**STATE OF MICHIGAN**
**IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS**

**NORTHCARE NETWORK MENTAL HEALTH CARE ENTITY,**
**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY,**
**REGION 10 PIHP, and**
**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN**
Plaintiffs,
v

**STATE OF MICHIGAN,**
**STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, a Michigan State Agency, and its Director,**
**ELIZABETH HERTEL, in her official capacity,**
Defendants.

Case No. 24-000198-MZ
(consolidated)

Hon. Sima Patel

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**LAKESHORE REGIONAL ENTITY,**
Plaintiff,
v

**STATE OF MICHIGAN,**
**STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, a Michigan State Agency, and its Director,**
**ELIZABETH HERTEL, in her official capacity,**
Defendants.

Case No. 25-000078-MK
(consolidated)

Hon. Sima Patel

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**STIPULATED CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULING ORDER**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon the stipulation of the Parties, and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

**IT IS ORDERED THAT**, due to the Court's consolidation of the above-captioned cases, the current dates and deadlines are re-set as follows**:**

1. **Initial Disclosures.** The Parties shall exchange initial disclosures pursuant to MCR 2.302 within **twenty-one (21) days** after the Defendants files their Answer in Case No. 25-000078-MK, unless such disclosures have already been provided. Each Party shall file a copy of its initial disclosures with the Court Clerk.

2. **Lay Witness Lists.** All Parties shall exchange and file lay witness lists on or before **Friday, October 30, 2026**.

3. **Expert Witness Lists.** All Parties shall exchange and file expert witness lists on or before **Friday, December 4, 2026**. No expert reports shall be required.

4. **Mediator Selection and Mediation.** The Parties Lakeshore Regional Entity and Defendants shall in good faith engage in mediation by **Friday, May 14, 2027**. The parties designate Hon. Phillip Shefferly (Ret) as mediator, whose costs are to be split equally between the Parties. An anticipated or estimated damages computation, shall be exchanged thirty (30) days prior to mediation; provided, however, that such damages computation is preliminary in nature, is submitted solely for purposes of facilitating mediation, shall not constitute an admission by any Party, shall not be admissible at trial or in connection with any motion, and shall not be binding upon the Parties or operate to cap, limit, or otherwise restrict the damages any Party may seek or recover at trial.

5. **Discovery.** All discovery shall be completed on or before **Friday, April 30, 2027**. The Parties may stipulate to extend discovery deadlines so long as such extension does not require adjournment of any other dates set forth in this Order. Any other extensions of the discovery period shall require a showing of good cause. Unless otherwise stipulated or ordered for good cause, each deposition (fact or expert) shall be limited to one day, defined as no more than seven (7) hours of on-the-record examination.

6. **Dispositive Motions.** Any dispositive motions shall be filed no later **Friday, May 28, 2027**. Responses to any dispositive motion shall be due **twenty-one (21) days** after the motion is filed, and reply briefs shall be due **ten (10) days** after the response is filed. Dispositive motions shall comply with MCR 2.116. The Court will set a hearing date, if necessary. Pursuant to MCR 2.116, each Party may file one (1) dispositive motion as of right under subrules (C)(6), (C)(7), (C)(8), and (C)(10); any additional dispositive motions require leave of Court. A party may combine multiple subsections into one motion. All PDF exhibits filed with a motion shall be bookmarked.

7. **Joint Final Pretrial Order.** The Parties shall confer and submit a Joint Final Pretrial Order within **thirty (30) days** after the resolution of any dispositive motions, or, if no dispositive motions are filed, within thirty (30) days after the dispositive motion deadline has passed.

8. **Trial.** The Court will schedule a date for trial and pre-trial.

9. **Motions in Limine.** All motions in limine shall be filed no less than **twenty-one (21) days** before trial and heard no less than **seven (7) days** before trial.

This Order does not resolve the last pending claim, and does not close the case.

Dated: September 15, 2026

Hon. Sima Patel
Judge of the Court of Claims

I stipulate to entry of the above Order:

*/s/Christopher J. Ryan*
Attorney for Plaintiffs

*/s/Marissa A. Wiesen*
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