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Family gets \$6.7M for misdiagnosis

■ An appeal is being considered.

CLEVELAND (AP). — A jury has awarded \$6.7 million in damages to a family whose infant son lost his legs and fingers after a doctor's misdiagnosis.

A Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court jury approved the award Friday for Daniel Skrobot II, who is now 4, and his parents, Daniel and Cheryl Skrobot of Petersburg.

What suit said: Their lawsuit said the child became sick

in 1990 at 10 months. Dr. Adam Costarella diagnosed him as having a virus, but he was suffering from a bacterial infection that attacks the circulatory system, said Mark Hilkert, lawyer for the Skrobot family.

Atty. Hilkert said the child could have received antibiotics that would have spared him ravages of the infection if he had been properly diagnosed.

Dr. Costarella said the symptoms indicated the child had a virus.

Award: The jury approved an award of \$6.25 million for

the child and \$463,586 for his parents for expenses they have incurred.

Dr. Costarella and his corporation, Emergency Professional Services Inc. of Middleburg Heights, will consider an appeal, said his attorney, Anthony P. Dapore.

The child will turn 5 Monday and will start kindergarten in the fall. His prosthetic limbs must be replaced about every three years as he grows.

Dr. Costarella could not be reached for comment.