# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No.

BARBARA COLEMAN, LAURA STEWART, LIAN TANG, DONNA WEATHERBY, GALE LEE, and KAREN JUDD

individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiffs,

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DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, INC. and TOTAL RENAL CARE INC.

Defendants.

#### **COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**

BARBARA COLEMAN, LAURA STEWART, LIAN TANG, DONNA WEATHERBY, GALE LEE, and KAREN JUDD, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA, by and through their counsel, for their Complaint against Defendants DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, INC. and TOTAL RENAL CARE INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Defendants") hereby state and allege as follows:

# PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

- 1. Defendants are a Fortune 500 Company that provides a variety of health care services to patients thought the United States and abroad. Defendants specialize in dialysis services for patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease.
- 2. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated are non-exempt hourly employees of Defendants. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated are all located within a geographic area designated and defined by Defendants as encompassing the states of Tennessee and Mississippi, and parts of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, and Georgia, and are collectively referred to by Defendants as the "Trailblazers."
- 3. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated in the "Trailblazers" zone are subject to the same illegal policy and practice of failing to pay workers for all time worked and failing to pay overtime wages. That policy and practice is based, in part, on direct patient care hours per treatment and the calculation of direct patient care hours for each facility established by corporate DaVita that reduces Defendants' patient to staff ratios and require Plaintiffs and those similarly situated to work more hours for which they are not properly compensated.
- 4. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were/are not properly paid for all work performed for the benefit of the employer.
- 5. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were/are not properly paid for overtime, time and a half, for over forty (40) hours in a workweek.
- 6. Defendants required Plaintiffs and those similarly situated to clock out for their meal breaks. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were/are required to perform work-related duties during meal breaks. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were/are

not paid for work-related interruptions that occurred/occur during meal breaks during their shifts wherein they worked more than five consecutive hours. Defendants failed to change Plaintiffs', and those similarly situateds', time records to reflect the additional time worked on behalf of the employer even when Plaintiffs and those similarly situated requested that their time records be corrected by management.

- 7. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were/are not properly paid for other work-related duties which occurred outside of their scheduled shift hours and/or on weekends. Defendants failed to change Plaintiffs', and those similarly situateds', time records to reflect the additional time worked on behalf of the employer even when Plaintiffs and those similarly situated requested that their time records be corrected by management.
- 8. Defendants failed to properly maintain accurate daily records of all hours worked by Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as required by federal law because Defendants are not properly recording all hours worked, including overtime.

This cause of action is brought as a collective action pursuant to federal law to recover from Defendants unpaid wages, overtime compensation, a declaratory judgment, liquidated damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs and attorneys' fees and pre and post judgment interest associated with the bringing of this action, plus any additional relief that is just and proper for Plaintiffs and those similarly situated under federal law.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 9. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA incorporate herein by this reference the allegations contained in this Complaint as if set forth *verbatim*.
- 10. The FLSA authorizes court actions by private parties to recover damages for violation of the FLSA's wage and hour provisions. Jurisdiction over Plaintiffs', and those similarly situated, FLSA claims are based upon 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 11. Subject Matter jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by Title 28 U.S.C. § 1337 and by Title 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants were/are an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for consumers as defined § 3(r) and 3(s) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 203(r) and 203(s). The annual gross sales volume of the Defendant was in excess of \$500,000 per annum.
- 12. Alternatively, Plaintiffs and those similarly situated worked in interstate commerce so as to fall within the protections of the FLSA.
- 13. Venue is proper in the District of Colorado pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a).

## COVERAGE PURUSANT TO THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

14. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA incorporate herein by this reference the allegations contained in this Complaint as if set forth *verbatim*.

- 15. At all times material hereto, Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were "employees" of Defendants within the meaning of FLSA because they were individuals employed by an employer.
- 16. At all times material hereto, Plaintiffs BARBARA COLEMAN, LAURA STEWART, LIAN TANG, DONNA WEATHERBY, GALE LEE, KAREN JUDD, and those similarly situated were hourly employees eligible for overtime pay.
- 17. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff BARBARA COLEMAN was classified both as a facility administrator (exempt position) as well as a Registered Nurse (non-exempt position). Plaintiff BARBARA COLEMAN was not paid any overtime for work performed on behalf of Defendants as a non-exempt hourly Registered Nurse.
- 18. At all times material hereto, Defendants were an "employer" within the meaning of FLSA because Defendants acted directly or indirectly in the interest of the employer in relation to an employee. 29 U.S.C. § 203(d). See Koellhoffer v. Plotke-Giordani, 858 F. Supp. 2d 1181, 1189 (D. Colo. 2012).
- 19. The FLSA "defines the verb 'employ' expansively to mean 'suffer or permit to work." *Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co. v. Darden,* 503 U.S. 318, 326 (1992) (quoting 29 U.S.C. § 203(g)). "An entity 'suffers or permits' an individual to work if, as a matter of 'economic reality', the entity functions as the individual's employer." *Goldberg v. Whitaker House Coop., Inc.,* 366 U.S. 28, 33 (1961).
- 20. At all times material hereto, Defendants were/are an employer because Defendants had the ability to do the following with respect to Plaintiffs and those similarly situated: hire and fire, supervise work schedules and conditions of

employment, determined rates and method of payment and were obligated under the law to maintain employment records.

- 21. Also, at all times material hereto, Defendants were/are an employer because Defendants held exclusive operational control over Plaintiffs and those similarly situated, were solely responsible for the day-to-day operations *and* had direct responsibility for the supervision of Plaintiffs and those similarly situated.
- 22. At all times material hereto, Defendants employed two (2) or more employees.
- 23. At all times material hereto, Defendants were, and continue to be an "enterprise engaged in commerce" within the meaning of FLSA.
- 24. The FLSA defines an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce as one that "(a)(i) has employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, or that has employees handling, selling, or otherwise working on goods or materials that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person; *and* (ii) is an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000...." 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(1).
- 25. At all times material hereto, Defendants were, and continue to be, an "enterprise engaged in commerce" within the meaning of FLSA.
- 26. At all times material hereto, Defendants gross annual revenue was in excess of \$500,000 per annum during the relevant time periods.
- 27. At all times material hereto, Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were "engaged in commerce" and subject to individual coverage of the FLSA.

28. Likewise, section 13 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 213, exempts certain categories of employees from overtime pay obligations. Because none of the FLSA exemptions apply to Plaintiffs and those similarly situated, at all times material hereto, Plaintiffs and those similarly situated were/are non-exempt.

# **PARTIES**

- 29. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA incorporate herein by this reference the allegations contained in this Complaint as if set forth *verbatim*.
- 30. At all times pertinent hereto, individual Plaintiff BARBARA COLEMAN resided in the State of Mississippi with a residential address in Southhaven, Mississippi 38672.
- 31. At all times pertinent hereto, individual Plaintiff LAURA STEWART resided in the State of Tennessee with a residential address in Memphis, Tennessee 38127.
- 32. At all times pertinent hereto, individual Plaintiff LIAN TANG resided in the State of Mississippi with a residential address in Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654.
- 33. At all times pertinent hereto, individual Plaintiff DONNA WEATHERBY resided in the State of Tennessee with a residential address in Memphis, Tennessee 38127.
- 34. At all times pertinent hereto, individual Plaintiff GALE LEE resided in the State of Arkansas with a residential address in Marion, Arkansas 72364.
- 35. At all times pertinent hereto, individual Plaintiff KAREN JUDD resided in the State of Kentucky with a residential address in Florence, KY 41042.

- 36. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff BARBARA COLEMAN was classified both as a facility administrator (exempt position) as well as a Registered Nurse (non-exempt position). Plaintiff BARBARA COLEMAN was not paid any overtime for work performed on behalf of Defendants as a non-exempt hourly Registered Nurse.
- 37. At all times material hereto, individual Plaintiff LAURA STEWART worked as a non-exempt hourly employee for Defendants as a Certified Patient Care Technician.
- 38. At all times material hereto, individual Plaintiff LIAN TANG worked as a non-exempt hourly employee for Defendants as a Registered Nurse.
- 39. At all times material hereto, individual Plaintiff DONNA WEATHERBY worked as a non-exempt hourly employee for Defendants as a Licensed Practical Nurse.
- 40. At all times material hereto, individual Plaintiff GALE LEE worked as a non-exempt hourly employee for Defendants as a Patient Care Technician and an Administrative Assistant.
- 41. At all times material hereto, individual Plaintiff KAREN JUDD worked as a non-exempt hourly employee for Defendants as a Registered Nurse.
- 42. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff and all similarly-situated employees were performing their duties for the benefit of and on behalf of Defendants.
- 43. Defendants should be in possession of the time entries and wage records for Plaintiffs, individually and collectively, for each and every workweek.

- 44. Upon information and belief, Defendant DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS is a Colorado incorporated company organized under the laws of Colorado doing business at 2000 16<sup>th</sup> Street Denver, CO 80202.
- 45. Upon information and belief, Defendants TOTAL RENAL CARE, INC. is a Colorado incorporated company organized under the laws of Colorado doing business at 2000 16<sup>th</sup> Street Denver, CO 80202.
- 46. Defendants are/were employers for the purposes of the FLSA, and are the proper Defendants/employers for Plaintiffs and other similarly situated, non-exempt workers of Defendants.

# **COLLECTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

- 47. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA incorporate herein by this reference the allegations contained in this Complaint as if set forth *verbatim*.
- 48. Plaintiffs bring their First Claim for Relief, the FLSA claim, as an "opt-in" collective action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 49. The FLSA claims may be pursued by those who opt-in to this case, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 50. Plaintiffs individually and on behalf of other similarly-situated employees (hereinafter also referred to as Opt-in Plaintiffs) seek relief on a collective basis challenging, among other FLSA violations, Defendants' practice of failing to accurately record all hours worked and failing to pay for all hours worked, including overtime compensation. Plaintiffs also seek relief on a collective basis for any and all retaliation for asserting their rights. The number and identity of other Opt-in Plaintiffs will be

determined from the records of Defendants, and potential members may easily and quickly be notified of the pendency of this action.

# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and Failure to Maintain Records (ALL COLLECTIVE MEMBERS)

- 51. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA incorporate herein by this reference the allegations contained in this Complaint as if set forth *verbatim*.
- 52. At all times material herein, Opt-in Plaintiffs have been entitled to the rights, protections, and benefits provided under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq*.
- 53. The FLSA regulates, among other things, payment of overtime pay by employers such as the Defendants.
- 54. Defendants were, and are, subject to the recordkeeping and overtime pay requirements of the FLSA because they are an enterprise engaged in commerce and its employees are engaged in commerce.
- 55. Defendants violated the FLSA by failing to pay Opt-in Plaintiffs for all of their time worked, including overtime. In the course of perpetrating these unlawful practices, Defendants have also willfully failed to keep accurate records of all hours worked by employees. Defendants have also willfully failed to provide paystubs to their employees and/or documentation of hours worked and monies paid to their employees.
- 56. Section 13 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 213, exempts certain categories of employees from overtime pay obligations. None of the FLSA exemptions apply to Opt-in Plaintiffs. Accordingly, Opt-in Plaintiffs must be paid overtime pay in accordance with the FLSA.

- 57. Opt-in Plaintiffs were required to clock out by Defendants for their meal breaks, but were/are required to perform work-related duties during meal breaks. Opt-in Plaintiffs were/are not paid for work-related interruptions that occurred/occur during meal breaks during their shifts wherein they worked more than five consecutive hours. Defendants failed to change Plaintiff's and those Opt-in Plaintiffs' time records to reflect the additional time worked on behalf of the employer even when Opt-in Plaintiffs and those similarly situated requested that their time records be corrected by management.
- 58. Opt-in Plaintiffs were/are not properly paid for other work-related duties which occurred outside of their scheduled shift hours and/or on weekends. Defendants failed to change Opt-in Plaintiffs' time records to reflect the additional time worked on behalf of the employer even when Opt-in Plaintiffs requested that their time records be corrected by management.
- 59. Defendants failed to properly maintain accurate daily records of all hours worked by Opt-in Plaintiffs as required by federal law because Defendants are not properly recording all hours worked, including overtime.
- 60. Opt-in Plaintiffs are victims of a uniform compensation policy practice. This uniform policy and practice is in violation of the FLSA.
- 61. Opt-in Plaintiffs are entitled to damages equal to the unpaid wages and mandated overtime premium pay within the three years preceding the filing of this Complaint because Defendants acted willfully and knew, or showed reckless disregard of whether, its conduct was prohibited by the FLSA.
- 62. As a result of the aforesaid willful violations of the FLSA overtime provisions, overtime compensation has been unlawfully withheld by Defendants from

Opt-in Plaintiffs for which Defendants are liable pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), together with an additional equal amount as liquidated damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of this action.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and Failure to Maintain Records (PLAINTIFFS, INDIVIDUALLY)

- 63. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA and as a class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 incorporate herein by this reference the allegations contained in this Complaint as if set forth *verbatim*.
- 64. At all times material herein, Plaintiffs, individually, are entitled to the rights, protections, and benefits provided under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq*.
- 65. The FLSA regulates, among other things, payment of overtime pay by employers such as the Defendants.
- 66. Defendants were, and are, subject to the recordkeeping and overtime pay requirements of the FLSA because they are an enterprise engaged in commerce and its employees are engaged in commerce.
- 67. Defendants violated the FLSA by failing to pay Plaintiffs for all of their time worked, including overtime. In the course of perpetrating these unlawful practices, Defendants have also willfully failed to keep accurate records of all hours worked by employees. Defendants have also willfully failed to provide paystubs to their employees and/or documentation of hours worked and monies paid to their employees.
- 68. Section 13 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 213, exempts certain categories of employees from overtime pay obligations. None of the FLSA exemptions apply to Opt-in

Plaintiffs. Accordingly, Opt-in Plaintiffs must be paid overtime pay in accordance with the FLSA.

- 69. Defendants required Plaintiffs to clock out for meal breaks. Defendants also required Plaintiffs to perform work-related duties during meal breaks. Plaintiffs were not paid for work-related interruptions that occurred/occur during meal breaks during their shifts wherein they worked more than five consecutive hours. Defendants failed to change Plaintiffs' time records to reflect the additional time worked on behalf of the employer even when Plaintiffs requested that their time records be corrected by management.
- 70. Plaintiffs were not properly paid for other work-related duties which occurred outside of their scheduled shift hours and/or on weekends. Defendants failed to change Plaintiffs' time records to reflect the additional time worked on behalf of the employer.
- 71. Defendants failed to properly maintain accurate daily records of all hours worked by Plaintiffs as required by federal law because Defendants are not properly recording all hours worked, including overtime.
- 72. Plaintiffs are a victim of a uniform compensation policy practice. This uniform policy and practice, in violation of the FLSA.
- 73. Plaintiffs are entitled to damages equal to the unpaid wages and mandated overtime premium pay within the three years preceding the filing of this Complaint because Defendants acted willfully and knew, or showed reckless disregard of whether, its conduct was prohibited by the FLSA.

74. As a result of the aforesaid willful violations of the FLSA overtime provisions, overtime compensation has been unlawfully withheld by Defendants from Plaintiff for which Defendants are liable pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), together with an additional equal amount as liquidated damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of this action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA demand judgment against Defendants, for the payment of compensation for which they have not been properly paid, liquidated damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and for all other appropriate relief requested herein and available pursuant to federal law.

# **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs and those similarly situated as part of a collective pursuant to the FLSA request a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

DATED: November 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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JS 44 (Rev. 06/17) District of Colorado Form

# **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
  - (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
  - (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)

- **III. Residence** (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- **IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: <a href="Nature of Suit Code Descriptions">Nature of Suit Code Descriptions</a>.
- **V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.

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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

  Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

  Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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District of Colorado						
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A lawsuit has been filed against you.						
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:  RAMOS LAW LLC  3000 YOUNGFIELD STREET, #200  WHEAT RIDGE, CO 80215						
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## PROOF OF SERVICE

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was received by me on (date)		This summons for (na	nme of individual and title, if a	ny)							
I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name)	was re	ceived by me on (date)									
□ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name)		☐ I personally served	d the summons on the inc	dividual at (place)							
				on (date)	; or						
on (date), and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or, who is designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization); or; or; or; or; Other (specify):  My fees are \$ for travel and \$ for services, for a total of \$  I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.  Date:		☐ I left the summons	☐ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name)								
☐ I served the summons on (name of individual)		, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,									
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization)  On (date)  ; or  I returned the summons unexecuted because  ; or  Other (specify):  My fees are \$ for travel and \$ for services, for a total of \$  I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.  Date:  Server's signature  Printed name and title		on (date), and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or									
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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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