

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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DEBORAH K. BAKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

NURSING ENTERPRISES, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

11-cv-555-bbc

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DEBORAH K. BAKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON HARRIS GROUP,

Defendant.

ORDER

11-cv-556-bbc

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DEBORAH K. BAKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN MCHUGH, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Army,  
CPT JOSEPH CATAMISAN and  
LISA FORD, Health Service Specialist/ COR Ft. Knox/DOD Employee,

Defendants.

ORDER

11-cv-557-bbc

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Plaintiff Deborah Baker, who is proceeding pro se, has filed three proposed civil actions for monetary relief alleging that defendants wrongfully terminated her civilian employment contract as an LPN at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in each action and has supported her requests with the required affidavits of indigency.

The factors for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status are:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.

- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

Here, plaintiff has one dependent. Her monthly income is \$1,900, and her husband's monthly income is \$1,120. Thus, their combined annual income is \$32,540 after subtracting \$3,700 for one dependent. Because plaintiff's income is greater than \$32,000, if she wishes to proceed with these three cases, she will have to pay each of the \$350 filing fees in full.

#### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff is DENIED leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in case 11-cv-555-bbc because she does not qualify for indigent status. Plaintiff may have until September 2, 2011, in which to pay the \$350 fee for filing this lawsuit. If, by September 2, 2011, plaintiff fails to pay the fee for case 11-cv-555-bbc, the clerk of court is directed to enter judgment dismissing this case without prejudice for plaintiff's failure to prosecute it.
2. Plaintiff is DENIED leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in case 11-cv-556-bbc because she does not qualify for indigent status. Plaintiff may have until September 2, 2011, in which to pay the \$350 fee for filing this lawsuit. If, by September 2, 2011, plaintiff fails to pay the fee for case 11-cv-556-bbc, the clerk of court is directed to enter judgment dismissing this case without prejudice for plaintiff's failure to prosecute it.
3. Plaintiff is DENIED leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in case 11-cv-557-bbc because she does not qualify for indigent status. Plaintiff may have until September 2, 2011, in which to pay the \$350 fee for filing this. If, by September 2, 2011, plaintiff fails to pay the fee for case 11-cv-557-bbc, the clerk of court is directed to enter judgment dismissing this case without prejudice for plaintiff's failure to prosecute it.

Entered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge