

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE GREATER CINCINNATI
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DATA
INCIDENT LITIGATION

Case No. A2400433

Hon. Judge Melba D. Marsh

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

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This Settlement Agreement and Release (“Settlement Agreement”) is entered into by and between (i) Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (“GCBHS”) and (ii) Donald Hoskins, Queen Hardin, and Thomas Manier (“Plaintiffs”) both individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class, in the case of *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, No. A2400433, Hamilton County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas (the “Litigation”). GCBHS and Plaintiffs are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.” The Settlement Agreement is subject to Court approval and intended by the Settling Parties to resolve, discharge, and settle the Released Claims and this Litigation (as defined below), upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND RECITALS

1. On or about December 10, 2023, GCBHS discovered it was the victim of a ransomware attack perpetrated by the threat actor known as DragonForce. GCBHS’ investigation determined that on December 9, 2023, DragonForce obtained access to GCBHS network by compromising the credentials to a particular user account, potentially accessing more than 72 gigabytes of patient and employee data, including that belonging to Plaintiffs and Class Members (the “Data Incident”).

2. On January 25, 2024, GCBHS published a public notice of the Data Incident on its website. On January 29, 2024, GCBHS submitted a media notice to the Cincinnati Enquirer, which was published on February 2, 2024. Thereafter, on June 12, 2024, GCBHS issued the first wave of individual notice letters. Following the Data Incident, two cases pertaining to the Data Incident were filed by Lisa Marques and Krissy Monghan and subsequently consolidated in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. On June 20, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Complaint that substituted Donald Hoskins and Thomas Manier as the named plaintiffs and removed Lisa Marques and Krissy Monghan. The Consolidated Complaint asserted claims of negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of implied contract, and unjust enrichment. Plaintiffs alleged that Defendant failed to adequately secure its systems, and that as a result, cybercriminals were able to access Defendant’s network and allegedly steal sensitive personally identifiable information (“PII”) and protected health information (“PHI,” and collectively with PII, “Private Information”) belonging to Plaintiffs and the putative Class Members.

3. On February 11, 2025, following the exchange of Rule 408 discovery and a settlement demand, the Parties attended a full day mediation with retired United States Magistrate Judge David E. Jones. Although the mediation session did not result in an immediate resolution, the Parties continued good faith negotiations over a period of months, ultimately reaching a settlement in principle to resolve all claims arising from the Data Incident, including all claims Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members have or may have had against Defendant and related persons and entities, as set forth herein.

4. This Settlement Agreement resolves the claims of Plaintiffs and putative Class Members related to the alleged access to their names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, driver’s license or state identification numbers, health insurance policy or plan numbers, and healthcare information (Medicare/Medicaid numbers, patient identification numbers, medical

record numbers, provider names, treatment locations, dates of treatment, diagnoses, treatments, prescriptions, medical histories, and test results) and any other Private Information in the Data Incident.

5. The Parties have agreed to settle the Litigation on the terms and conditions set forth herein in recognition that the outcome of the Litigation is uncertain and that achieving a final result through litigation would require substantial additional risk, uncertainty, discovery, time, and expense for the Parties.

6. GCBHS denies all claims of wrongdoing or liability that Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, or anyone else have asserted in this Litigation or may assert in the future. Defendant contends that it has maintained and continues to maintain reasonable security information practices. Despite GCBHS's position that it is not liable for, and has good defenses to, the claims alleged in the Litigation, GCBHS desires to settle the Litigation, and thus avoid the expense, risk, exposure, inconvenience, uncertainty, and distraction of continued litigation of any action relating to the matters being fully settled and finally resolved and released in this Settlement Agreement. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any negotiation or act performed, or document created in relation to the Settlement Agreement, or negotiation or discussion thereof is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, any wrongdoing or liability.

7. The Parties now enter into this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have conducted an investigation into the facts and the law regarding the Litigation and have concluded that a settlement according to the terms set forth below is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and beneficial to and in the best interests of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class, recognizing: (1) the existence of complex and contested issues of law and fact; (2) the risks inherent in litigation; (3) the likelihood that future proceedings will be unduly protracted and expensive if the proceeding is not settled by voluntary agreement; (4) the magnitude of the benefits derived from the contemplated settlement in light of both the maximum potential and likely range of recovery to be obtained through further litigation and the expense thereof, as well as the potential of no recovery whatsoever; and (5) Plaintiffs' determination that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and will substantially benefit the Settlement Class Members.

8. Considering the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation and all factors bearing on the merits of settlement, the Parties are satisfied that the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable, adequate, and in their respective best interests.

9. In consideration of the covenants, agreements, and releases set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is agreed by and among the undersigned that the Litigation be settled and compromised, and that the Releasors release the Released Parties of the Released Claims, without costs as to Released Parties, Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, or the Settlement Class, except as explicitly provided for in this Settlement Agreement, subject to the approval of the Court, on the following terms and conditions.

II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

10. “**Administrative Expenses**” means all the expenses incurred in the administration of this Settlement, including, without limitation, all expenses or costs associated with providing Short Form Notice to the Settlement Class, locating Settlement Class Members, processing claims, determining the eligibility of any person to be a Settlement Class Member, and administering, calculating and distributing the Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members. Administrative Expenses also includes all reasonable third-party fees and expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator in administering the terms of this Agreement.

11. “**Approved Claims**” shall mean complete and timely Claim Forms submitted by Settlement Class Members that have been approved by the Settlement Administrator.

12. “**Claim Form**” shall mean the form that Settlement Class Members may submit to obtain compensation under this Settlement Agreement, which is attached as **Exhibit C**.

13. “**Claims Deadline**” shall mean the date by which all Claim Forms must be postmarked (if mailed) or submitted (if filed electronically) to be considered timely and shall be set as a date ninety (90) days after the Notice Deadline. The Claims Deadline shall be clearly set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order, as well as in the Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice and the Claim Form.

14. “**Class**” or “**Settlement Class**” means all United States residents whose Private Information was implicated in the Data Incident, including all United States residents to whom Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services sent direct notice of the Data Incident. The Class specifically excludes: (i) all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class; (ii) the Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this Settlement (including any members of the Court’s staff assigned to this case); (iii) Defendant’s officers and directors, and (iv) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Incident or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge.

15. “**Class Member**” or “**Settlement Class Member**” shall mean each member of the Settlement Class.

16. “**Class Counsel**” shall mean Terence R. Coates and Dylan J. Gould of Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC, Ken Grunfeld of Kopelowitz Ostrow, and Philip J. Krzeski of Chestnut Cambronne PA.

17. “**Counsel**” or “**Counsel for the Parties**” means both Class Counsel and Defendant’s Counsel, collectively.

18. “**Court**” shall mean any Judge Melba D. Marsh of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas who is presiding over this Litigation.

19. “**Data Incident**” means the ransomware attack that GCBHS discovered on or about December 10, 2023.

20. “**Defendant**” means Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.

21. **“Defendant’s Counsel”** shall mean David M. Ross and Brian H. Myers of Wilson Elser LLP.

22. **“Effective Date”** shall mean the date when the Settlement Agreement becomes Final, which is thirty (30) days after the Court’s grant of the Final Approval Order, assuming no appeals have been filed. If an appeal is filed, the Effective Date will become 30 days from when the appeal is finalized and a final judgment is entered in this case. The Effective Date shall be conditioned on the occurrence of all the following events: (a) the Court has entered an Order of Preliminary Approval; (b) Defendant has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement Agreement pursuant to ¶ 83; (c) the Court has entered the Judgment granting final approval to the Settlement as set forth herein; and (d) the Judgment has become Final, as defined in ¶ 25.

23. **“Fee and Expense Application”** shall mean the motion to be filed by Class Counsel, in which they seek approval of an award of attorneys’ fees, as well as Service Awards for the Class Representatives.

24. **“Fee Award and Expenses”** means the amount of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses awarded by the Court to Class Counsel.

25. **“Final”** means the occurrence of all of the following events: (i) the Settlement pursuant to this Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court; (ii) the Court has entered a Judgment (as that term is defined herein); and (iii) the time to appeal or seek permission to appeal from the Judgment has expired or, if appealed, the appeal has been dismissed in its entirety, or the Judgment has been affirmed in its entirety by the court of last resort to which such appeal may be taken, and such dismissal or affirmance has become no longer subject to further appeal or review. Notwithstanding the above, any order modifying or reversing any attorneys’ fees award or Service Awards made in this case shall not affect whether the Judgment is “Final” as defined herein or any other aspect of the Judgment.

26. **“Final Approval Hearing”** means the hearing before the Court where the Plaintiffs will request a judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement Agreement, approving the Fee Award, and approving Service Awards to the Class Representatives.

27. **“Final Approval Order”** shall mean an order entered by the Court that:

- i. Certifies the Settlement Class pursuant to Ohio Rule of Civil Procedure 23;
- ii. Finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, was entered into in good faith and without collusion, and approves and directs consummation of this Settlement Agreement;
- iii. Dismisses Plaintiffs’ claims pending before it with prejudice and without costs, except as explicitly provided for in this Settlement Agreement;
- iv. Approves the Release provided in Section VIII and orders that, as of the Effective Date, the Released Claims will be released as to Released Parties;
- v. Reserves jurisdiction over the Settlement and this Settlement Agreement; and

- vi. Finds that there is no just reason for delay of entry of the Final Approval Order with respect to the foregoing.

28. **“Frequently Asked Questions”** or **“FAQs”** are questions and answers to those questions that are frequently posed by Class Members about class action settlements and specifically about this Settlement.

29. **“Identity Theft Monitoring”** means CyEx Medical Shield three-bureau credit monitoring and identity theft protection. All valid claimants shall have the ability to claim one (1) year of Identity Theft Monitoring.

30. **“Litigation”** shall mean the action captioned *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, No. A2400433, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

31. **“Long Form Notice”** is the content of the notice substantially in the form as **Exhibit B** is the detailed, long form notice that will be posted on the Settlement Website that will include robust details about the Settlement.

32. **“Notice Deadline”** means the last day by which the Short Form Notice may be issued to the Settlement Class Members, which shall be thirty (30) days after Preliminary Approval.

33. **“Objection Deadline”** means the date by which a written objection to this Settlement Agreement must be filed with the Court, which shall be ninety (90) days after Preliminary Approval (which is also sixty (60) days after the Notice Deadline), or such other date as ordered by the Court.

34. **“Opt-Out Deadline”** or **“Exclusion Deadline”** is the last day on which a Settlement Class Member may file a written request to be excluded from the Settlement Class, which will be ninety (90) days after Preliminary Approval (which is also 60 days after the Notice Deadline), or such other date as ordered by the Court.

35. **“Out-of-Pocket Losses”** means out-of-pocket costs or expenses that a Settlement Class Member actually incurred that are supported by reasonable documentation. “Out-of-Pocket Losses” include things such as the purchase of identity protection services, credit monitoring services, or ID theft insurance different than the services and benefits offered by Defendant, are fairly traceable to the Data Incident, and such expenses have not already been reimbursed by a third party.

36. **“Participating Settlement Class Member”** means a Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid Request for Exclusion prior to the Opt-Out Deadline.

37. **“Parties”** shall mean Plaintiffs and Defendant, collectively.

38. **“Plaintiffs”** or **“Class Representatives”** shall mean the named class representatives, Donald Hoskins, Queen Hardin, and Thomas Manier.

39. **“Preliminary Approval Order”** shall mean the Court’s Order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement, certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, and directing notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class substantially in the form of the Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

40. **“Private Information”** means names, Social Security numbers, drivers’ license, state or government identification numbers, as well as health and medical information, treatment information, and information related to payments for medical services, and additional personally identifiable information (“PII”) and protected health information (“PHI”) as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) that Defendant collected and/or maintained, as those terms are defined by applicable data breach notification laws.

41. **“Released Claims”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it as set forth in Section VIII of this Settlement Agreement.

42. **“Released Parties”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it as set forth in Section VIII of this Settlement Agreement.

43. **“Releasors”** shall refer, jointly and severally, and individually and collectively, to Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members, and to each of their predecessors, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and anyone claiming by, through, or on behalf of them.

44. **“Remainder Funds”** means any funds that remain in the Settlement Fund after all deductions from the Settlement Fund and for settlement payments to Class Members. Often in class actions settlements, some number of class members submitting valid claims and who are then issued a settlement check fail to cash and/or deposit their settlement payments. The funds remaining in the Settlement Fund after settlement payments have been distributed and the time for cashing and/or depositing checks has expired will be Remainder Funds. The Remainder Funds will be sent to one or more court-approved charitable organizations as a *cy pres* distribution. The Parties will jointly recommend the entity or entities to the Court that will be the recipients of the *cy pres* distribution.

45. **“Reminder Notice”** means a notice reminding Class Members to submit a claim that may be mailed at Class Counsel’s discretion to Class Members within sixty (60) days after the Notice Deadline.

46. **“Service Award”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it as set forth in Section IX of this Settlement Agreement. The Service Awards requested in this matter will be \$5,000 to each Plaintiff, subject to court approval.

47. **“Settlement Administrator”** means, subject to Court approval, Simpluris an entity jointly selected and supervised by Class Counsel and Defendant to administer the Settlement.

48. **“Settlement Class List”** means a list of each Settlement Class Member’s full name, and current or last known address, which Defendant or Defendant’s agent shall provide to the Settlement Administrator within fourteen (14) days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

49. **“Settlement Fund”** means a non-reversionary common fund, paid by or on behalf of Defendant, in the amount of eight-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00), including any interest accrued thereon after payment, this being the full and complete limit and extent of Defendant’s obligations with respect to the Settlement.

50. **“Settlement Payment”** means the payment to be made via mailed check and/or electronic payment to a Participating Settlement Class Member from the Settlement Administrator from the Settlement Fund.

51. **“Settlement Website”** means a website established and administered by the Settlement Administrator, which shall contain information about the Settlement, including electronic copies of the Claim Form, Long Notice, Short Notice, this Settlement Agreement, and all Court documents related to the Settlement. The Settlement Website, www.gcbdatasettlement.com, will be publicly viewable and contain broad information about the Settlement, including but not limited to, copies of the Complaint filed in this matter, a copy of the Long Form Notice, Short Form Notice, FAQs, Claim Form that may be submitted online through the Settlement Website or mailed to the Settlement Administrator, and the deadlines for filing a claim, objection, exclusion requests, and the date of the Fairness Hearing. The Settlement Website shall include a toll-free telephone number and mailing address through which Settlement Class Members may contact that Settlement Administrator directly. The Settlement Website is viewed as an important piece of the Notice Plan to Class Members. The Settlement Website will remain active until 120 days after the Effective Date.

52. **“Short Form Notice”** is the postcard notice that will be mailed to the Settlement Class Members whose postal address is known, and additionally emailed to all Settlement Class Members whose email addresses are known, which shall be in a form substantially similar to **Exhibit D** attached hereto.

53. **“Taxes and Tax-Related Expenses”** means any and all applicable taxes, duties, and similar charges imposed by a government authority (including any estimated taxes, interest or penalties) arising in any jurisdiction, if any, with respect to the income or gains earned by or in respect of the Settlement Fund, including, without limitation, any taxes that may be imposed upon Defendant with respect to any income or gains earned by or in respect of the Settlement Fund for any period while it is held in the Settlement Fund.

III. SETTLEMENT FUND

54. **Establishment of Settlement Fund.** Defendant agrees to make a payment of, and deposit that payment into, the Settlement Fund as follows: (a) Within twenty-five (25) days of the Court granting preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement, Defendant shall pay \$130,000 into the Settlement Fund (said amount being part of and not in addition to the Settlement Fund); (b) within twenty-one (21) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall pay into a Qualified Settlement Fund to be established and maintained by the Settlement Administrator the remaining portion of the Settlement Fund; and, (c) within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, the Settlement Administrator shall pay to Class Counsel any attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses, and shall pay to the Class Representatives any Service Awards. Settlement Administrator shall use this balance to pay for Costs of Settlement Administration. The Settlement Administrator will provide a W-9 and

voided check or official bank letter with payment information at least ten (10) days before any required payment by the Defendant. For the avoidance of doubt, and for purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, Defendant's liability shall not exceed \$850,000.00.

55. **Qualified Settlement Fund.** The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be maintained as a qualified settlement fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468 B-1, and that the Settlement Administrator, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468 B-2(k)(3), shall be responsible for filing tax returns and any other tax reporting for or in respect of the Settlement Fund and paying from the Settlement Fund any Taxes and Tax-Related Expenses owed with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund shall be treated as a qualified settlement fund from the earliest date possible and agree to any relation-back election required to treat the Settlement Fund as a qualified settlement fund from the earliest date possible. Any and all funds held in the Settlement Fund shall be held in an interest-bearing account insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Funds may be placed in a non-interest bearing account as may be reasonably necessary during the check clearing process. The Settlement Administrator shall provide an accounting of any and all funds in the Settlement Fund, including any interest accrued thereon and payments made pursuant to this Agreement, upon request of any of the Parties.

56. **Custody of Settlement Fund.** The Settlement Fund shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the entirety of the Settlement Fund is distributed pursuant to this Settlement Agreement or the balance returned to those who paid the Settlement Fund in the event this Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with this Agreement.

57. **Use of the Settlement Fund.** As further described in this Agreement, the Settlement Fund shall be used by the Settlement Administrator to pay for the following (in this order): (1) Administrative Expenses; (2) Fee Award and Expenses as awarded by the Court; (3) Service Awards approved by the Court; (4) Identity Theft Monitoring; (5) valid claims for Out-of-Pocket Losses; (6) *Pro Rata* Cash Payments; and (7) any *cy pres* award of Remainder Funds (to the extent any exist following the preceding payments). No amounts may be withdrawn from the Settlement Fund unless expressly authorized by this Agreement or approved by the Court. Responsibility for effectuating payments described in this paragraph shall rest solely with the Settlement Administrator and neither Defendant nor Defendant's agents shall have any responsibility whatsoever with respect to effectuating such payments.

58. **Taxes and Representations.** Taxes and Tax-Related Expenses relating to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be considered Administrative Expenses and shall be timely paid by the Settlement Administrator out of the Settlement Fund without prior order of the Court. Further, the Settlement Fund shall indemnify and hold harmless the Parties and their Counsel for Taxes and Tax-Related Expenses (including, without limitation, taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification payments). The Parties and their respective Counsel have made no representation or warranty, and have no responsibility, with respect to the tax treatment by any Settlement Class Representative or any Settlement Class Member of any payment or transfer made pursuant to this Agreement or derived from or made pursuant to the Settlement Fund. Each Class Representative and Participating Settlement Class Member shall be solely responsible for the federal, state, and

local tax consequences to him, her, or it of the receipt of funds from the Settlement Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

IV. SETTLEMENT BENEFITS AND ADMINISTRATION

59. **Claimed Benefits:** All Class Members shall have the opportunity to submit a Claim Form for certain benefits. The claimed benefits, as described below, shall include: (a) Out-of-Pocket Losses; (b) Pro-Rata Cash Payments; and (c) Identity Theft Monitoring. Any valid claim may be combined with any other valid claim. The amount of claimed benefits received will be calculated in the following order: (1) Identity Theft Monitoring, (2) Out of Pocket Losses, and (3) Pro-Rata Cash Payments. In the unlikely event that the Settlement Fund is insufficient to cover all Out-of-Pocket Losses, such claims shall be reduced *pro rata* to account for the amount of remaining funds, and no additional monetary benefits shall be paid to any claimants.

60. **Out-of-Pocket Losses.** The Settlement Administrator, from the Settlement Fund, will provide compensation, up to a total of \$5,000 per person who is a member of the Settlement Class, upon submission of a claim and supporting documentation, for out-of-pocket monetary losses incurred as a result of the Data Incident, including, without limitation, unreimbursed losses relating to fraud or identity theft; professional fees including attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, and fees for credit repair services; costs associated with freezing or unfreezing credit with any credit reporting agency; credit monitoring costs that were incurred on or after the Data Incident through the date of claim submission; and miscellaneous expenses such as notary, fax, postage, copying, mileage, and long-distance telephone charges. Settlement Class Members with monetary losses must submit documentation supporting their claims. This can include receipts or other documentation not "self-prepared" by the claimant that document the costs incurred. "Self-prepared" documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to add clarity or support other submitted documentation.

61. **Pro Rata Cash Payment.** All Settlement Class Members may file a claim for a cash payment between approximately \$60 and \$120, assuming that between 5% and 10% of the roughly 61,850-person Settlement Class submits a valid claim. This benefit may be stacked with any claim for Out-of-Pocket Losses and/or Identity Theft Monitoring. The amount of this claim shall be *pro rata* increased or decreased based on the money remaining in the Settlement Fund after the payment of any Fee Award and Expenses, Service Award, Administrative Expenses, Identity Theft Monitoring, and claims for Out-of-Pocket Losses. The Short Form Notice will project that each cash payment under this section will be \$100, but shall explain that the ultimate amount is subject to a *pro rata* increase or decrease.

62. **Identity Theft Monitoring.** All Settlement Class Members may file a claim for one (1) year of CyEx Medical Shield three-bureau credit monitoring and protection services. The benefit may be stacked with any claim for Out-of-Pocket Losses and/or *Pro Rata* Cash Payment.

63. **Business Practices Changes & Confirmatory Discovery.** Defendant has provided reasonable access to confidential confirmatory discovery regarding its information security policies and the changes and improvements that have been made or are being made to protect sensitive data.

64. **Dispute Resolution for Claims.** The Settlement Administrator, in its sole discretion to be reasonably exercised, will determine whether: (1) the claimant is a Class Member; (2) the claimant has provided all information needed to complete the Claim Form, including any documentation that may be necessary to reasonably support the Out-of-Pocket Loss Claims; (3) the information submitted could lead a reasonable person to conclude that it is more likely than not the claimant has suffered the claimed losses as a result of the Data Incident; and (4) the claimant timely submitted their Claim Form. The Settlement Administrator may, at any time, request from the claimant, in writing, additional information that the Settlement Administrator deems reasonably necessary to evaluate the claim, e.g., documentation requested on the Claim Form, information regarding the claimed losses, and claims previously made for identity theft and the resolution thereof. For any such claims that the Settlement Administrator determines to be invalid, the Settlement Administrator will submit those claims to the Settling Parties, by and through their respective Counsel. If, upon meeting and conferring, the Settling Parties disagree as to the claim validity, then the claim shall be referred back to the Settlement Administrator for final determination on the claim validity.

- i. Upon receipt of an incomplete or unsigned Claim Form or a Claim Form that is not accompanied by sufficient documentation to determine whether the claim is facially valid, the Settlement Administrator shall request additional information and allow the claimant 14 days from the date of the request to cure the defect. If the defect is not cured within the time allotted, then the claim will be deemed invalid.
- ii. Following timely receipt of additional information pursuant to a request by the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator shall have 10 days to accept or reject the claim. If, after review of the claim and all documentation submitted by the claimant, the Settlement Administrator determines that such a claim is valid, then the claim shall be paid. If the claim is not valid because the claimant has not provided the information requested by the Settlement Administrator, then the Settlement Administrator may reject the claim without any further action. A defect in one claim shall not cause rejection of any other valid claim submitted by the claimant.
- iii. Class Members shall have 10 days from receipt of the approval of a claim that provides a payment that deviates from the losses described on the Claim Form to accept or reject the claim. This provision does not apply where the claim value deviates due to a *pro rata* increase or decrease.

65. **Administrative Expenses:** The Settlement Fund amount provided by Defendant, or on behalf of Defendant, will pay the entirety of the Administrative Expenses. Class Counsel solicited competitive bids for the Administrative Expenses, all in order to contain the Notice Plan and Administrative Expenses while still providing effective notice to the Class. Administrative Expenses shall be paid through the Settlement Fund.

66. Defendant provided confirmatory discovery on establishing the appropriateness of the Settlement terms as contemplated under Ohio Civ. R. 23, and will provide to the Settlement

Administrator a full class list that identifies each known Class Member and their address, as available.

67. The Settlement Fund represents the total extent of Defendant's monetary obligations under the Settlement Agreement. Defendant's contribution to the Settlement Fund shall be fixed under this Section and shall be final. Defendant shall have no obligation to make further payments into the Settlement Fund and shall have no financial responsibility or obligation relating to the Settlement beyond the Settlement Fund, except insofar as such obligations are explicitly provided for in this Settlement Agreement.

68. Once a Settlement Administrator is mutually agreed to by the Parties and after the Settlement is preliminarily approved by the Court, the Settlement Administrator will provide notice in a manner mutually agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court.

69. After the Court enters an order approving the final Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the approved relief to all Settlement Class Members who made a valid claim within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, subject to the procedure set forth herein.

70. The Parties, Class Counsel, and Defendant's Counsel shall not have any liability whatsoever with respect to (i) any act, omission or determination of the Settlement Administrator, or any of its respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the Settlement or otherwise; (ii) the management, investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the formulation, design or terms of the disbursement of the Settlement Fund; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any losses suffered by or fluctuations in the value of the Settlement Fund; or (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes and Tax-Related Expenses.

V. SETTLEMENT CLASS NOTICE, OPT-OUTS, AND OBJECTIONS

71. **Notice.** Within fourteen (14) days of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendants shall provide the Settlement Class List to the Settlement Administrator. Within thirty (30) days of Preliminary Approval, the Settlement Administrator shall disseminate the Short Form Notice to the Settlement Class Members. The Short Form Notice shall be disseminated via U.S. mail to all Settlement Class Members, as well as via email to Settlement Class Members for whom an email is known. Class Counsel may direct the Settlement Administrator to send reminder notices to Settlement Class Members at any time prior to the Claims Deadline. The process to issue the Short Form Notice as described in this paragraph and the creation and maintenance of the Settlement Website www.gcbdatasettlement.com shall constitute the "Notice Plan."

72. **Reminder Notice.** Within sixty (60) days of the Notice Deadline, the Settlement Administrator, at Class Counsel's discretion, may mail a Reminder Notice to all Class Members who have not yet submitted a claim and for whom the Settlement Administrator has a valid address.

73. **Final Approval Hearing.** The Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice must set forth the time and place of the Final Approval Hearing (subject to change) and state that any Settlement Class Member who does not file a timely and adequate objection in accordance with

this Paragraph waives the right to object or to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing and shall be forever barred from making any objection to the Settlement.

74. **Opt-Outs.** The Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice shall explain the procedure for Settlement Class Members to exclude themselves or “opt-out” of the Settlement by submitting a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator postmarked no later than the Opt-Out Deadline. The Request for Exclusion must include the name of the proceeding, the individual’s full name, current address, personal signature, and the words “Request for Exclusion” or a comparable statement in the document that the individual does not wish to participate in the Settlement. The Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice must state that any Settlement Class Member who does not file a timely Request for Exclusion in accordance with this Paragraph will lose the opportunity to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement and will be bound by the Settlement.

75. **Objections.** The Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice shall explain the procedure for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement or Fee Application by submitting written objections to the Court no later than the Objection Deadline. A written objection must include (i) the name of the proceedings; (ii) the Settlement Class Member’s full name, current mailing address, and telephone number; (iii) a statement of the specific grounds for the objection, as well as any documents supporting the objection; (iv) the identity of any attorneys representing the objector; (v) a statement regarding whether the Settlement Class Member (or his/her attorney) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (vi) a statement identifying all class action settlements objected to by the Settlement Class Member in the previous 5 years; and (vii) the signature of the Settlement Class Member or the Settlement Class Member’s attorney.

76. Within seven (7) days of the Opt-Out Deadline and Objection Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall provide Counsel with a list of any Opt Outs and Objections.

VI. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL, FINAL APPROVAL AND JURISDICTION

77. **Certification of the Settlement Class.** For purposes of this Settlement only, the Parties stipulate to the certification of the Settlement Class, which is contingent upon both the Court entering the Final Approval Order of this Settlement and the occurrence of the Effective Date.

78. **Preliminary Approval.** Following execution of this Agreement, Class Counsel shall file a motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, in a form agreeable to the Parties.

79. **Final Approval.** Class Counsel shall move the Court for a Final Approval Order of this Settlement, to be issued following the Final Approval Hearing; within a reasonable time after the Notice Deadline, Objection Deadline, and Opt-Out Deadline.

80. **Jurisdiction.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the implementation, enforcement, and performance of this Agreement, and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any suit, action, proceeding or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by Counsel for the Parties. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the administration, consummation and enforcement of the Agreement and shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing all terms of the Agreement. The Court

shall also retain jurisdiction over all questions and/or disputes related to the Notice Plan and the Settlement Administrator. As part of its agreement to render services in connection with this Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall consent to the jurisdiction of the Court for this purpose.

VII. MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

81. **Modification.** The terms and provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified, or expanded by written agreement of the Parties and approval of the Court; provided, however, that, after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Parties may, by written agreement, effect such amendments, modifications, or expansions of this Agreement and its implementing documents (including all exhibits hereto) without further notice to the Settlement Class or approval by the Court if such changes are consistent with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order and do not materially alter, reduce, or limit the rights of Settlement Class Members under this Agreement.

82. **Settlement Not Approved.** If: (1) the Court does not issue the Preliminary Approval Order or Final Approval Order; (2) the Effective Date does not occur; or (3) the Final Approval Order is modified or reversed in any material respect by any appellate or other court, the Parties shall have 60 days from the date of such non-occurrence during which the Parties shall work together in good faith in considering, drafting, and submitting reasonable modifications to this Agreement to address any issues identified by the Court or that otherwise caused the Preliminary Approval Order or Final Approval Order not to issue or the Effective Date not to occur. If such efforts are unsuccessful, either Party may at their sole discretion terminate this Agreement on seven days written notice to the other Party. For avoidance of any doubt, neither Party may terminate the Agreement while an appeal from an order granting approval of the Settlement is pending.

83. **Termination Due to Opt-Outs.** Defendant shall have the right to terminate this Settlement Agreement if more than 2% of the Settlement Class opt out of the Settlement. Defendant shall notify Class Counsel of its intent to terminate this Settlement Agreement pursuant to this Paragraph within 10 days after the end of the Opt-Out Deadline. In the event this occurs, Defendant is still responsible for Administrative Expenses incurred through that date.

VIII. RELEASES

84. **Released Parties.** Upon Final Approval of this Settlement Agreement, Settlement Class Members release, acquit, and forever discharge Defendant and Defendant's past or present parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and related or affiliated entities, and each of their respective predecessors, successors, directors, owners, shareholders, officers, employees, principals, agents, attorneys, insurers, and reinsurers, and including, without limitation, any person related to any such entity who is, was or could have been named as a defendant in any of the actions in the Litigation, other than any person who is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Incident or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge, and includes any entity with whom Defendant contracted that, on behalf of Defendant, held data involved in the Data Incident

who is, was or could have been named as a defendant in any of the actions in the Litigation (“Released Parties”).

85. **Released Claims.** Upon Final Approval of this Settlement Agreement, Settlement Class Members release, acquit, and forever discharge any and all past, present, and future claims and causes of action related to the Data Incident, including, but not limited to, any causes of action arising under or premised upon any statute, constitution, law, ordinance, treaty, regulation, or common law of any country, state, province, county, city, or municipality, including 15 U.S.C. § 45, *et seq.*, and all similar statutes in effect in any states in the United States as defined below; state consumer-protection statutes; negligence; negligence *per se*; breach of contract; breach of implied contract; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of confidence; invasion of privacy; fraud; misrepresentation (whether fraudulent, negligent or innocent); unjust enrichment; bailment; wantonness; breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; failure to provide adequate notice pursuant to any breach notification statute or common law duty; and including, but not limited to, any and all claims for damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, declaratory relief or judgment, equitable relief, attorneys’ fees and expenses, pre-judgment interest, credit monitoring services, the creation of a fund for future damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, special damages, exemplary damages, restitution, and/or the appointment of a receiver, whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, direct or derivative, and any other form of legal or equitable relief that either has been asserted, was asserted, or could have been asserted, by any Class Member against any of the Released Parties based on, relating to, concerning or arising out of the alleged Data Incident or the allegations, transactions, occurrences, facts, or circumstances alleged in or otherwise described in the Litigation (“Released Claims”). Released Claims shall not include the right of any Class Member or any of the Released Parties to enforce the terms of the settlement contained in this Settlement Agreement, and shall not include the claims of any person who has timely excluded themselves from the Class.

86. Each Releasor waives any and all defenses, rights, and benefits that may be derived from the provisions of applicable law in any jurisdiction that, absent such waiver, may limit the extent or effect of the release contained in this Settlement Agreement.

87. **Mutual Understanding.** The Parties understand that if the facts upon which this Agreement is based are found hereafter to be different from the facts now believed to be true, each Party expressly assumes the risk of such possible difference in facts, and agrees that this Agreement, including the releases contained herein, shall remain effective notwithstanding such difference in facts. The Parties agree that in entering this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that each Party relies wholly upon its own judgment, belief, and knowledge and that each Party does not rely on inducements, promises, or representations made by anyone other than those embodied herein.

88. **Release of Class Representatives and Class Counsel.** Upon the Effective Date, Defendant and its representatives, officers, agents, directors, principals, affiliates, employees, insurers, and attorneys shall be deemed to have released, acquitted, and forever discharged the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel from any and all claims or causes of action of every kind and description, including any causes of action in law, claims in equity, complaints, suits or petitions, and any allegations of wrongdoing, demands for legal, equitable or administrative relief (including,

but not limited to, any claims for injunction, rescission, reformation, restitution, disgorgement, constructive trust, declaratory relief, compensatory damages, consequential damages, penalties, exemplary damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, costs, interest or expenses), whether known or unknown, that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to prosecution of the Litigation, the Settlement Agreement, or the Settlement claims process (provided, however, that this release and discharge shall not include claims relating to the enforcement of the terms of the Settlement or this Agreement).

89. **Bar to Future Suits.** Upon entry of the Final Approval Order, the Settlement Class Representatives and other Settlement Class Members shall be enjoined from prosecuting any claim they have released in the preceding paragraphs in any proceeding against Defendant or based on any actions taken by any of the Released Parties that are authorized or required by this Agreement or by the Final Approval Order. Likewise, Defendant and its representatives, officers, agents, directors, principals, affiliates, employees, insurers, and attorneys shall be enjoined from prosecuting any claim they have released in the preceding paragraphs in any proceeding against Settlement Class Representatives and Class Counsel or based on any actions taken by Settlement Class Representatives and Class Counsel that are authorized or required by this Agreement or by the Final Approval Order. It is further agreed that the Settlement may be pleaded as a complete defense to any proceeding subject to this section.

IX. SERVICE AWARDS

90. **Service Awards.** At least fourteen (14) days before the Opt-Out and Objection Deadlines, Class Counsel will file a Fee Application that will include a request for Service Awards for the Settlement Class Representatives in recognition for their contributions to this Litigation not to exceed \$5,000.00 each. The Settlement Administrator shall pay the Service Awards to the Settlement Class Representatives from the Settlement Fund. Such Service Awards shall be paid by the Settlement Administrator, in the amount approved by the Court, no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

91. **No Effect on Agreement.** In the event the Court declines to approve, in whole or in part, the Service Awards in the amount requested, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. No decision by the Court, or modification or reversal or appeal of any decision by the Court, concerning the amount of the Service Awards shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement.

X. ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES

92. **Fee Award and Expenses.** Within forty-six (46) after the Notice Deadline, Class Counsel will file a Fee Application for an award of attorneys' fees to be paid from the Settlement Fund not to exceed one-third of the Settlement Fund for fees, or \$283,333.33, and litigation expenses (exclusive of Administrative Expenses) not exceed \$30,000.00. Before the disbursement or payment of the Fee Award and Expenses under this Agreement to the IOLTA trust account of Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC ("MSD"), MSD shall provide to the Settlement Administrator a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9. Any Fee Award and Expenses (plus any interest accrued thereon) shall be paid by the Settlement Administrator, in the amount approved by the Court, no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

XI. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY

93. **No Admission of Liability.** The Parties understand and acknowledge that this Agreement constitutes a compromise and settlement of disputed claims. No action taken by the Parties either previously or in connection with the negotiations or proceedings connected with this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to be an admission of the truth or falsity of any claims or defenses heretofore made, or an acknowledgment or admission by any party of any fault, liability, or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever.

94. **No Use of Agreement.** Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any claim made by Plaintiffs; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission by Defendant in the Litigation or in any proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

95. **Integration of Exhibits.** The exhibits to this Agreement and any exhibits thereto are a material part of the Settlement and are incorporated and made a part of the Agreement.

96. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including all exhibits hereto, shall constitute the entire Agreement among the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any previous agreements, representations, communications and understandings among the Parties. This Agreement may not be changed, modified, or amended except in writing signed by all Parties, subject to Court approval. The Parties contemplate that, subject to Court approval or without such approval where legally permissible and where such changes are non-material, the exhibits to this Agreement may be modified by subsequent agreement of counsel for the Parties prior to dissemination of the Short Form Notice to the Settlement Class.

97. **Deadlines.** If any of the dates or deadlines specified herein falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the applicable date or deadline shall fall on the next business day. All reference to “days” in this agreement shall refer to calendar days unless otherwise specified.

98. **Construction.** For the purpose of construing or interpreting this Agreement, the Parties agree that this Agreement is to be deemed to have been drafted equally by all Parties and shall not be construed strictly for or against any Party.

99. **Cooperation of Parties.** The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to prepare and execute all documents, to seek Court approval, defend Court approval, and to do all things reasonably necessary to complete and effectuate the Settlement described in this Agreement.

100. **Obligation to Meet and Confer.** Before filing any motion in the Court raising a dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Parties shall consult with each other in good faith prior to seeking Court intervention.

101. **Governing Law.** The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and be governed by, the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to the principles thereof regarding choice of law.

102. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, even though all signatories do not sign the same counterparts. Original signatures are not required. Any signature submitted electronically through e-mail of an Adobe PDF shall be deemed an original.

103. **Notices.** All notices to Class Counsel provided for herein, shall be sent by overnight mail and email to:

Terence R. Coates
MARKOVITS, STOCK & DEMARCO, LLC
119 East Court Street, Suite 530
Cincinnati, OH 45202
tcoates@msdlegal.com

All notices to Defendant provided for herein, shall be sent by overnight mail and email to:

David M. Ross
Brian H. Myers
WILSON ELSE LLP
1500 K Street, NW, Suite 330
Washington, DC 20005
david.ross@wilsonelser.com
brian.myers@wilsonelser.com

The notice recipients and addresses designated above may be changed by written notice.


104. **Authority.** Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity represents and warrants that he or she is fully authorized to do so and to bind the Party or Parties on whose behalf he or she signs this Agreement to all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

By: _____
Class Counsel, Dylan Gould

Date: _____

By: _____
Donald Hoskins

Date: _____

By:  _____
Queen Hardin

Date: 8/1/2025 | 1:28 PM CDT

By: _____
Thomas Manier

Date: _____

By: _____
Defendant's Counsel

Date: _____

By: _____
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral
Health Services

Date: _____

By: _____
Class Counsel, Dylan Gould

Date: _____

By: Donald Hoskins
Donald Hoskins

Date: 07/30/2025

By: _____
Queen Hardin

Date: _____

By: _____
Thomas Manier

Date: _____

By: _____
Defendant's Counsel

Date: _____

By: _____
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral
Health Services

Date: _____

By: 
Dylan Gould (Jul 30, 2025 22:52:58 EDT)
Class Counsel, Dylan Gould

Date: _____

By: _____
Donald Hoskins

Date: _____

By: _____
Queen Hardin

Date: _____

By: *Thomas Manier*
Thomas Manier (Jul 25, 2025 18:22:54 EDT)
Thomas Manier

Date: _____

By: _____
Defendant's Counsel

Date: _____

By: _____
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral
Health Services

Date: _____

By: _____
Class Counsel, Dylan Gould

Date: _____

By: _____
Donald Hoskins

Date: _____

By: _____
Queen Hardin


Date: _____

By: _____
Thomas Manier

Date: _____

By:  _____
Defendant's Counsel

Date: August 5, 2025

By:  _____
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral
Health Services

Date: 8/4/25

SETTLEMENT TIMELINE

<u>Grant of Preliminary Approval</u>	
Defendant provides list of Settlement Class Members to the Settlement Administrator	+14 days from Preliminary Approval
Payment of Administrative Expenses	+25 days from Preliminary Approval
Long Form and Short Form Notices Posted on the Settlement Website	+30 days from Preliminary Approval
Notice Deadline	+30 days from Preliminary Approval
Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Class Representative Service Awards	+ 76 days from Preliminary Approval
Reminder Notice	+90 days from Preliminary Approval
Objection Deadline	+90 days from Preliminary Approval
Exclusion Deadline	+90 days from Preliminary Approval
Settlement Administrator provides list of Objections/Exclusions to the Court and Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel	+104 days from Preliminary Approval
Claims Deadline	+120 days from Preliminary Approval
<u>Final Approval Hearing</u>	+140 days after Preliminary Approval (at least)
Motion for Final Approval	-14 Days before Final Approval Hearing
<u>Final Approval</u>	
Effective Date	+30 days after Final Approval Order (assuming no appeal)
Defendant Pays Balance of Settlement Fund	+21 days after Effective Date (assuming no appeal)
Payment of Fee Award and Expenses	+30 days after Effective Date (assuming no appeal)
Payment of Service Awards	+30 days after Effective Date (assuming no appeal)
Payment of Valid Claims	+30 days after Effective Date (assuming no appeal)
Settlement Website Deactivation	+120 days after Effective Date

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE GREATER CINCINNATI
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DATA
INCIDENT LITIGATION

Case No. A2400433

Hon. Judge Melba D. Marsh

EXHIBIT A

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Case No. A2400433

Hon. Judge Melba D. Marsh

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND NOTICE
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the above-captioned class action is pending in this Court (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs Donald Hoskins, Queen Hardin, and Thomas Manier, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (collectively “Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (“GCBHS” or “Defendant”) have entered into a Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) that settles the above-captioned litigation and provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendant in the above-captioned action (the “Action”) on the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, subject to the approval of the Court;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs have made an application, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, certifying the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement only, appointing Plaintiffs as Class Representatives, appointing Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class, appointing Simpluris as Settlement Administrator, and allowing notice to Settlement Class Members as more fully described herein;

WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered: (a) Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and Notice Plan, and the papers filed and arguments made in connection therewith; and (b) the Settlement Agreement and exhibits attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined herein, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes Only**. For settlement purposes only and pursuant to Ohio Civ. R. 23(C), the Court certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the proposed Settlement, a Settlement Class in this matter defined as follows:

all United States residents whose Private Information was implicated in the Data Incident, including all United States residents to whom Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services sent direct notice of the Data Incident. Excluded from the Class are the judge presiding over this Action, and members of her direct family. Also excluded from the Class are (i) all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class; (ii) the Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this Settlement (including any members of the Court's staff assigned to this case); (iii) Defendant's officers and directors, and (iv) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Incident or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge. The Settlement Class includes approximately 61,850 people.

2. **Class Findings**: The Court provisionally finds, for settlement purposes only, that: (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members would be impracticable; (b) there are issues of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Class Representatives are typical of and arise from the same operative facts and seek similar relief as the claims of the Settlement Class Members; (d) the Class Representatives and Settlement Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class as the Class Representatives have no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with the Settlement Class and have retained experienced and competent counsel to prosecute this matter on behalf of the Settlement Class; (e) questions of law or fact common to Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members; and (f) a class action and class settlement is superior to other methods available for a fair and efficient resolution of this controversy.

3. **Class Representatives and Settlement Class Counsel:** Donald Hoskins, Queen Hardin, and Thomas Manier are hereby provisionally designated and appointed as the Class Representatives. The Court provisionally finds that the Class Representatives are similarly situated to absent Settlement Class Members and therefore typical of the Settlement Class and that she will be an adequate Class Representative. The Court further finds that Terence R. Coates and Dylan J. Gould of Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC, Philip J. Krzeski of Chestnut Cambronne, and Ken Grunfeld of Kopelowitz Ostrow are experienced and adequate counsel and are hereby provisionally designated as Settlement Class Counsel.

4. **Preliminary Settlement Approval.** The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, as embodied in the Settlement Agreement, as being fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to further consideration at the Final Approval Hearing to be conducted as described below. For the purposes of preliminary approval, the Court finds the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

5. **Final Approval Hearing.** A Final Approval Hearing shall be held at ____:____.m. on _____, 2025, in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, at the Courthouse located at _____, _____, _____, _____ for the following purposes:

- a. To determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class and should be approved by the Court;
- b. To determine whether to grant Final Approval, as defined in the Settlement Agreement;
- c. To determine whether the Notice Plan conducted was appropriate;
- d. To determine whether the claims process under the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and should be approved by the Court;
- e. To determine whether the requested Class Representatives' Service Awards in the amount of \$5,000 to each of the Class Representatives, and Class Counsel's attorneys' fees in the

amount of \$283,333.33 and litigation expenses not to exceed \$30,000.00 should be approved by the Court;

- f. To determine whether the settlement benefits are fair, reasonable, and adequate; and,
- g. To rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

6. **Retention of Settlement Administrator and Manner of Giving Notice.** Class Counsel is hereby authorized to retain Simpluris (the “Settlement Administrator”) to supervise and administer the Notice Plan in connection with the proposed Settlement as well as the processing of claims as set forth more fully below.

7. **Approval of Form and Content of Notice.** The Court (a) approves, as to form and content, the Short Form (or Postcard) Notice, Long Form Notice, and Claim Form attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibits A, B and C, and (b) finds that the notice provided to Settlement Class Members as set forth in the Settlement Agreement (i) is the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, of the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the releases to be provided thereunder), of Class Counsel’s request for Fee Award and Costs, of Class Representatives’ requests for Service Awards, of their right to object to the Settlement, Class Counsel’s request for Fee Award and Costs, and/or Class Representatives’ requests for Service Awards, of their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and of their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (iii) constitutes due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (iv) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), and all other applicable law and rules. The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing shall be included in the Short Form Notice before it is distributed so long as that date is known at the time of the Short Form Notice.

8. **Participation in the Settlement.** Settlement Class Members who qualify for and wish to submit a Claim Form shall do so in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice and the Claim Form and must do so within ninety (90) days after the Short Form Notice is mailed to the Settlement Class Members. If a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered, all Settlement Class Members who qualify for any benefit under the Settlement but fail to submit a claim in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Short Form Notice and Long Form Notice and the Claim Form shall be forever barred from receiving any such benefit, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions in the Settlement Agreement, the Release included in that Settlement Agreement, and the Final Approval Order and Judgment.

9. **Claims Process and Distribution and Allocation Plan.** The Settlement Agreement contemplates a process for the Settlement Administrator to assess and determine the validity and value of claims and a payment methodology to Settlement Class Members who submit a timely, valid Claim Form. The Court preliminarily approves the claims process described in the Settlement Agreement and directs that the Settlement Administrator effectuate the distribution of Settlement consideration according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, should the Settlement be finally approved.

10. **Exclusion from Class.** Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class must mail a written notification of the intent to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement Class to the Settlement Administrator at the address provided in the Notice, postmarked no later than **60 Days after the date the Short Form Notice is mailed to the Settlement Class Members** (the “Opt-Out/Exclusion Deadline”). The written notification must include the name of the proceeding, the individual’s full name, current address, personal signature,

and the words “Request for Exclusion” or a comparable statement that the individual does not wish to participate in the Settlement at the top of the communication.

Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely and validly exclude himself or herself from the Settlement shall be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement. If a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered, any Settlement Class Member who has not submitted a timely, valid written notice of exclusion from the Settlement Class shall be bound by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in this matter, including but not limited to the Release set forth in the Final Approval Order and Judgment, including Settlement Class Members who have previously initiated or who subsequently initiate any litigation against any or all of the Released Parties relating to the claims and transactions released in the Settlement Agreement. All Settlement Class Members who submit valid and timely notices of exclusion from the Settlement Class shall not be entitled to receive any benefits of the Settlement.

11. **Objections and Appearances.** No Settlement Class Member shall be heard, and no papers, briefs, pleadings, or other documents submitted by any Settlement Class Member shall be received and considered by the Court, unless the objection is mailed first-class postage prepaid to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed in the Notice, and postmarked by no later than the Objection Deadline, as specified in the Notice. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must also include all of the information set forth in Paragraph 75 of the Settlement Agreement, which is as follows: (i) the name of the proceedings; (ii) the Settlement Class Member’s full name, current mailing address, and telephone number; (iii) a statement of the specific grounds for the objection, as well as any documents supporting the objection; (iv) the identity of any attorneys representing the objector; (v) a statement regarding whether the Settlement Class Member (or his/her attorney) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing;

(vi) a statement identifying all class action settlements objected to by the Settlement Class Member in the previous 5 years; and (vii) the signature of the Settlement Class Member or the Settlement Class Member's attorney.

12. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the provisions in Paragraph 75 may waive and forfeit any and all rights he or she may have to object, and shall be bound by all the terms of the Settlement Agreement, this Order, and by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in this matter, including, but not limited to, the release in the Settlement Agreement if a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered. If a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered, any Settlement Class Member who fails to object in the manner prescribed herein shall be deemed to have waived his or her objections and shall be forever barred from making any such objections in this Action or in any other proceeding or from challenging or opposing, or seeking to reverse, vacate, or modify any approval of the Settlement Agreement, the motion for Service Awards, or the motion for Fee Award and Costs.

13. **Termination of Settlement.** This Order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing as of the date of the execution of the Settlement Agreement if the Settlement is not finally approved by the Court or is terminated in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. In such event, the Settlement and Settlement Agreement shall become null and void and be of no further force and effect, and neither the Settlement Agreement nor the Court's orders, including this Order, relating to the Settlement shall be used or referred to for any purpose whatsoever.

14. **Use of Order.** This Order shall be of no force or effect if a Final Approval Order and Judgment is not entered or there is no Effective Date and shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing, breach,

liability, or the certifiability of any class. Nor shall this Order be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against the Settlement Class Representatives or any other Settlement Class Member that his or her claim lacks merit or that the relief requested is inappropriate, improper, unavailable, or as a waiver by any Party of any defense or claim he, she, or it may have in this litigation or in any other lawsuit.

15. **Stay of Proceedings and Temporary Injunction.** Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Court bars and enjoins Plaintiffs, and all other members of the Settlement Class, from commencing or prosecuting any and all of the Released Claims against the Released Entities.

16. **Settlement Fund.** The contents of the Settlement Fund shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as funds shall be distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and/or further order(s) of the Court.

17. **Taxes.** The Settlement Administrator is authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form for or in respect to the Settlement Fund, to pay from the Settlement Fund any taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform all obligations with respect to taxes and any reporting or filings in respect thereof without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.

18. **Summary of Deadlines.** The preliminarily approved Settlement shall be administered according to its terms pending the Final Approval Hearing. Deadlines arising under the Settlement Agreement and this Order include but are not limited to:

SETTLEMENT TIMELINE

<u>Grant of Preliminary Approval</u>	
Defendant provides list of Settlement Class Members to the Settlement Administrator	+14 days from Preliminary Approval
Payment of Administrative Expenses	+25 days from Preliminary Approval
Long Form and Short Form Notices Posted on the Settlement Website	+30 days from Preliminary Approval
Notice Deadline	+30 days from Preliminary Approval
Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Class Representative Service Awards	+ 76 days from Preliminary Approval
Reminder Notice	+76 days from Preliminary Approval
Objection Deadline	+90 days from Preliminary Approval
Exclusion Deadline	+90 days from Preliminary Approval
Settlement Administrator Provide List of Objections/Exclusions to Class Counsel and Defendant	+104 days from Preliminary Approval
Claims Deadline	+120 days from Preliminary Approval
<u>Final Approval Hearing</u>	
	(at least +140 days after Preliminary Approval)
Motion for Final Approval	-14 days before Final Approval Hearing

IT IS SO ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

The Honorable Melba D. Marsh
Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE GREATER CINCINNATI
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DATA
INCIDENT LITIGATION

Case No. A2400433

Hon. Judge Melba D. Marsh

EXHIBIT B

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation
No. A2400433 (Hamilton County)

If You Are Receiving this Notice a Class Action Settlement May Affect Your Rights.

***The Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas
authorized this Notice. You are not being sued.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.***

- A Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit concerning Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (“Defendant” or “GCBHS”) and a data incident (the “Data Incident”) that occurred in December 2023, when one or more unauthorized individuals allegedly accessed information on a database belonging to GCBHS, including names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, driver’s license or state identification numbers, health insurance policy or plan numbers, and healthcare information (Medicare/Medicaid numbers, patient identification numbers, medical record numbers, provider names, treatment locations, dates of treatment, diagnoses, treatments, prescriptions, medical histories, and test results). (collectively, “Private Information”).
- The lawsuit is called *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, No. A2400433 (Hamilton County). The lawsuit asserts claims related to the Data Incident. The Defendant in the lawsuit is GCBHS. GCBHS denies any wrongdoing or that it is or can be held liable for the claims made in the lawsuit. The Settlement does not establish who is correct, but rather is a compromise to end the lawsuit.
- Members of the Class are all United States residents whose Private Information was implicated in the Data Incident, including all United States residents to whom Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services sent direct notice of the Data Incident. Excluded from this Class are: (i) all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class; (ii) the Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this Settlement (including any members of the Court’s staff assigned to this case); (iii) Defendant’s officers and directors, and (iv) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Incident or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge.
- Class Members are eligible to receive the following relief: (1) up to \$5,000 in reimbursement for documented out of pocket losses and expenses resulting from the Data Incident, and (2) a cash payment between roughly \$60 and \$120 (assuming a claims rate of 5-10% of the roughly 61,850-person Settlement Class), which will be pro rata increased or decreased based on the money still remaining in the Settlement Fund at the time of payment; and/or (3) one (1) year of CyEx Medical Shield 3-bureau identity theft and credit monitoring protection. All three forms of relief may be combined. The Settlement Administrator will post additional information about the payment amount on www.gsbdatasettlement.com. For complete details, please see the Settlement Agreement, whose terms control, available at www.gsbdatasettlement.com.

- Your legal rights are affected regardless of whether you act or do not act. Please read this Notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT	
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	This is the only way you may receive benefits from this Settlement. The deadline to submit a Claim Form is <<Date>>.
EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT	You will receive no payment, but you will retain any rights you currently have with respect to Defendant and the issues in this case. You may download an exclusion form at www.gsbdatasettlement.com . The deadline to exclude from the Settlement is <<Date>>.
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT	Write to the Court explaining why you do not agree with the Settlement. The deadline to object is <<Date>>.
ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING	You may ask the Court for permission for you or your attorney to speak about your objection at the Final Approval Hearing. The Final Approval Hearing will be held on <<Date>> at <<Time>>.
DO NOTHING	You get no payment and you give up rights.

- These rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained in this Notice. For complete details, please see the Settlement Agreement, whose terms control, available at www.gsbdatasettlement.com.
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. No Settlement benefits or payments will be provided unless the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes Final.

BASIC INFORMATION

What is this Notice and why should I read it?

The Court authorized this Notice to inform you about a proposed Settlement with Defendant. You have legal rights and options that you may act on before the Court decides whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may be eligible to receive a cash payment as part of the Settlement. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, and your legal rights.

Judge Melba Marsh of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas is overseeing this class action. The case is called *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, No. A2400433 (Hamilton County) (the “Action”).

Donald Hoskins, Queen Hardin, and Thomas Manier are the Plaintiffs. The company they sued, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services, is the Defendant.

What is a class action lawsuit?

A class action is a lawsuit in which one or more plaintiff—in this case, Donald Hoskins, Queen Hardin, and Thomas Manier, sues on behalf of a group of people who they allege have similar claims. If certified, together this group is called a “Class” and consists of “Class Members.” In a class action, the court resolves the issues for all class members, except those who exclude themselves from the class. After the Parties reached an agreement to settle the Action, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement and recognized it as a case that should be treated as a class action for settlement purposes only.

THE CLAIMS IN THE LAWSUIT AND THE SETTLEMENT

What is this lawsuit about?

Plaintiffs claim that Defendant failed to implement and maintain reasonable security measures necessary to protect Private Information that it maintained on its database.

Defendant denies any wrongdoing and denies that it is or can be held liable for the claims made in the Action. More information about the allegations in the Action and Defendant’s responses can be found in the “Court Documents” section of the Settlement Website at www.gsbdatasettlement.com.

Why is there a Settlement?

The Court has not decided whether Plaintiffs or Defendant should win the Action. Instead, both sides agreed to this Settlement. That way, they can avoid the uncertainty, risks, and expense of ongoing litigation, and Class Members will get compensation now rather than years later—if ever. The Class Representatives and Class Counsel, attorneys for the Class Members, agree the Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members. The Settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing by Defendant.

WHO’S INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

How do I know if I am in the Settlement Class?

You are part of the Settlement as a Class Member if you are a United States residents whose Private Information was implicated in the Data Incident, which occurred in December 2023, and which includes all United States residents to whom Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services sent direct notice of the Data Incident. The Class specifically excludes: (i) all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class; (ii) the Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this Settlement (including any members of the Court’s staff assigned to this case); (iii) Defendant’s officers and directors, and (iv) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Incident or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge. Eligible Class Members will have been mailed notice of their eligibility by the Settlement Administrator, and Class membership will be verified against that mailed list. If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can

contact the Settlement Administrator by calling toll-free at <<Settlement Toll-Free Number>> or by visiting the Settlement Website at www.gsbdatasettlement.com.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

What does the Settlement provide?

This Settlement provides eligible Class Members with: (1) up to \$5,000 in reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Losses consisting of actual documented losses or expenses resulting from the Data Incident, and (2) a roughly \$60 to \$120 cash payment (assuming a claims rate of 5-10% of the 61,850-person Settlement Class); and (3) a one (1) year subscription to 3-bureau CyEx Medical Shield. Payments to Class Members are subject to a *pro rata* increase or decrease based on the money remaining in the Settlement Fund at the time of payment.

Who May Recover for Out-of-Pocket Losses and for How Much?

- If you are a Class Member and you incurred documented out of pocket losses fairly traceable to the Data Incident and/or documented unreimbursed expenses incurred on or after December 2023 that are related to the Data Incident, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement of your losses and expenses up to a total of \$5,000.00 per Class Member. Eligible losses or expenses include, without limitation: (1) unreimbursed costs, expenses, losses or charges incurred a result of identity theft or identity fraud, falsified tax returns, or other possible misuse of a Settlement Class Member's Social Security number; (2) unreimbursed costs incurred on or after December 2023 associated with accessing or freezing/unfreezing credit reports with any credit reporting agency; (3) other unreimbursed miscellaneous expenses incurred related to any Out-of-Pocket Expenses such as notary, fax, postage, copying, mileage, and long-distance telephone charges; (4) other mitigative costs fairly traceable to the Data Incident that were incurred on or after December 2023 through the date of the Settlement Class Member's claim submission; and (5) unpaid time off work to address issues fairly traceable to the Data Incident at the actual hourly rate of that Settlement Class Member.
- Settlement Class Members who elect to submit a claim for reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Losses must provide to the Settlement Administrator information required to evaluate the claim, including: (1) the Settlement Class Member's name and current address; (2) documentation reasonably supporting their claim; and (3) a brief description of the nature of the loss, if the nature of the loss is not apparent from the documentation alone. Documentation supporting Out-of-Pocket Losses can include receipts or other documentation not "self-prepared" by the Settlement Class Member concerning the costs incurred. "Self-prepared" documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to clarify or support other submitted documentation. For complete details, please see the Settlement Agreement, whose terms control, available at www.gsbdatasettlement.com. The Settlement Administrator will post additional information about the payment amount on www.gsbdatasettlement.com, if necessary.

Who May Receive a separate *Pro Rata* Cash Payment and for How Much?

All Class Members may make a claim to receive a cash payment of between approximately \$60.90 and \$131.48 (assuming a claims rate of 5-10% of the roughly 61,850-person Settlement Class) that will be adjusted up or down to account for the money remaining in the Settlement Fund after the payment of attorneys' fees and costs, settlement administration costs, class representative service awards, valid claims for out-of-pocket losses, and identity theft monitoring subscriptions. Class Members do not need to suffer Out-of-Pocket Losses for eligibility to file a claim for a *pro rata* cash payment.

Who May Receive Identity Theft and Credit Monitoring Protection?

All Class Members may submit a claim to receive one (1) year of 3-bureau CyEx Medical Shield.

Maximum Settlement Contribution: Under this Settlement, the maximum total amount Defendant may be required to pay is \$850,000.00. This maximum includes all class member benefits, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and class representative service awards. In no event shall Defendant's total financial obligation under the Settlement exceed \$850,000.00.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS

How do I make a Claim?

By submitting a valid claim form by on or before the claim deadline of [Month/Date/Year]. If you received the notice from the Settlement Administrator and/or a notification letter from GCBHS, you can make a claim by filling out and submitting the claim form available at www.gcbdatasettlement.com.

You can also contact the Settlement Administrator to request a paper claim form by telephone (1-800-XXX-XXXX), email (info@ <<Email>>), or U.S. mail Simpluris>>, GCBHS Data Settlement, (address, city) (Zip)).

Claims will be subject to a verification process. You will need the Unique ID provided on the front of your postcard Notice to fill out a Claim Form. If you do not know your Unique ID, please contact the Settlement Administrator.

When will I get my payment?

The hearing to consider the fairness of the Settlement is scheduled for <<DATE>>., <<TIME>>. If the Court approves the Settlement, eligible Settlement Class Members whose claims were approved by the Settlement Administrator will be sent payment after all appeals and other reviews, if any, are completed. Please be patient. Eligible claims will be paid to Class Members via written check unless a Class Member chooses to receive payment electronically. All checks will expire and become void 180 days after they are issued.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

Do I have a lawyer in this case?

Yes, the Court has appointed Terence R. Coates and Dylan J. Gould of Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC, Philip J. Krzeski of Chestnut Cambronne PA, and Ken Grunfeld of Kopelowitz Ostrow as “Class Counsel.”

Should I get my own lawyer?

You don’t need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel are working on your behalf. These lawyers and their firms are experienced in handling similar cases. You will not be charged for these lawyers. You can ask your own lawyer to appear in Court for you, at your own cost, if you want someone other than Class Counsel to represent you.

How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses that will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Counsel will not seek more than one-third of the Settlement Fund (\$283,333.33) in attorneys’ fees and up to \$30,000.00 in litigation costs and expenses. Class Counsel will also request a service award of up to \$5,000 for each of the two class representatives. The Court will determine the proper amount of any attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses to award Class Counsel and the proper amount of any service awards to the Class Representative. The Court may award less than the amounts requested.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

What claims do I give up by participating in this Settlement?

If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will not be able to sue Defendant about the issues in the Action, and you will be bound by all decisions made by the Court in this case, the Settlement, and its included Release. This is true regardless of whether you submit a Claim Form. You can read the Settlement Agreement at www.gcbdatasettlement.com. However, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will not be bound by any of the Released Claims.

“Released Claims” means any and all past, present, and future claims and causes of action related to the Data Incident, including but not limited to, any causes of action arising under or premised upon any statute, constitution, law, ordinance, treaty, regulation, or common law of any country, state, province, county, city, or municipality, including 15 U.S.C. § 45, et seq., and all similar statutes in effect in any states in the United States as defined below; state consumer-protection statutes; negligence; negligence per se; breach of contract; breach of implied contract; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of confidence; invasion of privacy; fraud; misrepresentation (whether fraudulent, negligent or innocent); unjust enrichment; bailment; wantonness; failure to provide adequate notice pursuant to any breach notification statute or common law duty; and including, but not limited to, any and all claims for damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, declaratory relief or judgment, equitable relief, attorneys’ fees and expenses, pre-judgment interest, credit monitoring services, the creation of a fund for future damages, statutory damages, punitive

damages, special damages, exemplary damages, restitution, and/or the appointment of a receiver, whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, direct or derivative, and any other form of legal or equitable relief that either has been asserted, was asserted, or could have been asserted, by any Class Member against any of the Released Parties based on, relating to, concerning or arising out of the alleged Data Incident or the allegations, transactions, occurrences, facts, or circumstances alleged in or otherwise described in the Litigation.

The Settlement Agreement in Paragraphs ### describes the Release, Released Claims, and timeline to submit valid claims in necessary legal terminology, so please read these sections carefully. The Settlement Agreement is available at www.gcbdatasettlement.com or in the public court records on file in the Action.

The Released Claims shall not include the right of Plaintiffs, any Class Member, or any Releasing Party to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will receive no payment under the Settlement for any losses incurred as a result of the Data Incident. You will be in the Class, and if the Court approves the Settlement, you will also be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, the Settlement, and its included Release. You will be deemed to have participated in the Settlement and will be subject to the provisions of Section 11 above. Unless you exclude yourself, you won't be able to file a lawsuit or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant for the claims or legal issues resolved in this Settlement.

What happens if I ask to be excluded?

If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not have any rights as a member of the Class under the Settlement terms; you will not receive any payment as part of the Settlement; you will not be bound by any further orders or judgments in this case; and you will keep the right, if any, to sue on the claims alleged in this lawsuit at your own expense.

How do I ask to be excluded?

You can ask to be excluded from the Settlement. To do so, you must mail a letter or exclusion form stating: (1) the name of the proceeding, *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, No. A2400433 (Hamilton County); (2) your full name; (3) your current address; (4) your personal signature; and (5) a clear statement of your intent to opt-out of or exclude yourself from the Settlement. You must mail your exclusion request, postmarked no later than <<ExclusionDeadline>>, to the following address:

In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation Settlement
c/o << Simpluris >>

You cannot exclude yourself by phone or email. Each individual who wants to be excluded from the Settlement must submit his or her own exclusion request. No group opt-outs shall be permitted.

If I don't exclude myself, can I sue Defendant for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue Defendant for the claims being resolved by this Settlement even if you do nothing.

If I exclude myself, can I get anything from this Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, do not submit a Claim Form to ask for a payment.

How do I object to the Settlement?

If you did not exclude yourself from the Class and think that the Court should not approve the Settlement, you can object to the Settlement and provide reasons why you think the Settlement should not be approved. Such notice must state: (i) your full name and address; (ii) the case name and docket number, *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, No. A2400433 (Hamilton County); (iii) information identifying yourself as a Class Member, including proof that you are a member of the Class (e.g., copy of your settlement notice, copy of original notice of the Data Incident, or a statement explaining why you believe you are a Class Member); (iv) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection that you believe is applicable; (v) the identity of any and all counsel representing you in connection with your objection; (vi) a statement whether you and/or your counsel will appear at the Final Approval Hearing; and (vii) your signature or the signature of your duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative (if any) representing you in connection with the objection.

To be timely, written notice of an objection in the appropriate form must be mailed, with a postmark date no later than <<Objection Date>>, to the Settlement Administrator, Simpluris, at <<Address>>. You or your counsel shall also file any Objection with the Court through the Court's ECF system or by submitting your objection to the Clerk of Court, which is located at <<Address>>.

For all objections mailed to the Settlement Administrator, Class Counsel will file them with the Court with the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, unless the Objection(s) were previously filed on the docket.

What's the difference between objecting and excluding myself from the Settlement?

Objecting simply means telling the Court that you don't like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself from the Class is telling the Court that you don't want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer affects you.

THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING

When and where will the Court hold a hearing on the fairness of the Settlement?

The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing on <<**FinalApproval Hearing Date and Time**>> at the <<**Court Address**>>. The purpose of the hearing is for the Court to determine whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Class. At the hearing, the Court will hear any objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the proposed Settlement, including those related to the amount requested by Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses and the Service Awards to the Class Representatives.

Note: The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing are subject to change by Court Order. Any changes will be posted at the Settlement Website, www.gcbdatasettlement.com, or through the Court's publicly available docket. You should check the Settlement Website to confirm the date and time have not been changed.

Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have, but you are welcome to attend the hearing at your own expense. If you send an objection, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as your written objection was filed or mailed on time and meets the other criteria described in the Settlement Agreement, the Court will consider it. You may also pay a lawyer to attend on your behalf at your own expense, but you don't have to.

May I speak at the Hearing?

Yes. If you do not exclude yourself from the Class, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Final Approval Hearing concerning any part of the proposed Settlement.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Where can I get additional information?

This notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement, which is available at www.gcbdatasettlement.com.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR ONLINE AT WWW.DATASETTLEMENT.COM, BY CALLING TOLL-FREE AT, <<**SETTLEMENTTOLLFREE**NUMBER>>, BY EMAIL AT <<Email>>, OR WRITING TO:

In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation
c/o <<Settlement Administrator>>

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT, THE CLERK OF THE COURT, THE JUDGE, OR THE DEFENDANT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OR CLAIMS PROCESS.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE GREATER CINCINNATI
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DATA
INCIDENT LITIGATION

Case No. A2400433

Hon. Judge Melba D. Marsh

EXHIBIT C

In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation, No. A2400433 (Hamilton County)

SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

TO BE VALID, THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE AT WWW.GSBDATASETTLEMENT.COM NO LATER THAN <<CLAIM DEADLINE>>.

ATTENTION: This Claim Form is to be used to apply for relief related to the Data Incident that Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services ("GCBHS") discovered in or around December 2023, which potentially affected patients and employees, including those to whom GCBHS sent notice. There are three types of benefits for which Class Members are eligible: (a) reimbursement of out-of-pocket losses or expenses that are reasonably traceable to the Data Incident, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00; (b) a cash payment of approximately \$100; and/or (c) a one year subscription for three bureau CyEx Medical Shield services.

To submit a claim, you must have been identified as an individual whose private information was maintained on the GCBHS database that was implicated during the Data Incident and received notice of this Settlement with a Unique ID.

Please review this entire claim form. Failure to submit required documentation, or to complete all necessary parts of the claim form, may result in denial of the claim, delay its processing, or otherwise adversely affect the claim.

ASSISTANCE: If you have questions, please visit the Settlement Website at www.GCBdatasettlement.com or call <<Settlement Toll Free Phone Number>>.

REGISTRATION

First Name: MI: Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Please provide the Unique ID identified on the notice that was sent to you:

Instructions. Please follow the instructions below and answer the questions as instructed.

CASH PAYMENT

Would you like to receive a cash payment under the Settlement? (select)

Yes No

* The Parties estimate that payments under this option will be approximately \$100. However, the value of payments under this option will be increased or decreased pro rata based on the balance of the Settlement Fund after the payment of other benefits, fees, and expenses. You do not need to suffer out-of-pocket losses or expenses to receive this payment.

Identity Theft and Credit Monitoring Protection

Would you like to receive one year of three-bureau identity theft and credit monitoring protection through CyEx Medical Shield? (select)

Yes No

** You may select this claim in addition to any cash payment under the Settlement. You do not need to suffer out-of-pocket losses or expenses to receive this payment.

OUT-OF-POCKET LOSSES

The Settlement also provides reimbursement for out-of-pocket losses or expenses incurred in or after December 2023 as a result of the Data Incident, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000. Examples of losses or expenses that can be reimbursed include, but are not limited to, money spent for credit monitoring services, to hire professional services to remedy identity theft, to freeze your credit, or to remedy a falsified tax return or inaccurate entries on your credit report. To obtain reimbursement, you must provide a brief description of what the losses or expenses were for, and provide supporting third-party documentation, such as receipts, bank statements, or reports.

Did you suffer any financial expenses or losses that you believe were incurred as a result of the Data Incident? (select one)

Yes No

If you selected no, please proceed to the end of this Claim Form to provide a date and signature.

If you selected yes, for each loss or expense that you believe you incurred as a result of the Data Incident, please provide a short description of the loss, the date of the loss, and the type of documentation you will be submitting to support the loss. You must provide ALL of this information for this claim to be processed. **Supporting documents must also be submitted with this Claim Form.** “Self-prepared” documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to add clarity or

support other submitted documentation. Please provide only copies of your supporting documents and keep all originals for your personal files.

Description of the Loss	Date of Loss	Amount	Description of Supporting Documentation
Example: Identity Theft Protection Service	05-17-25 MM DD YY	\$ 50.00	Copy of identity theft protection service bill
Example: Fees paid to a professional to remedy a falsified tax return	05-30-25 MM DD YY	\$ 300.00	Copy of the professional services bill
Description of the Loss	Date of Loss	Amount	Description of Supporting Documentation
	MM DD YY	\$.	
	MM DD YY	\$.	
	MM DD YY	\$.	
	MM DD YY	\$.	
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	MM DD YY	\$.	

FORM OF PAYMENT

By mailing this form to the Settlement Administrator, you will receive payment for your losses under this Settlement in the form of a check. If you wish to receive an electronic payment, you must submit your Claim Form online at <<Settlement Website>>.

CLASS MEMBER AFFIRMATION

By submitting this Claim Form and signing my name below, I declare that I received notification from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services or the Settlement Administrator that I am a potential Class Member. I declare under penalty of perjury that any losses or expenses identified above were suffered by me in or after December 2023, and that the information I provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date: – –

MMDDYY

TO BE VALID, THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE AT
WWW.GSBDATASETTLEMENT.COM NO LATER THAN <<CLAIM DEADLINE>>.

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Case No. A2400433

Hon. Judge Melba D. Marsh

EXHIBIT D

In re Greater Cincinnati
Behavioral Health Services
Data Incident Litigation,
c/o Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box XXXX
City, State Zip

FIRST-CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
CITY, STATE ZIP
PERMIT NO. XXXX

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT

You may be entitled to submit a claim
for monetary compensation under a
class action settlement.

<<Settlement Website>>

<<Barcode>>

Class Member ID: <<Refnum>>

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>
<<BusinessName>>

<<Address>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<ST>> <<Zip>>•<<zip4>>

WHO IS A CLASS MEMBER?

In the lawsuit *In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services Data Incident Litigation*, Case No. A2400433 (Hamilton County) you are a class member if your personal information was implicated in the data security incident that Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services ("GCBHS") experienced in December 2023 (the "Data Incident"), including those to whom GCBHS sent direct notice of the Data Incident.

WHAT ARE THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS AND TERMS?

Under the Settlement, GCBHS has agreed to pay \$850,000.00 into a Settlement Fund which will be distributed to Class Members who submit valid claims. Class Members who believe they suffered out-of-pocket losses or expenses as a result of the Data Incident may claim up to \$5,000 for the reimbursement of sufficiently documented losses or expenses. All Class

Members may also submit claims to receive additional cash payments of approximately \$100, which will be *pro rata* adjusted up or down based on the balance of the Settlement Fund after payments for other class member benefits, settlement administration expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses, and any class representative service awards. Class Members may also submit a claim for one year of 3-bureau identity theft and credit monitoring, protection from CyEx Medical Shield. More information about the types of claims and how to file them is available at www.gcbdatasettlement.com.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS?

Submit a Claim Form. To qualify for a cash payment, you must timely mail a Claim Form that is attached to this notice or complete and submit a Claim Form online at www.gcbdatasettlement.com. Your Claim Form must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **February 2, 2025**.

Simpliuris is the Settlement Administrator.

Opt Out. You may exclude yourself from the Settlement and retain your ability to sue GCBHS on your own by mailing a written request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator that is postmarked no later than **February 2, 2025**. If you don't exclude yourself, you will be bound by necessary to support your request for payment. If you wish to receive just the Settlement and give up your right to sue regarding the released claims, a *pro rata* cash payment and CyEx Medical Shield, the attached tear off **Objecting**. If you do not exclude yourself, you have the right to object to the Settlement. Written objections must be signed, postmarked no later than **February 2, 2025**, and provide the reasons for the objection. If you

intend to file an objection, please review the full requirements for filing an objection located at www.gcbdatasettlement.com.

Do Nothing. If you do nothing, you will not receive a Settlement payment and will lose the right to sue regarding the released claims.

Attend the Final Approval Hearing. The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing at **February 2, 2025** to determine if the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. All persons who timely object to the Settlement may appear at the Final Approval Hearing.

Who are the attorneys for the Plaintiff and the proposed Class? The Court has appointed Terence R. Coates and Dylan J. Gould of Markovits, Stock, & DeMarco, LLC, Philip J. Krzeski of Chestnut Cambrome, and Ken Grunfeld of Kopelowitz Ostrow to represent the Class.

Do I have any obligation to pay attorneys' fees or expenses? No. Attorneys' fees and expenses will be paid exclusively from the Settlement Fund as awarded and approved by the Court. Class Counsel will request Attorneys' fees in an amount not exceeding \$283,333.33, and litigation expenses in an amount not exceeding \$30,000.00. The motion for attorneys' fees and expenses will be posted on the Settlement Website once it is filed.

How much are the Class Representative Service Awards? The two Class Representatives will seek Service Awards up to \$5,000 each for their efforts in this case.

Who is the Judge overseeing this Settlement? Melba D. Marsh of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

Where may I locate a copy of the Settlement Agreement, learn more about the case, or learn more about submitting a Claim?

www.gcbdatasettlement.com *** Please note that if you wish to submit a claim for the reimbursement of out-of-pocket losses, you will likely need to complete your claim online so that you can attach all information necessary to support your request for payment. If you wish to receive just a *pro rata* cash payment and CyEx Medical Shield, the attached tear off Claim Form will suffice. A longer version of the Claim Form may be accessed on the Settlement Website.

This Notice is a summary of the proposed Settlement.

Postage
Required

In re Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health
Services Data Incident Litigation
c/o Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box XXXX
City, State Zip

<< B a r c o d e >> Class Member ID:
<<Refnum>>

CLAIM FORM

Claims must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **_____**, 2025.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

1. ***Pro Rata Cash Payment****: Would you like to receive a cash payment under the Settlement? (circle) Yes No

*Settlement Class Members may receive pro rata cash payments of approximately \$100, which shall be adjusted up or down on a pro rata basis from money remaining in the Settlement Fund after all other class member benefits, attorneys' fees, expenses, and service awards are paid. All Settlement Class Members are eligible for this payment. You may choose any or all of the available benefits when submitting a claim.

2. ***Credit Monitoring***: Would you like to receive one year of three-bureau CyEx Medical Shield protection services? (circle) Yes No

You are also permitted to submit a claim for Verified Out-of-Pocket Losses. To submit a claim for Documented Out-of-Pocket Losses you incurred as a result of the Data incident, you need to visit www.gebdatasettlement.com to complete a claim form.

You are required to provide supporting third-party documentation to support your claim for out-of-pocket losses or expenses, such as providing copies of receipts, bank statements, reports, or other documentation supporting your claim. "Self-prepared" documents, such as handwritten receipts, are insufficient by themselves but can be considered to add clarity or support with other submitted documentation. If you lack information and documentation supporting your claim for verified out-of-pocket losses or expenses, you will not receive compensation for this settlement benefit. It is recommended that claims for out of pocket loss or expense reimbursement be submitted online at www.gebdatasettlement.com, which will allow you to upload documentation through the claim portal.

By signing my name below, I swear and affirm that I have read this claim form and that the information I have provided is true and accurate, and that I am completing this claim form to the best of my personal knowledge.

(signature)







2025-07-29 GCBHS Settlement Agreement

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