STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS

ASHLEY BELCHER, Personal Representative of The ESTATE OF ETHAN BELCHER, deceased, and ASHLEY BELCHER, as Next Friend of M.B., a minor, Plaintiff, v MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Defendant.	COC Case No.: 26-000011-MM HON. CHRISTOPHER P. YATES **STIPULATED ORDER RE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT AND DEADLINES FOR RESPONSE TO AMENDED COMPLAINT**

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THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon the below stipulation of the parties, the parties having discussed the status of this matter, and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

On January 15, 2026, Plaintiffs filed a complaint in the above-captioned case. On January 21, 2026, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint. The parties, through counsel, have discussed the status of this matter. State Defendant, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), agrees to acknowledge service of the summons and complaint in this matter to save the expense of service. The parties now stipulate to the below response/briefing schedule:

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Defendant MDHHS has acknowledged service of the summons and complaint in this matter.
2. Defendant MDHHS' response to Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint is due on May 1, 2026.
3. If Defendant's response to the Amended Complaint is a motion for summary disposition, Plaintiffs shall have until June 15, 2026 to file a response. And Defendant shall have until June 29, 2026 to file a reply. The Court will then determine whether to schedule a hearing or dispense with oral argument.

This is not a final order and does not close the case.

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Dated: March 5, 2026

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Attorney for Defendant MDHHS
Michigan Department of Attorney General

Dated: March 5, 2026

CHRISTOPHER P. YATES (P41077)
Judge, Court of Claims

Date: March 6, 2026

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