STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS

REGION 10 PIHP, SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK, ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, INTEGRATED SERVICES OF KALAMAZOO, and SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY,

Plaintiffs,

v

STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, a Michigan State Agency, and STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET, a Michigan State Agency,

Defendants.

Consolidated COC Case Nos.: 25-000143-MB and 25-000162-MB

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Plaintiffs,

v

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NOW COME the parties (Region 10 Plaintiffs,[1] Centra Wellness Plaintiffs,[2] and Defendants[3]), by and through their respective counsels, and having met and conferred, submit the following Stipulated Scheduling Order.

1. **Briefing**: Each party may file a supplemental brief on the remaining issue identified in this Court's October 14, 2025 Opinion and Order Resolving Requests for Summary Disposition. Each party's initial supplemental brief shall be filed with this Court by **5:00 P.M. on November 24, 2025**. Each party may file a response brief to the opposing party's supplemental brief. Any response briefs shall be filed with this Court by **5:00 P.M. on December 5, 2025**.

[1] "Region 10 Plaintiffs" include all Plaintiffs identified in Case No.: 25-000143-MB.

[2] "Centra Wellness Plaintiffs" include all Plaintiffs identified in Case No.: 25-000162-MB.

[3] "Defendants" include all Defendants identified in Case Nos. 25-000143-MB and 25-000162-MB.

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2. **Discovery:** 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. Absent good cause, a party desiring to take the deposition of a party on oral examination must give at least three (3) business days' notice to every other party to the action.

3. **Witness Lists**: The parties agree to exchange witness lists that identify the names and addresses of each witness that the party intends to call to testify at the December 8-9, 2025 hearing, 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 at the December 8-9, 2025 hearing. Witness lists are due by **5 P.M. on December 4, 2025.**

4. **Exhibit Lists:** The parties agree to exchange exhibit lists that identify each exhibit that the party intends to rely upon during the December 8-9, 2025 hearing. The parties also agree to provide a copy of each exhibit with their disclosure, unless the exhibit has been attached as an exhibit to a brief or otherwise provided to the opposing party in the course of this litigation. Furthermore, the parties stipulate to the admission of each exhibit that was attached to both side's brief for purposes of the December 8-9, 2025 hearing. In other words, where both

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sides attached a document to their briefs, those documents will be deemed admitted. Exhibit lists are due by **5 P.M. on December 4, 2025.**

5. **December 8-9, 2025 Hearing:** The parties agree that the December 8-9, 2025 hearing shall consist of three parts: (1) opening questions from the Court; (2) witness testimony; and (3) closing arguments. The parties further agree, subject to this Court's discretion, on the following schedule for the hearing:

December 8, 2025 (Day 1)

9:00 A.M. – Opening Questions from the Court

10:30 A.M. – Witness Testimony

12:00 P.M. – Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. – Witness Testimony

5:00 P.M. – Conclude Day 1

December 9, 2025 (Day 2)

9:00 A.M. – Witness Testimony

12:00 P.M. – Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. – Closing Arguments[4]

2:30 P.M. – Conclude Day 2

a. **Opening Questions from the Court:** Each party (Region 10 Plaintiffs, Centra Wellness Plaintiffs, and Defendants), subject to this Court's discretion, shall have an opportunity to answer any questions the Court may have.

[4] Pursuant to this Court's discretion, closing Arguments and the conclusion of Day 2 may be extended, if necessary, such that each side receives equal amounts of additional time.

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b. **Witness Testimony:** Each party (Region 10 Plaintiffs, Centra Wellness Plaintiffs, and Defendants) shall have an opportunity to call witnesses who may provide relevant testimony. Subject to this Court's discretion, Region 10 Plaintiffs and Centra Wellness Plaintiffs shall have, combined, no more than 270 minutes to direct or cross-examine witnesses. Defendants shall have no more than 240 minutes to direct or cross-examine witnesses. Consistent with MRE 611, the Court retains discretion to control the mode and order of examining witnesses and presenting evidence so as to make the procedures effective for determining the truth, avoid wasting time, and protecting witnesses from harassment or undue embarrassment.

c. **Closing Arguments:** Each party (Region 10 Plaintiffs, Centra Wellness Plaintiffs, and Defendants), subject to this Court's discretion, shall have an opportunity to make a closing argument to the Court to conclude the hearing. The closing argument may include the respective party's arguments on the merits of the issue that remains before this Court and answers to the Court's questions.

THIS IS NOT A FINAL ORDER.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: December 4, 2025

Hon. Christopher P. Yates
Court of Claims Judge

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We stipulate to entry of the above order.

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