

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<p><b>KATHLEEN TUCKER</b>, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Plaintiffs,</p> <p>v.</p> <p><b>MARIETTA AREA HEALTH CARE, INC. D/B/A MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM</b>,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Defendant.</p>	<p>Case No. 2:22-cv-00184-SDM-EPD</p> <p><b>Judge Sarah D. Morrison</b></p> <p><b>Magistrate Judge Elizabeth P. Deavers</b></p>
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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Settlement Agreement is made and entered into by and among the following Settling Parties (as defined below): Plaintiffs Kathleen Tucker, Sharon Chaddock, Gerald Davis, Donna Acree, Cindy Beaver, and Sherry Morris (“Plaintiffs”), individually and on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, and Defendant Marietta Area Health Care, Inc. dba Memorial Health System (hereinafter known as “MHS” or “Defendant” and, together with Plaintiffs, the “Parties” or “Settling Parties”). The Settlement Agreement is subject to Court approval and is 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. INTRODUCTION**

This is a nationwide consumer class action brought by Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and a class of “All persons who utilized MHS’s services, whose Private Information was maintained on MHS’s system that was compromised in the Data Breach, and who were sent a

notice of the Data Breach (the “Class”).”

This class action arises out of the targeted cyberattack Hive executed between July 10, 2021, and August 15, 2021 against Defendant MHS that allowed a third party to access Defendant MHS’s computer systems and data, resulting in the compromise of highly sensitive personal information belonging to hundreds of thousands of current and former patients of MHS (the “Data Breach”), including names, Social Security numbers, medical/treatment information, health insurance information, other protected health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”), and additional personally identifiable information (“PII”) and protected health information (“PHI”) that Defendant collected and maintained (collectively the “Private Information”). Because of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs and approximately 216,478 Class Members suffered ascertainable losses and harm in the form of invasion of privacy, the loss of the benefit of their bargain, out-of-pocket expenses, the value of their time reasonably incurred to remedy or mitigate the effects of the attack, emotional distress, and the imminent risk of future harm caused by the compromise of their sensitive Private Information.

On January 19, 2022, Plaintiff Kathleen Tucker filed the first Complaint against Defendant in this Court for claims arising from the Data Breach. Subsequent related Complaints were filed, and on March 30, 2022, the Court entered an order consolidating the related actions. On December 9, 2022, the Court also entered an order appointing Terence R. Coates (Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC), Joseph M. Lyon (The Lyon Firm), and Gary Mason (Mason LLP) as Interim Lead Counsel. Plaintiff Sherry Morris filed a State Court action on January 24, 2022. On March 3, 2022, Judge Halliday granted a Joint Motion to Stay the State Court proceedings. The *Morris* action will be dismissed following the execution of this Settlement Agreement.

In the currently operative Consolidated Amended Complaint (“CAC”), filed April 29,

2022, Plaintiffs alleged individually and on behalf of the Class that, as a direct result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered numerous actual and imminent injuries, including: (a) theft of their Private Information; (b) costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity theft; (c) costs associated with time spent, and the loss of productivity from taking time, to address and attempt to ameliorate, mitigate, and deal with the consequences of the Data Breach; (d) invasion of privacy; (e) the emotional distress, stress, nuisance, and annoyance of responding to, and resulting from, the Data Breach; (f) the actual and/or imminent injury arising from actual and/or potential fraud and identity theft posed by their personal data being placed in the hands of the ill-intentioned hackers and/or criminals; (g) the diminution in value of their personal data; (h) the loss of value of the bargain for paying for services that required entrusting their Private Information to Defendant with the mutual understanding that Defendant would safeguard the Private Information against improper disclosure, misuse, and theft; and (i) the continued risk to their Private Information, which remains in the possession of Defendant, and which is subject to further breaches, so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information. Doc. 9, at ¶ 19.

Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of other members of the Class, asserted claims for Negligence (Count I), Negligence Per Se (Count II), Breach of Express Contract (Count III), Breach of Implied Contract (Count IV), Breach of Fiduciary Duty (Count V), and Unjust Enrichment (Count VI). Plaintiffs also seek Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief (Count VII). *Id.* at ¶ 21.

On May 13, 2022, Defendant filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims (Doc. 10), and on June 3, 2022, Defendant filed a motion to strike Plaintiffs' class allegations (Doc. 11). Plaintiffs opposed both motions (Docs. 13, 18). After the motions were fully briefed by the Parties, on

January 27, 2023, the Court granted in part and denied in part the Defendant's motion to dismiss and denied Defendant's motion to strike. Doc. 30. The Court dismissed Count I (Negligence), Count II (Negligence Per Se), Count III (Breach of Express Contract), and Count IV Breach of Implied Contract).

Before entering into this Settlement Agreement, and in response to informal discovery requests for settlement purposes from Plaintiffs, Defendant produced materials that addressed the manner and mechanism of the Data Breach, the number of impacted individuals broken down by state, Defendant's notice program and incident response, and security enhancements implemented by Defendant following the Data Breach.

## **II. MEDIATION**

On March 9, 2023, the parties engaged in a full-day mediation session with Ben Picker (Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, LLP). Mr. Picker is a well-regarded mediator with substantial experience handling data breach class action mediations. A resolution was reached at mediation. The agreed resolution or settlement is memorialized in this Settlement Agreement.

Pursuant to the terms identified below, this Settlement Agreement provides for the resolution of all claims and causes of action asserted, or that could have been asserted, against Defendant and the Released Persons (as defined below) relating to the Data Breach and this Litigation, by and on behalf of Plaintiffs and Class Members (as defined below).

## **III. PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS AND BENEFITS OF SETTLING**

Plaintiffs believe the claims asserted in the Litigation, as set forth in their CAC against Defendant, have merit. Plaintiffs and Interim Lead Counsel recognize and acknowledge, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute the Litigation against Defendant through motion practice, trial, and potential appeals. Plaintiffs and Interim Lead Counsel have also considered the uncertain outcome and risk of further litigation, as well as the

difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation, especially in complex class actions. Interim Lead Counsel are highly experienced in class action litigation and, in particular, data breach and privacy litigation, and have previously served as lead counsel in other Ohio data breach class actions through final approval. Plaintiffs and Interim Lead Counsel have determined that the settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class Members.

#### **IV. DENIAL OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY**

Defendant denies each and all of the claims and contentions alleged against it in the CAC. Defendant denies all charges of wrongdoing or liability as alleged, or which could be alleged. Nonetheless, Defendant has concluded that further conduct of litigation would be protracted and expensive, and that it is desirable that this matter be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement. Defendant has considered the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation and in this matter. Defendant has, therefore, determined that it is desirable and beneficial that the Litigation be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

#### **V. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class Members, Proposed Class Counsel, as set forth in the signature block below, and Defendant that, subject to the approval of the Court, the Released Claims (as defined below) shall be finally and fully compromised, settled, and released, and the Litigation shall be dismissed with prejudice as to the Settling Parties and the Class Members, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement, as follows:

##### **1. Definitions**

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

1.1 “**Administration Fees**” shall mean the fees, costs and other expenses incurred for Settlement Administration, as defined below, and includes Costs of Settlement Administration.

1.2 “**Agreement**” or “**Settlement Agreement**” means this agreement.

1.3 “**CAFA Notice**” means a notice of the proposed Settlement in compliance with the requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1711, et seq. (“CAFA”), to be served upon the appropriate State official in each State where a Class Member resides and the appropriate federal official. Costs for preparation and issuance of the CAFA Notice will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

1.4 “**Claim Form**” means the form that will be used by Class Members to submit a Settlement Claim to the Settlement Administrator and that is substantially in the form as shown in **Exhibit A** to this Settlement Agreement.

1.5 “**Claims Deadline**” means the postmark and/or online submission deadline for Settlement Claims pursuant to ¶ 2.1, which shall be ninety (90) days after the Notice Date (as defined below). The Claims Deadline shall clearly be set forth in the Order granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, as well as in the Notice and on the Claim Form.

1.6 “**Class**” means all natural persons residing in the United States who were sent a Notice Letter notifying them that their Private Information was compromised in the Data Breach. 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; and (iii) any other 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 Breach or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge.

1.7 “**Class Member(s)**” means a Person(s) who falls within the definition of the Class.

1.8 “**Costs of Settlement Administration**” means all actual costs associated with or arising from Settlement Administration.

1.9 “**Court**” means the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Judge Sarah D. Morrison.

1.10 “**Data Breach**” means the ransomware attack Hive perpetrated against Defendant between July 10, 2021, and August 15, 2021, that involved an unauthorized third-party accessing Defendant’s network and computer systems and potentially accessing the Private Information of Plaintiffs and the Class Members (as defined below).

1.11 “**Dispute Resolution**” means the process for resolving disputed Settlement Claims as set forth in this Agreement.

1.12 “**Effective Date**” shall mean the date when the Settlement Agreement becomes Final, which is thirty-one (31) 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 be thirty-one (31) days from when the appeal is decided and a Judgment is entered in this case.

1.13 “**Escrow Account**” means the account opened by the Settlement Administrator.

1.14 “**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.

1.15 "**Final Approval Hearing**" means hearing at which the Court will determine whether to finally approve the proposed Settlement including determining whether the settlement benefits, attorneys' fees and expenses, Class Representative Service Awards, and Settlement Administration fees and expenses are fair reasonable and adequate.

1.16 "**Final Approval Order**" is the Order through which the Court grants final approval of this class action Settlement and finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

1.17 "**Interim Lead Counsel**" and "**Class Counsel**" means Terence R. Coates (Markovits, Stock & DeMarco, LLC), Joseph M. Lyon (The Lyon Firm), and Gary Mason (Mason LLP). Jeffery S. Goldenberg (Goldenberg Schneider LPA) is also counsel for Plaintiffs and Class Counsel.

1.18 "**Judgment**" means a judgment rendered by the Court.

1.19 "**Litigation**" means this consolidated case, Case No. 2:22-cv-00184, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against Defendant, and the case styled *Morris v. Marietta Area Health Care, Inc.*, Case No. 220T00010, currently stayed in the Court of Common Pleas in Washington County, Ohio.

1.20 "**Long Notice**" means the long-form notice of settlement to be posted on the Settlement Website (as defined below), substantially in the form as shown in **Exhibit B** to this Settlement Agreement.



1.21 “**Notice Date**” means thirty (30) days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, which is the date that Notice will be sent to Class Members.

1.22 “**Objection Date**” means the date by which Class Members must file with the Court through the Court’s electronic case filing (“ECF”) system and mail to Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant their objection to the Settlement. The postmark date shall constitute evidence of the date of mailing for these purposes. The Objection Date shall be sixty (60) days after the Notice Date.

1.23 “**Opt-Out Date**” means the date by which Class Members must mail to the Settlement Administrator their requests to be excluded from the Class. The postmark date shall constitute evidence of the date of mailing for these purposes. The Opt-Out Date shall be sixty (60) days after the Notice Date.

1.24 “**Person**” means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or partnership, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity, and their respective spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assignees.

1.25 “**Plaintiffs**” and “**Class Representatives**” mean Kathleen Tucker, Sharon Chaddock, Gerald Davis, Donna Acree, Cindy Beaver, and Sherry Morris.

1.26 “**Preliminary Approval Order**” means the Order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement and ordering that Notice be provided to the Class. The Settling Parties’ proposed form of Preliminary Approval Order is attached to this Settlement Agreement as **Exhibit C**.

1.27 “**Released Claims**” shall collectively mean any and all past, present, and future claims or causes of action that are asserted, were asserted, or could be asserted, by any Class Member against any of the Released Persons that are based upon or arising out of the alleged Data Breach. Released Claims specifically include, but are 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.*; 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; and failure to provide adequate notice pursuant to any breach notification statute or common law duty. Released Claims include but are not limited to any and all claims for damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, declaratory relief or judgment, 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, the appointment of a receiver, or other legal or equitable relief, whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, or direct or derivative. Released Claims shall not include the right of any Class Member or any of the Released Persons 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.

1.28 “**Related Entities**” means Defendant’s past or present parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and related or affiliated entities, and each of their respective predecessors, successors, directors, officers, principals, agents, attorneys, insurers, and reinsurers, and includes, 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 Breach or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge.

1.29 “**Released Persons**” means Defendant and its Related Entities and each of their past or present parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and related or affiliated entities, and each of their respective predecessors, successors, directors, officers, principals, agents, attorneys, insurers, and reinsurers.

1.30 “**Remainder Funds**” means the funds, if any, that remain in the Settlement Fund after settlement payments for all Valid Claims (as defined below). 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.

1.31 “**Service Awards**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it as set forth in ¶ 7.3 of this Settlement Agreement. The Service Awards requested in this matter will be \$5,000.00 to each Class Representative, subject to court approval and will be in addition to any other Settlement benefits Plaintiffs may receive. The Service Awards shall be paid from the Settlement Fund.

1.32 “**Settlement Administration**” means the processing and payment of claims received from Class Members by the Settlement Administrator.

1.33 “**Settlement Administrator**” means Postlethwaite & Netterville (“P&N”), a business experienced in administering class action claims of the type provided for and made in data breach litigation.

1.34 “**Settlement Claim**” means a claim for settlement benefits made under the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

1.35 “**Settlement Fund**” means a non-reversionary common fund to be funded by Defendant in the amount of one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000.00) which shall be deposited into the Escrow Account as set forth in ¶¶ 8.1, 8.2.

1.36 “**Settlement Website**” is the website that will be devoted to this Settlement, will include important information about the Settlement and will be the following URL: [www.mhsdatasettlement.com](http://www.mhsdatasettlement.com).

1.37 “**Settling Parties**” means, collectively, Defendant and Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class and all Released Persons.

1.38 “**Short Notice**” means the short-form notice of this proposed class action Settlement, substantially in the form as shown in **Exhibit D** to this Settlement Agreement. The Short Notice will direct recipients to the Settlement Website where recipients may view the Long Notice and make a claim for monetary relief. The Short Notice will also inform Class Members, *inter alia*, of the Claims Deadline, the Opt-Out Date and Objection Date, and the date of the Final Approval Hearing.

1.39 “**United States**” as used in this Settlement Agreement means the United States of America and includes all of its States, the District of Columbia, and all territories.

1.40 “**Unknown Claims**” means any of the Released Claims that any Class Member, including any Plaintiff, does not know or suspect to exist in his/her favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons that, if known by him or her, might have affected his or her settlement with, and release of, the Released Persons, or might have affected his or her decision not to object to and/or to participate in this Settlement Agreement. With respect to any and all Released Claims,

the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs intend to and expressly shall have, and each of the other Class Members intend to and shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, waived the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by California Civil Code § 1542, (or any similar, comparable, or equivalent provision of any federal, state or foreign law, or principle of common law ). California Civil Code § 1542 provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Class Members, including Plaintiffs, may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiffs expressly shall have, and Class Members shall be deemed to have, by operation of the Judgment, upon the Effective Date, fully, finally and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims, including Unknown Claims. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver is a material element of the Settlement Agreement of which this release is a part.

1.41 “**Valid Claims**” means Settlement Claims in an amount approved by the Settlement Administrator or found to be valid through the claims processing and/or Dispute Resolution process.

## **2. Settlement Benefits**

2.1 Claimed Benefits: All Class Members shall have the opportunity to submit a Claim Form for certain Claimed Benefits on or before the Claims Deadline. The Claimed Benefits, as described below, shall include: (a) Pro-Rata Cash Payment; (b) Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims; and (c) Lost-Time Claims. Class Members may submit a Claim for any Claimed Benefit for which

they qualify and may combine Claims (e.g., a Class Member may be entitled to Claimed Benefits of \$50 Pro Rata Cash Payment, Out-of-Pocket Expenses, and Lost-Time).

- a) \$50 Pro-Rata Cash Payment. After the distribution of Administrative Fees, Service Awards, Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims, Lost-Time Claims (each of which is defined below in this Section) attorneys' fees, and Class Counsel's litigation expenses, the Settlement Administrator will make *pro rata* settlement payments of the remaining Settlement Fund to each Class Member who submits a claim. This may increase or decrease the \$50 cash payment. A Class Member is not required to provide any documentation or attestation to claim the \$50 cash payment.
- b) Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims. Class Members can submit a Claim Form for reimbursement of documented out-of-pocket losses reasonably traceable to the Data Breach up to \$5,000.00 per individual ("Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims"). Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims will include, 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 July 10, 2021, through the date of claim submission that the claimant attests under penalty of perjury were caused or otherwise incurred as a result of the Data Breach; and miscellaneous expenses such as notary, data charges (if charged based on the amount of data used) fax,

postage, copying, mileage, cell phone charges (only if charged by the minute), and long-distance telephone charges.

Class Members with Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims must submit documentation and attestation supporting their claims. This may include receipts or other documentation, not “self-prepared” by the claimant, that verifies the costs incurred. “Self-prepared” documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but may be considered to add clarity or support to other submitted documentation.

- c) Lost-Time Claims. Class Members can submit a Claim Form for reimbursement for time spent remedying issues related to the Data Breach for up to four (4) total hours at a rate of \$25 per hour capped at \$100 (“Lost-Time Claims”). Class Members do not need to submit any documentation in connection with Lost-Time Claims, but Class Members must attest that the time claimed was actually spent as a result of the Data Breach.

2.2 Any residual funds after payment of all class benefits, Settlement Administration fees, attorneys’ fees, costs, and Service Awards shall be used for a *pro rata* increase of the \$50 Pro Rata Cash Payment claims set forth in Section 2.1(a) above, with no maximum payment. Any funds that remain after the distribution and reissuance of all payments from the Settlement Fund, including for settlement checks that are not cashed by the deadline to do so, will be Remainder Funds that shall be distributed to a charitable organization approved of by the Parties and subject to Court approval.

2.3 Business Practices Changes & Confirmatory Discovery. In connection with the Parties’ mediation, MHS provided Plaintiffs with documentation regarding the Data Breach and

the security business practice changes that MHS has made to improve its information security posture following the Data Breach.

2.4 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 Expense Claims described in Section 2.1; and (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 Breach. The Settlement Administrator may, at any time, request from the claimant, in writing, additional information as the Settlement Administrator may reasonably require in order 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 implausible, the Settlement Administrator will submit those claims to the Settling Parties (one Plaintiffs' lawyer shall be designated to fill this role for all Plaintiffs). If the Settling Parties do not agree with the claimant's Settlement Claim, after meeting and conferring, then the Settlement Claim shall be referred for resolution to the Settlement Administrator for final determination.

2.4.1. 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 give the claimant a minimum of fourteen (14) days to cure the defect before rejecting the claim. If the defect is not cured in the time permitted by the Settlement Administrator (subject to the 14-day minimum), then the claim



will be deemed invalid and there shall be no obligation to pay the defective claim. The postmark date shall constitute evidence of the date of mailing for these purposes.

2.4.2 Following receipt of additional information requested by the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator shall have ten (10) days to accept, in whole or lesser amount, or reject each claim. If, after review of the claim and all documentation submitted by the claimant, the Settlement Administrator determines that such a claim is facially valid, then the claim shall be paid. If the claim is not facially valid because the claimant has not provided all information needed to complete and evaluate the claim, 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.

2.4.3. Class Members shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the offer to accept or reject any offer of partial payment received from the Settlement Administrator.

2.5 Settlement Expenses. All costs for notice to the Class Members as required under ¶ 3.2, Administration Fees under ¶¶ 9.1-9.4 and the costs of Dispute Resolution described in ¶¶ 2.4, 9.1 shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

2.6 Class Certification. The Settling Parties agree, for purposes of this Settlement only, to the certification of the Class. If the Settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court, or if the Settlement Agreement is terminated or cancelled pursuant to the terms of this Settlement Agreement, this Settlement Agreement and the certification of the Class provided for herein, will be vacated and the Litigation shall proceed as though the Class had never been certified, without prejudice to any Person's or Settling Party's position on the issue of class certification or any other issue. The Settling Parties' agreement to the certification of the

Class is also without prejudice to any position asserted by the Settling Parties in any other proceeding, case, or action, as to which all of their rights are specifically preserved.

**3. Order of Preliminary Approval and Publishing of Notice of Final Approval Hearing**

3.1. As soon as practicable after the execution of the Settlement Agreement, Proposed Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant shall jointly submit this Settlement Agreement to the Court, and Interim Lead Counsel will file a motion for preliminary approval of the settlement with the Court requesting entry of a Preliminary Approval Order in the form substantially similar to **Exhibit C** in both terms and cost, requesting, *inter alia*:

- a) certification of the Class for settlement purposes only pursuant to ¶ 2.6;
- b) preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement as set forth herein;
- c) appointment of Interim Lead Counsel as Class Counsel;
- d) appointment of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives;
- e) approval of the Short Notice to be emailed or mailed to Class Members in a form substantially similar to the one attached as **Exhibit D** this Settlement Agreement;
- f) approval of the Long Notice to be posted on the Settlement Website in a form substantially similar to the one attached as **Exhibit B** to this Settlement Agreement, which, together with the Short Notice, shall include a fair summary of the Parties' respective litigation positions, statements that the settlement and notice of settlement are legitimate and that the Class Members are entitled to benefits under the settlement, the general terms of the settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement, instructions for how to object to or opt-out of the settlement, instructions

for how to obtain the benefits from the Settlement, the process and instructions for making claims, and the date, time and place of the Final Approval Hearing;

- g) approval of a Claim Form to be used by Class Members to make a claim in a form substantially similar to the one attached as **Exhibit A** to this Settlement Agreement; and
- h) appointment of P&N as the Settlement Administrator.

The Short Notice, Long Notice, and Claim Form have been reviewed and approved by the Settlement Administrator but may be revised as agreed upon by the Settling Parties prior to submission to the Court for approval. Immaterial revisions to these documents may also be made prior to dissemination of notice.

3.2 Costs for providing notice to the Class in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, and the costs of such notice, together with the Administration Fees shall be paid from the Settlement Fund. Attorneys' fees, expenses of Proposed Class Counsel, and Service Awards to Class Representatives, as approved by the Court, shall also be paid from the Settlement Fund. Notice shall be provided to Class Members by the Settlement Administrator as follows:

- a) No later than fourteen (14) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant shall provide the Settlement Administrator with the name and last known physical address of each Class Member (collectively, "Class Member Information") that Defendant possesses.
- b) The Class Member Information and its contents shall be used by the Settlement Administrator solely for the purpose of performing its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and shall not be used for any other

purpose at any time. Except to administer the Settlement as provided in this Settlement Agreement, or to provide all data and information in its possession to the Settling Parties upon request, the Settlement Administrator shall not reproduce, copy, store, or distribute in any form, electronic or otherwise, the Class Member Information.

- c) Prior to the dissemination of the Notice, the Settlement Administrator shall establish the Settlement Website ([www.mhsdatasettlement.com](http://www.mhsdatasettlement.com)) that will inform Class Members of the terms of this Settlement Agreement, their rights, dates, deadlines, and related information. The Settlement Website shall include, in .pdf format and available for download, the following: (i) the Long Notice; (ii) the Claim Form; (iii) the Preliminary Approval Order; (iv) this Settlement Agreement; (v) Class Counsel's Motion for Attorney Fees, Expenses, and Contribution Awards (once filed); and (vi) any other materials agreed upon by the Parties and/or required by the Court. The Settlement Website shall provide Class Members with the ability to complete and submit the Claim Form electronically.
- d) Within thirty (30) days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order ("Notice Date") and to be substantially completed not later than ninety (90) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, and subject to the requirements of this Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator will provide notice to the Class through any one of the following means:

- via email to any email address in Defendant’s possession; and,
- via mail to the postal address in Defendant’s possession. Before any mailing under this paragraph occurs, the Settlement Administrator shall run the postal addresses of Class Members through the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) National Change of Address database to update any change of address on file with the USPS;
- in the event that a Short Notice is returned to the Settlement Administrator by the USPS because the address of the recipient is no longer valid, and the envelope contains a forwarding address, the Settlement Administrator shall re-send the Short Notice to the forwarding address within ten (10) days of receiving the returned Short Notice;
- in the event that subsequent to the first mailing of a Short Notice, and at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Opt-Out Date and Objection Date, a Short Notice is returned to the Settlement Administrator by the USPS because the address of the recipient is no longer valid, i.e., the envelope is marked “Return to Sender” and does not contain a new forwarding address, the Settlement Administrator shall perform a standard skip trace, in the manner that the Settlement Administrator customarily performs skip traces, in an effort to attempt to ascertain the current address of the

particular Class Member in question and, if such an address is ascertained, the Settlement Administrator will re-send the Short Notice within seven (7) days of receiving such information. This shall be the final requirement for mailing.

- e) Publishing, on or before the Notice Date, the Claim Form, Long Notice and this Settlement Agreement on the Settlement Website, as specified in the Preliminary Approval Order, and maintaining and updating the website throughout the claim period; and,
- f) Establishing a toll-free help line with an IVR system and a live operator to provide Class Members with additional information about the settlement. The Settlement Administrator also will provide copies of the Long Notice and paper Claim Form, as well as this Settlement Agreement, upon request.

3.3 Contemporaneously with seeking Final Approval of the Settlement, Proposed Class Counsel and Defendant shall cause to be filed with the Court an appropriate affidavit or declaration with respect to complying with these provisions regarding notice.

3.4 The Short Notice, Long Notice, and other applicable communications to the Class may be adjusted by the Settlement Administrator in consultation and agreement with the Settling Parties as may be reasonable and not inconsistent with such approval. The Notice Program shall commence within thirty (30) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order and shall be completed within forty-five (45) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

3.5 Proposed Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel shall request that after notice is completed the Court hold the Final Approval Hearing and grant final approval of the settlement set forth herein.

3.6 Defendant will also cause the Settlement Administrator to provide (at Defendant's expense) notice to the relevant state and federal governmental officials as required by the Class Action Fairness Act. On or before the date of the Final Approval Hearing, the Defendant shall cause to be filed a Notice of Compliance with this Section.

#### **4. Opt-Out Procedures**

4.1 Each Person wishing to opt-out of the Class shall individually sign and timely submit written notice of such intent to the designated Post Office box established by the Settlement Administrator. The written notice must clearly manifest a Person's intent to opt-out of the Class. To be effective, written notice must be postmarked no later than the Opt-Out Date, as defined in ¶ 1.19.

4.2 All Persons who submit valid and timely notices of their intent to opt-out of the Class, as set forth in ¶ 1.19 above, referred to herein as "Opt-Outs," shall not receive any benefits of and/or be bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement. All Persons falling within the definition of the Class who do not validly opt-out of the Class shall be bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Judgment entered thereon.

4.3 If the Settlement Administrator receives more than 5,000 Opt-Outs from the Settlement, Defendant shall have the right to terminate the Settlement Agreement in its entirety. However, Defendant shall remain responsible for the payment of any administrative or notice costs already incurred.

#### **5. Objection Procedures**

5.1 Each Class Member desiring to object to the Settlement Agreement shall submit a timely written notice of his or her objection by the Objection Date, as defined in ¶ 1.18. Such notice shall state: (i) the objector's full name and address; (ii) the case name and docket number,

*Tucker v. Marietta Area Health Care*, Case No. 2:22-cv-00184-DAP (S.D. Ohio); (iii) information identifying the objector as a Class Member, including proof that the objector is a member of the Class (e.g., copy of the objector's settlement notice, copy of original notice of the Data Breach, or a statement explaining why the objector believes he or she is a Class Member); (iv) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection the objector believes applicable; (v) the identity of any and all counsel representing the objector in connection with the objection; (vi) a statement whether the objector and/or his or her counsel will appear at the Final Approval Hearing; and (vii) the objector's signature or the signature of the objector's duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative (if any) representing him or her 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 the Objection Date, to Clerk of the Court and the Settlement Administrator. For all timely objections mailed to Proposed Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant, Class Counsel will file them with the Court with the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.

5.2 Any Class Member who fails to comply with the requirements for objecting in ¶ 5.1 shall waive and forfeit any and all rights he or she may have to appear separately and/or to object to the Settlement Agreement and shall be bound by all the terms of the Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in the Litigation. The exclusive means for any challenge to the Settlement Agreement, including any claims, shall be through the provisions of ¶¶ 2.4, 5.1, 9.1. Without limiting the foregoing, any challenge to the Settlement Agreement, the final Order approving this Settlement Agreement, or the Judgment to be entered upon final approval shall be pursuant to appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and not through a collateral attack.



**6. Release**

6.1 Upon the Effective Date, each Class Member, including Plaintiffs, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims as against all Released Entities. Further, upon the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Class Member, including Plaintiffs, shall, either directly, indirectly, representatively, as a member of or on behalf of the general public or in any capacity, be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or participating in any recovery in any action in this or any other forum (other than participation in the settlement as provided herein) in which any of the Released Claims is asserted. Any other claims or defenses Plaintiffs and each and all of the Class Members may have against Defendant that are not based upon or do not arise out of the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Data Breach, the Litigation, or the Released Claims are specifically preserved and shall not be affected by the preceding sentences.

**7. Plaintiffs' Counsel's Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses; Service Awards to Plaintiffs**

7.1 The Settling Parties did not discuss the payment of attorneys' fees, costs, expenses and/or Service Awards to Plaintiffs until after the substantive terms of the Settlement had been agreed upon, other than that reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and Service Awards to Plaintiffs as may be agreed to by Defendant and Class Counsel and as ordered by the Court shall be paid from the Settlement Fund. Defendant and Class Counsel then negotiated and agreed to the procedure as set forth herein.

7.2 Class Counsel will move the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the Settlement Fund, or approximately \$583,333.33 and litigation expenses not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Counsel, in their discretion, shall

allocate and distribute any amounts of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses awarded by the Court among Class Counsel.

7.3 Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs intend to request Service Awards in the amount of \$5,000.00 to each of the Plaintiffs, also to be paid from the Settlement Fund.

7.4 If awarded by the Court, the attorneys' fees and expenses as set forth in ¶ 7.2 will be distributed to Class Counsel, within fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date, from the Escrow Account. Class Counsel shall thereafter distribute the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses among Plaintiffs' Counsel and Service Awards to Plaintiffs consistent with ¶ 7.2.

7.5 The amount(s) of any award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, and the Service Awards to Plaintiffs, are intended to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the settlement. No order of the Court, or modification or reversal or appeal of any order of the Court, concerning the amount(s) of any attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and/or Service Awards ordered by the Court to Class Counsel or Plaintiffs shall affect whether the Judgment is Final or constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of this Settlement Agreement.

## **8. Settlement Fund**

8.1 Deposits. Defendant agrees to make a payment of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,750,000.00) and deposit that payment into the Escrow Account as follows: (i) Defendant MHS shall pay One Million Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,550,000.00) into the Escrow Account within fourteen (14) days after the later of (i) the Effective Date, and (ii) the receipt of a W-9 from the Settlement Administrator, along with wire instructions and independent verbal confirmation of the payment details; and (ii) Defendant MHS shall pay Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) into the Escrow Account

within fourteen (14) days after the later of (i) the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order to pay for the Administration Fees, and (ii) the receipt of a W-9 from the Settlement Administrator, along with wire instructions and independent verbal confirmation of the payment details, whichever date is later. For the avoidance of doubt, and for purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, Defendant MHS's liability shall not exceed One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,750,000.00) inclusive of the costs associated with the CAFA Notice also deducted from the Settlement Fund.

8.2 Custody of the Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund shall be deposited into the Escrow Account, which shall be an appropriate trust established by the Settlement Administrator but shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the entirety of the Settlement Fund is distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement or returned to those who paid the Settlement Fund in the event this Settlement Agreement is voided, terminated, or cancelled.

8.3 Treasury Regulations and Fund Investment. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be maintained as a qualified settlement fund ("QSF") 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 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") at a financial institution determined by the Settlement Administrator and approved by the Parties. 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.

8.4 Taxes. All taxes relating to the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, shall be considered an Administrative Expense, and shall be timely paid by the Settlement Administrator without prior order of the Court. Further, the Settlement Fund shall indemnify and hold harmless the Parties and their counsel for taxes (including, without limitation, taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification payments). The Parties and their respective counsel have made no representation or warranty with respect to any tax treatment by any Class Representative or any 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 Class Member shall be solely responsible for the federal, state, and local tax consequences to him, her, they, or it of the receipt of funds from the Settlement Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

## **9. Administration of Claims**

9.1 The Settlement Administrator shall administer and calculate the claims submitted by Class Members under ¶ 2.1. Class Counsel and Defendant shall be given reports as to both claims and distribution, and both shall have the right to review and obtain supporting documentation and challenge such reports if they believe them to be inaccurate or inadequate. The Settlement Administrator's determination of whether a Settlement Claim is a Valid Claim shall be binding, subject to the Dispute Resolution process set forth in ¶ 2.4. All claims agreed to be paid in full by Defendant shall be deemed valid.

9.2 Payment of Valid Claims, whether via mailed check or electronic distribution, shall be made within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date.

9.3 All Class Members who fail to timely submit a claim for any benefits hereunder within the time frames set forth herein, or such other period as may be ordered by the Court, or otherwise allowed, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments or benefits pursuant to the Settlement set forth herein, but will in all other respects be subject to, and bound by, the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the releases contained herein and the Judgment.

9.4 No Person shall have any claim against the Settlement Administrator, Defendant, Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, and/or Defendant's counsel based on distributions of benefits to Class Members.

**10. Conditions of Settlement, Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation, or Termination**

10.1 The Effective Date of the settlement shall be conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following events:

- a) Defendant has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement Agreement pursuant to ¶ 4.3,
- b) the Court has entered the Judgment granting final approval to the settlement as set forth herein; and
- c) the Judgment has become Final, as defined in ¶ 1.12.

10.2 If all conditions specified in ¶ 1.12 hereof are not satisfied, the Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated unless Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with the Settlement Agreement.

10.3 Within fourteen (14) days after the Opt-Out Date, the Settlement Administrator shall furnish to Class Counsel and to Defendant's counsel a complete list of all timely and valid requests for exclusion (the "Opt-Out List").

10.4 In the event that the Settlement Agreement or the releases set forth in ¶ 6.1 above are not approved by the Court or the Settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, (i) the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Litigation and shall jointly request that all scheduled litigation deadlines be reasonably extended by the Court so as to avoid prejudice to any Settling Party, and (b) the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties and shall not be used in the Litigation or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. Notwithstanding any statement in this Settlement Agreement to the contrary, no order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order reducing the amount of attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and/or Service Awards shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Settlement Agreement. Further, notwithstanding any statement in this Settlement Agreement to the contrary, Defendant shall be obligated to pay amounts already billed or incurred for costs of notice to the Class, Settlement Administration, and Dispute Resolution pursuant to ¶¶ 2.4, 3.2, 9.1-9.4 above and shall not, at any time, seek recovery of same from any other party to the Litigation or from counsel to any other party to the Litigation.

## **11. Miscellaneous Provisions**

11.1 The Settling Parties (i) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this Agreement; and (ii) agree to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and

implement all terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement, and to exercise their best efforts to accomplish the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

11.2 In the event that the aggregated amount of payments of all Valid Claims (i.e., \$50 Pro Rata Cash Payment, Out-of-Pocket Expense Claims, and Lost-Time Claims) exceeds the total amount of the Settlement Fund, then the value of the payments to be paid to each Class Member making a Valid Claim shall be reduced on a *pro rata* basis, such that the aggregate value of all payments for all claims does not exceed the Settlement Fund (after payment of all Settlement Administration Costs and Expenses, Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards). All *pro rata* reduction determinations shall be made by the Settlement Administrator.

11.3 The Settling Parties intend this Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all claims and disputes between them with respect to the Data Breach and this Litigation. The Settlement compromises claims, including but not limited to all Released Claims, that are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Settling Party as to the merits of any claim or defense. The Settling Parties each agree that the Settlement was negotiated in good faith by the Settling Parties and reflects a compromise that was reached voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel. The Settling Parties reserve their right to rebut, in a manner that such party determines to be appropriate, any contention made in any public forum that the Litigation was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. It is agreed that no Party shall have any liability to any other Party as it relates to the Litigation, except as set forth herein.

11.4 Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor the Settlement contained herein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement Agreement or the Settlement (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity or lack thereof of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of any of the

Released Persons; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Persons in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. Any of the Released Persons may file the Settlement Agreement and/or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against them or any of them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

11.5 The Settlement Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Settling Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.

11.6 The exhibits to this Settlement Agreement and any exhibits thereto are a material part of the Settlement and are incorporated and made a part of the Agreement.

11.7 This Settlement Agreement, including all exhibits hereto, contains the entire understanding between Defendant and Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class and all Released Entities, regarding the payment of the Litigation settlement and supersedes all previous negotiations, agreements, commitments, understandings, and writings between the Parties in connection with the payment of the Litigation settlement. Except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall bear its own costs. This Settlement Agreement supersedes all previous agreements made between the Parties.

11.8 Class Counsel, on behalf of the Class, and Defendant's counsel, on behalf of Defendant, are expressly authorized to take all appropriate actions required or permitted to be taken by the Parties pursuant to the Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms, and also are expressly authorized to enter into any modifications or amendments to the Settlement Agreement on behalf



of the Parties which they deem appropriate in order to carry out the spirit of this Settlement Agreement and to ensure fairness to the Parties.

11.9 Each counsel or other Person executing the Settlement Agreement on behalf of any party hereto hereby warrants that such Person has the full authority to do so.

11.10 The Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. A complete set of original executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court.

11.11 The Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.

11.12 The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and all parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in the Settlement Agreement. The Court 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 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.

11.13 As used herein, “he” means “he, she, they, or it;” “his” means “his, hers, theirs, or its,” and “him” means “him, her, them, or it.”

11.14 The Settlement Agreement shall be considered to have been negotiated, executed, and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of Ohio, and the rights and obligations of the parties to the Settlement Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the internal, substantive laws of the State of Ohio.

11.15 All dollar amounts are in United States dollars (USD).

11.16 If a Class Member opts to receive settlement benefits via mailed check, cashing the settlement check is a condition precedent to any Class Member's right to receive settlement benefits. All settlement checks shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance and shall bear the language: "This check must be cashed within ninety (90) days, after which time it is void." If a check becomes void, the Class Member shall have until six months after the Effective Date to request re-issuance. If no request for re-issuance is made within this period, the Class Member will have failed to meet a condition precedent to recovery of settlement benefits, the Class Member's right to receive monetary relief shall be extinguished, and there shall be no obligation to make payments to the Class Member for expense reimbursement or any other type of monetary relief. The same provisions shall apply to any re-issued check. For any checks that are issued or re-issued for any reason more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the Effective Date, requests for re-issuance need not be honored after such checks become void.

11.17 The Settlement Website shall be deactivated one hundred eighty (180) days after the Effective Date.

11.18 All agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Litigation relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the Settlement Agreement to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys.

Class Counsel

Counsel for Marietta Area Health Care, Inc. Duly  
Authorized Signatory

DATED this 10th day of May 2023

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**SETTLEMENT TIMELINE**

<b><u>From Order Granting Preliminary Approval</u></b>	
Defendant provides list of Class Members to the Settlement Administrator	+14 days
Long and Short Notices Posted on the Settlement Website	+14 days
Notice Deadline	+30 days
Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Class Representative Service Awards	+76 days
Objection Deadline	+90 days
Opt-Out Deadline	+90 days
Settlement Administrator Provide List of Objections/Exclusions to the Parties' counsel	+104 days
Claims Deadline	+120 days
<b><u>Final Approval Hearing</u></b>	
	, 2023
Motion for Final Approval	-14 days
<b><u>From Order Granting Final Approval</u></b>	
Effective Date	+31 days, assuming no appeal has been taken. See definition of Final in the Agreement.
Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Class Representative Service Awards	+45 days
Payment of Claims to Class Members	+65 days
Settlement Website Deactivation	+240 days