

OHIO COURT OF APPEALS, FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT, DELAWARE
COUNTY

Webb v. Morning View Delaware, Inc.

2026-Ohio-2441 · No. 25 CAE 11 0107 · Decided June 25, 2026

SUMMARY

The Ohio Court of Appeals for the Fifth District reversed and remanded summary judgment entered for nursing-home defendants in a survivorship and wrongful-death action. The court held that, following the 2019 amendment to R.C. 2305.113(B)(2), the 180-day medical-claim extension is effective when notice is sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, rather than when the notice is received. The court also sustained the appellant’s challenge to summary judgment on the wrongful-death claim.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Ohio Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District, Delaware County
WRITING FOR THE COURT	William B. Hoffman; Andrew J. King; Robert G. Montgomery
JURISDICTION	Ohio Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District, Delaware County
DECIDED	June 25, 2026
DOCKET	25 CAE 11 0107
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff appealed from summary-judgment entries dismissing his survivorship, negligence, medical-negligence, corporate-negligence, and wrongful-death claims as time-barred.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Summary judgment is reviewed de novo. The appellate court reviews the evidence in the same manner as the trial court; summary judgment is proper only when no genuine issue of material fact remains, the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and reasonable minds can reach only a conclusion adverse to the nonmoving party.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion

PARTIES

Phillip Webb, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Roxie Webb
v. Morning View Delaware, Inc. d/b/a Country View of Sunbury,
Foundations Health, Inc., Foundations Health Solutions, LLC,
Adam/Anne Doe, David/Diane Doe, John/Jane Doe, Registered
Nurses 1-10

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the 180-day extension under R.C. 2305.113(B) begins when the claimant sends the notice-of-claim letter by the statutory method or only when the defendant actually receives it.
2. Whether a wrongful-death claim involving alleged medical negligence is governed by the one-year limitation period for medical claims under R.C. 2305.113(A) rather than the two-year limitation period in R.C. 2125.02(F)(1).

HOLDINGS

1. Under the 2019 version of R.C. 2305.113(B)(2), notice of a medical claim is given, and the 180-day extension becomes effective, when the claimant sends the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to one of the statutorily specified addresses; the extension does not begin only upon the defendant's actual receipt.
2. The trial court erred in granting summary judgment on the wrongful-death claim based on the one-year limitation period in R.C. 2305.113(A) rather than the two-year period in R.C. 2125.02(F)(1).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Where a statute such as R.C. 2305.11(B) is silent as to how notice is to be effectuated, written notice will be deemed to have been given when received. Therefore, under R.C. 2305.11(B), the one-hundred-eighty-day period commences to run from the date the notice is received and not the date it is mailed.” (¶ 25)

“Thus, we conclude notice of the 180-day letter is no longer effective upon receipt, but rather when that notice is given “by certified mail, return receipt requested.”” (¶ 27)

“Because R.C. 2305.113 is remedial in nature and must be liberally construed in favor of giving the plaintiff, Appellant herein, an opportunity to litigate his case on the merits, we find the trial court erred in finding the 180-day extension period did not begin until Appellees received the notice-of-claim letter.” (¶ 29)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Roxie Webb was admitted to Country View of Sunbury, a nursing facility owned and operated by the appellees, on October 9, 2020, with multiple chronic medical conditions. Phillip Webb filed an action on July 22, 2024, individually and on behalf of her estate, alleging negligence, medical negligence, corporate negligence, and wrongful death. Webb's counsel sent three notice-of-claim letters under R.C. 2305.113(B), and the parties disputed whether those letters extended the applicable limitation period.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Webb filed suit individually and on behalf of Roxie Webb's estate alleging negligence, medical negligence, corporate negligence, and wrongful death. The trial court initially dismissed the wrongful-death and survivorship claims in part, later granted defendants summary judgment on the remaining claims, reconsidered its ruling as to wrongful death because the claim had not been adequately noticed, and then granted summary judgment on the wrongful-death claim under the one-year medical-claim limitation period. The appellate court sustained both assignments of error, reversed the judgment entries, and remanded for further proceedings.

DISPOSITION

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REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter was remanded to the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas for further proceedings consistent with the opinion and the law.

CASES CITED

- Smiddy v. The Wedding Party, Inc., 30 Ohio St. 3d 35, 36 (1987)
- Grafton v. Ohio Edison Co., 77 Ohio St. 3d 102, 105 (1996)
- Temple v. Wean United, Inc., 50 Ohio St. 2d 317 (1977)
- Dresher v. Burt, 75 Ohio St. 3d 280, 292-293 (1996)
- Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 325 (1986)
- R & R Plastics, Inc. v. F.E. Myers Co., 92 Ohio App. 3d 789, 807 (6th Dist. 1993)
- State v. Schneider, 2021-Ohio-653, ¶ 45 (4th Dist.)
- Wilson v. Lawrence, 2017-Ohio-1410, ¶ 11
- Wingate v. Hordge, 60 Ohio St. 2d 55, 58 (1979)
- Provident Bank v. Wood, 36 Ohio St. 2d 101 (1973)
- Jacobson v. Kaforey, 2016-Ohio-8434, ¶ 8
- State ex rel. Beard v. Hardin, 2018-Ohio-1286, ¶ 27
- Sears v. Weimer, 143 Ohio St. 312, paragraph 5 of the syllabus (1944)
- Christe v. Gms Mgmt. Co., 88 Ohio St. 3d 376, 377, 2000-Ohio-351
- Symmes Twp. Bd. of Trustees v. Smyth, 2000-Ohio-470
- Clark v. Scarpelli, 91 Ohio St. 3d 271, 278

- State ex rel. Board of Education v. Howard, 167 Ohio St. 93, 96 (1957)
- Gabbard v. Madison Loc. Sch. Dist. Bd. of Educ., 2021-Ohio-2067, ¶ 13
- Columbia Gas Transm. Corp. v. Levin, 2008-Ohio-511, ¶ 19
- Estate of Altizer v. Arbors at Gallipolis, 2026-Ohio-369 (4th Dist.)
- Crookston v. Lykins, 2024-Ohio-5131, ¶ 4 (5th Dist.)
- Edens v. Barberton Area Family Practice Ctr., 43 Ohio St. 3d 176 (1989)
- Moore v. Given, 39 Ohio St. 661, paragraph two of the syllabus (1884)
- Marshall v. Ortega, 1998 WL 702369, *10 (8th Dist.), aff'd, 87 Ohio St. 3d 522 (2000)
- Lewis v. Medcentral Health Sys., 2024-Ohio-533, ¶ 14 (5th Dist.)
- Flagstar Bank, F.S.B. v. Airline Union's Mtge. Co., 2011-Ohio-1961, ¶ 7
- Draher v. Walters, 130 Ohio St. 92 (1935)

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