Case Type:

Date of Incident:

07/08/2011

TOS	ICN	Line #	Processing Contractor	Provider Name	Diagnosis Codes	From Date	To Date	Total Charges	Reimbursement Amount	Conditional Payment
71		006	008K2					\$126.00	\$39.38	\$39.38
71		004	008K2					\$125.00	\$32.50	\$32.50
71		005	008K2					\$125.00	\$32.50	\$32.50
71		006	008K2					\$125.00	\$32.50	\$32.50
71		007	008K2					\$125.00	\$32.50	\$32.50
71		008	008K2					\$125.00	\$32.50	\$32.50
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Exhibit 3





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71		011	00822					\$125.00	\$32.50	\$32.50
71		001	00822					\$339.00	\$00.50	\$00.50
71		002	00822					\$1,171.00	\$358.51	\$358.51
Sum of Total Charges:								\$3,236.00		
Total Conditional Charges:								\$725.17		

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Medicare Number: [REDACTED]  
Case Identification Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of Incident: July 08, 2011

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Sincerely,  
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Enclosure: Payment Summary Form



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Date: 05/22/2014

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Beneficiary Name: TROSTLE, DAVID A

Case ID: [REDACTED]

Beneficiary HICN: [REDACTED]

Case Type: L Liability

Date of Incident: 07/08/2011

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71	[REDACTED]	008	00882	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$125.00	\$32.59	\$32.59
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Enclosure: Payment Summary Form





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# ANGINO & LUTZ, P.C.

RICHARD C. ANGINO

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DAVID L. LUTZ

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August 26, 2014

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

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PO Box 138832

Oklahoma City, OK 73113

Re: **David A. Trostle**  
**Case ID No. [REDACTED]**  
**HIC No.: [REDACTED]**  
**Date of Injury: 07/08/11**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am attorney for David A. Trostle and I am responding to your communication of August 14, 2014, demanding \$53,295.14.

We notified you of our representation of Mr. Trostle by later dated March 28, 2013, copy of letter, Consent to Release and Proof of Representation forms enclosed.

On May 10, 2013, you acknowledged our office as representation, copy of letter enclosed.

On May 13, 2013, you sent out a form letter noting "if we know that you have a lawyer or other person representing you, we have sent him or her a courtesy copy of this letter and you will see him or her listed as a "cc" at the end of this letter." Angino & Rovner was listed and received a copy per cc.

On August 11, 2013, you confirmed original documentation previously sent on May 20, 2013, "as of this letter, Medicare has identified \$725.17 in conditional payments that we believe are associated with your claim. As an attachment to this letter you will find a Payment Summary Form which list claims that add up to this total. Please notify us in writing if you believe that the claims listed are incorrect or inaccurate. Please also provide a description of your injury if it helps us correct our records." Copy of letter and enclosure supporting Medicare payments of 10/21/2011.

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As of May 22, 2014, you verified a sum of total charges of \$4,703.01, and conditional charges of \$1,212.32, copy enclosed.

Relying upon your May 22, 2014, confirmation of total billings from the date of the incident July 8, 2011, through February 25, 2014, we settled this case for \$225,000.00.

We settled the case for \$225,000.00 based upon your assurance of May 22, 2014, and the assurance of the Tricare lien claim of \$40,586.37, but agreed to accept \$26,809.54 as full payment. On July 15, 2014, we faxed to you Final Settlement Detail Document indicating the total settlement of \$225,000.00, Med-Pay or PIP of \$1,577.50, Attorney Fee of \$78,750.00, Procurement Expenses Paid by the Beneficiary of \$4,092.40 and the Date the Case Was Settled of 7/9/2014. Copy of documents enclosed. Following the settlement, your August 14, 2014, notice to Mr. Trostle demands \$53,295.14.

Mr. Trostle does not have a legal obligation to pay \$53,295.14. His obligation is to pay only \$1,577.50. After receiving your August 14, 2014, demand we called your office and there was no explanation for the change from May 22, 2014, of \$1,212.32 to \$53,295.14. We relied upon the May 22, 2014, confirmation to settle the case. We will rely upon that letter to refuse to pay any additional amount.

Very truly yours,

Richard C. Angino

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 HARRISBURG, PA 17110-1708

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Beneficiary Name: DAVID TROSTLE  
 Medicare Number: [REDACTED]  
 Entitlement Date: [REDACTED]  
 Date of Incident: July 08, 2011  
 Case Identification Number: [REDACTED]  
 Document Control Number: 15082914-0003693

Dear ANGINO & LUTZ, P.C.:

This letter is in response to your August 28, 2014 request to appeal our initial determination of the amount/existence of Medicare's recovery claim. In your appeal request you stated that there are claims on the payment summary form unrelated to your case.

Individuals not involved in the original decision have reviewed your case. They have determined the claims listed on your payment summary form are related to your liability insurance (including self-insurance) settlement, judgment, award, or other payment, so we are upholding Medicare's recovery claim stated in our demand letter dated August 14, 2014.

The amount due through October 13, 2014 is \$53,295.14. (The principal amount is \$53,295.14 and the interest amount is \$0.00.) Please pay this amount by October 12, 2014.

Please make your check payable to Medicare, include a copy of this letter, and mail both to the Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) address on the bottom of this page. If payment in full is not received by October 12, 2014, the amount due, including interest, will be \$54,150.08. Please be advised that interest will continue accruing, and will be assessed every 30 days thereafter until the balance is paid in full.

If you disagree with this decision, you can request "reconsideration", the next level of appeal.

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BCRC Case Analyst

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Pittsford, NY 14534-1302

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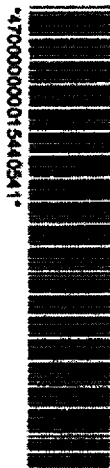
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- 9. Person Appealing: Beneficiary ☐ Representative ☐
- \* 10. Address of the Person Appealing: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 11. Printed Name of the Person Appealing: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 12. Signature of the Person Appealing: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Number

Redetermination Number:

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## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  
AUSA D. Brian Simpson, United States Attorney's Office MDPA  
228 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108  
(717)221-4482

## DEFENDANTS

Richard Angino, Esquire, Angino Law Firm, P.C. f/k/a Angino & Lutz,  
P.C. f/k/a Angino & Rovner, P.C., and Gloria Trostle, as Administratrix  
of the Estate of David A. Trostle,  
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Dauphin

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF  
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)  
Richard C. Angino, Esquire, Angino Law Firm  
4503 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
(717) 238-6791

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- |   | PTF                        | DEF                                   |   | PTF                                   | DEF                        |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5            | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance<br><input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine<br><input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument<br><input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits<br><input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits<br><input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract<br><input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise | <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane<br><input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander<br><input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine<br><input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle<br><input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury<br><input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice | <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability<br><b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud<br><input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending<br><input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage<br><input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881<br><input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other   | <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158<br><input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157<br><input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights<br><input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent<br><input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application<br><input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark | <input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))<br><input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust<br><input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking<br><input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations<br><input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit<br><input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV<br><input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange<br><input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions<br><input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts<br><input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters<br><input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure<br><input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land<br><input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property   | <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights<br><input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting<br><input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations<br><input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education  | <b>Habeas Corpus:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee<br><input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence<br><input type="checkbox"/> 530 General<br><input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty<br><b>Other:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights<br><input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition<br><input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement   | <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations<br><input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act | <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))<br><input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI<br><input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))  | <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609<br><input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration<br><input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision<br><input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes  |

## V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding  
☐ 2 Removed from State Court  
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened  
☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)  
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer  
☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(2)

Brief description of cause:  
Recover on a Medicare Secondary Payer claim

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 84,353.00 plus interest  
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE William W. Caldwell

DOCKET NUMBER 16-cv-00156

DATE  
July 7, 2017

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD  
/s D. Brian Simpson

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ APPLYING IFP \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ MAG. JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44****Authority For Civil Cover Sheet**

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- I.(a) **Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
  - (b) **County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
  - (c) **Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. **Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.  
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. **Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. **Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. **Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.  
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.  
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.  
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.  
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.  
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.  
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.  
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. **Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. **Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.  
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.  
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. **Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.