STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS

JEROME ALLEN MCCRAY, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ANDREA FERGUSON,

Defendants.

COC Case No.: 25-000119-MM

HON. SIMA G. PATEL

STIPULATED SCHEDULING ORDER

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NOW COME the parties, pro se litigant and by and through counsel for Defendants, and having met and conferred, submit the following Stipulated Scheduling Order.

1. **Exchange of Initial Disclosures**: The parties shall file a copy of their initial disclosures with the court clerk. Plaintiff shall serve his initial

disclosures on or before **May 26, 2026**, and the Defendants shall serve their initial disclosures on or before J**une 9, 2026,** in accordance with MCR 2.302.

2. **Witness Lists**: The parties shall serve and file their witness lists on or before **July 17, 2026**. The parties agree to exchange witness lists that identify the names and addresses of each witness that the party intends to call to testify, as well as the subject matter of their testimony. Furthermore, the parties agree to disclose the subject matter, facts, opinions, and bases for those opinions, for each expert witness that the party intends to call to testify.

3. **Mediation:** Mediation will occur within 90 days of the court's decision(s) with respect to any dispositive motions that may be filed after the issuance of this scheduling order. The parties will agree on a mediator and will share the cost of mediation.

4. **Discovery:** The parties agree that discovery will be completed by **November 12, 2026**. The parties agree to engage in a good-faith effort to respond to discovery requests. Good-faith efforts include, but are not limited to, immediately beginning a rolling production of any documents to be produced in response to requests for production and producing documents with regular frequency thereafter. Good-faith efforts do not prohibit any party from objecting to a discovery request.

5. **Dispositive Motions:** All dispositive motions, including motions for summary disposition under MCR 2.116 shall be filed on or before **January 15, 2027.**

6. **Related Circuit Court Cases:**

The parties are also advised as to the following:

Motion Practice – Non-dispositive motions may be filed at any time and should comply with MCR 2.119. Response briefs to non-dispositive motions are due 14 days after the filing of the motion and reply briefs are due 7 days after the filing of the response. Parties are directed to bookmark all PDF exhibits filed with a motion.

Trial, Final Pretrial and Motions in Limine – Dates for trial and final pre-trial will be set by the Court. All motions in limine shall be filed no less than 21 days before trial and heard no less than 7 days before trial. Parties are encouraged to file motions in limine as early as possible. Parties are directed to bookmark all PDF exhibits filed with a motion.

Status Conferences – The Court will schedule status conferences as needed. If the parties believe that a status conference is needed at any point during the litigation the Court should be notified.

Settlement Conference – If the parties believe a settlement conference would be helpful, a different Court of Claims judge will conduct a conference upon request.

The parties stipulate to the entry of the above Order.

/s/_____
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May 4, 2026

Date: April ____, 2026

Date: May 5, 2026

The above Stipulated Scheduling Order is Approved and Entered as an Order of this Court.

THIS IS NOT A FINAL ORDER.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 6, 2026

Hon. Sima G. Patel
Court of Claims Judge