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Group Health Blames Seizure Patient for Pharmacy Error, Draws Lawsuit

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Seattle attorney Anne Bremner has filed a lawsuit against Group Health Cooperative (“GHC”) on behalf of a client seriously injured in June, 2012 due to a medication error at a GHC pharmacy. Although GHC initially admitted its error, GHC subsequently attempted to blame the patient, an epileptic mother of two, for GHC’s own mistake.

Court documents allege that the patient, eight months pregnant at the time, filled her regular prescription for anti-seizure medication and took it as directed. What the patient did not know was that GHC’s pharmacy had placed the correct label on a bottle of medication that was not prescribed. The patient and her unborn child ended up in the hospital for six days and the patient suffered months of damaging – yet preventable – seizures. The reasons for the error remain unclear.

“This is a case about owning up to mistakes,” says Bremner. “Because of the error and the severity of the injury, it became impossible for my client to be a functional mother, a good spouse, or able to manage her family’s affairs.”

The lawsuit demands a jury trial and seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

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