

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into among the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Justice and on behalf of the Office of Inspector General (“OIG-HHS”) of the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”), (collectively, the “United States”), the State of California, acting through the California Department of Justice Division of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse (“California”), Lompoc Valley Medical Center (“LVMC”), and Julio Bordas (“Relator”) (hereafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”), through their authorized representatives.

RECITALS

A. LVMC is a California Local Health Care District formed pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 32000, et seq. in the city of Lompoc, California and the surrounding area. LVMC contracted with Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority d/b/a CenCal Health (“CenCal”) to provide healthcare services to patients under California’s Medicaid program (known as “Medi-Cal”).

B. On December 22, 2015, Relator filed a qui tam action in the United States District Court for the Central District of California captioned *United States and California ex rel. Julio Bordas v. CenCal Health, Cottage Health System, Dignity Health, Lompoc Valley Medical Center, and Tenet Healthcare Corporation*, Case No. 15-cv-09834, pursuant to the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b) (“FCA”) and the California False Claims Act (“CFCA”), California Government Code § 12650, et seq. (the “Civil Action”). On December 20, 2018, Relator filed a First Amended Complaint in the Civil Action, adding Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Pacific Central Coast Health Centers, and Sansum Santa Barbara Medical Clinic, Inc. as defendants. Relator alleges, generally, that LVMC violated the FCA and the CFCA in connection with certain payments made by CenCal to

LVMC in connection with Medi-Cal Adult Expansion under the Affordable Care Act (referred to as the “LVMC Allegations”). Relator further alleges that CenCal and the other defendants also violated the FCA and CFCA in connection with certain payments made by CenCal to the other defendants in connection with Medi-Cal Adult Expansion under the Affordable Care Act. The United States intervened in the Civil Action on December 2, 2022.

C. The United States and California contend that LVMC submitted or caused to be submitted claims for payment to the Medicaid Program, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396-1396w-5.

D. The United States and California contend that they have certain civil claims against LVMC arising from LVMC causing the submission of false claims to Medi-Cal pursuant to Medi-Cal Access and Coordination Expansion (“ACE”) Program Agreements (the “ACE Agreements”):

(1) executed by CenCal on February 27, 2015 and by LVMC on March 6, 2015, for “Enhanced Services” to Adult Expansion Medi-Cal members;

(2) executed by CenCal on July 16, 2015 and by LVMC on July 23, 2015, for “Enhanced Services” to Adult Expansion Medi-Cal members;

(3) executed by CenCal on August 25, 2015 and by LVMC on September 2, 2015, for “Enhanced Services” to Adult Expansion Medi-Cal members; and

(4) executed by CenCal on December 14, 2015 and by LVMC on December 21, 2015, for “Enhanced Services” to Adult Expansion Medi-Cal members.

The United States and California contend that payments claimed and received by LVMC pursuant to the above-referenced ACE Agreements were wrongful because (a) the payments were not for “Allowed Medical Expenses” under CenCal’s contract with DHCS; (b) the payments were unlawful gifts of public funds in violation of the California Constitution; and (c) the payments were for pre-determined amounts that did not reflect the cost or fair market value

of any Enhanced Services provided, and/or the Enhanced Services were duplicative of Services already required to be rendered. That conduct is referred to below as the “Covered Conduct.”

E. LVMC denies the allegations in Paragraph B-D.

F. This Agreement is neither an admission of liability by LVMC nor a concession by the United States and California that their claims are not well founded.

G. Relator claims entitlement under 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d) to a share of the proceeds of this Settlement Agreement and to Relator’s reasonable expenses, attorneys’ fees and costs.

To avoid the delay, uncertainty, inconvenience, and expense of protracted litigation of the above claims, and in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations of this Agreement, the Parties agree and covenant as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. LVMC shall pay to the United States \$5,000,000 (“Settlement Amount”), plus interest on the Settlement Amount at a rate of 3.875% per annum from June 29, 2023 as follows:

a. LVMC shall pay the United States \$2,500,000, plus interest at a rate of 3.875% per annum from June 29, 2023, no later than 30 days after the Effective Date of this Agreement by electronic funds transfer pursuant to written instructions to be provided by the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

b. LVMC shall pay the United States \$2,500,000, plus interest at a rate of 3.875% per annum from June 29, 2023, no later than 364 days after the Effective Date of this Agreement by electronic funds transfer pursuant to written instructions to be provided by the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

2. Conditioned upon the United States receiving the Settlement Amount payments,

the United States agrees to pay to Relator 19% of each such payment received under the Agreement by electronic funds transfer as soon as feasible after receipt of each such payment. Those payments described shall collectively be referred to as “Relator’s Share.”

3. Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 6 (concerning reserved claims) below, and subject to Paragraph 15 (concerning default) and Paragraph 16 (concerning bankruptcy) below, and upon the United States’ receipt of the Settlement Amount plus interest due under Paragraph 1, the United States releases LVMC together with its current and former parent corporations; direct and indirect subsidiaries; brother or sister corporations; divisions; current or former corporate owners; and the corporate successors and assigns of any of them; from any civil or administrative monetary claim the United States has for the Covered Conduct under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733; the Civil Monetary Penalties Law, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a; the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812; or the common law theories of payment by mistake, unjust enrichment, and fraud.

4. Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 6 (concerning reserved claims) below, and subject to Paragraph 15 (concerning default) and Paragraph 16 (concerning bankruptcy) below, and upon the United States’ receipt of the full Settlement Amount plus interest due under Paragraph 1, California releases LVMC, together with its current and former parent corporations; direct and indirect subsidiaries; brother or sister corporations; divisions; current or former corporate owners; and the corporate successors and assigns of any of them, from any civil or administrative monetary claim California has for the Covered Conduct under the California False Claims Act, California Government Code §§ 12650-12656; or the common law theories of payment by mistake, unjust enrichment, and fraud and all rights to recoup, demand, or otherwise seek the return of any funds distributed by CenCal to LVMC pursuant to the ACE Agreements and arising out of the Covered Conduct.

5. Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 6 (concerning reserved claims) below, and subject to Paragraph 15 (concerning default) and Paragraph 16 (concerning bankruptcy) below, and upon the United States' receipt of the full Settlement Amount plus interest due under Paragraph 1 and Relator's receipt of the full payment due under LVMC's separate agreement with Relator resolving his claims for attorney's fees, expenses, and costs under 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d) and California Government Code § 12652(g), Relator, for himself and for his heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns, irrevocably and unconditionally waives, releases and forever discharges LVMC, together with its current and former directors, officers, employees, attorneys, successors, and agents; its current or former parent corporations; direct and indirect subsidiaries; divisions; current or former corporate owners; and the successors and assigns of any of them, from any and all charges, complaints, lawsuits, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, injuries, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, rights, demands, judgments, claims for relief, indebtedness, costs, losses, debts and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs actually incurred), of any nature whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, actual or potential, in their individual capacities or on behalf of the United States and/or California, including without limitation, for claims arising from: (i) the filing of the Civil Action as to the LVMC Allegations and Covered Conduct; (ii) any federal or California law, including but not limited to the FCA, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733 and the California False Claims Act, Government Code §§ 12650-12656, as to the LVMC Allegations and Covered Conduct, including for expenses or attorney's fees and costs related thereto; or (iii) any federal or California employment law, including but not limited to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(h), Cal. Gov. Code § 12653, and California Labor Code 1102.5; and any common law theories of payment by mistake, unjust enrichment, and fraud. It is the intention of Relator in executing this Agreement that it shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfactory

release of each and every matter specifically referred to herein and all claims and causes of action that Relator on behalf of himself, and Relator's heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, transferees, and assigns, may have as to LVMC and/or their current or former officers, directors, supervisors, employees, attorneys, agents, assigns and successor entities. In agreeing to this provision of the Settlement Agreement, Relator acknowledges that he is familiar with § 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, which provides as follows:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

As to the claims and causes of actions that Relator may have against LVMC, Relator waives and relinquishes any rights and benefits he may have under § 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California to the full extent that he may lawfully waive all such rights and benefits. Nothing in this release shall be construed to limit or release any claims against the other defendants in the Civil Action.

6. Notwithstanding the releases given in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Agreement, or any other term of this Agreement, the following claims and rights of the United States and California are specifically reserved and are not released:

- a. Any liability arising under Title 26, U.S. Code (Internal Revenue Code);
- b. Any criminal liability;
- c. Except as explicitly stated in this Agreement, any administrative liability or enforcement right, including mandatory or permissive exclusion from Federal health care programs;
- d. Any liability to the United States or California (or their agencies) for any conduct other than the Covered Conduct;
- e. Any liability based upon obligations created by this Agreement;

- f. Any liability of individuals;
- g. Any liability for express or implied warranty claims or other claims for defective or deficient products or services, including quality of goods and services;
- h. Any liability for failure to deliver goods or services due; and
- i. Any liability for personal injury or property damage or for other consequential damages arising from the Covered Conduct.

7. Relator and his heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns shall not object to this Agreement but agree and confirm that this Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable under all the circumstances, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(2)(B) and California Government Code § 12652(e)(2)(B). Conditioned upon Relator's receipt of the Relator's Share, Relator and his heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns fully and finally release, waive, and forever discharge the United States, its agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, from any claims arising from the filing of the Civil Action or under 31 U.S.C. § 3730, and from any claims to a share of the proceeds of this Agreement and/or the Civil Action. Relator and his heirs, successors, attorneys, agents and assigns fully and finally release, waive, and forever discharge California, its agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, from any claims arising from the filing of the Civil Action or under California Government Code § 12652, and from any claims to a share of the proceeds of this Agreement and/or the Civil Action.

8. LVMC waives and shall not assert any defenses LVMC may have to any criminal prosecution or administrative action relating to the Covered Conduct that may be based in whole or in part on a contention that, under the Double Jeopardy Clause in the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, or under the Excessive Fines Clause in the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, this Agreement bars a remedy sought in such criminal prosecution or administrative action.

9. LVMC fully and finally releases the United States, California, and their agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, from any claims (including attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of every kind and however denominated) that LVMC has asserted, could have asserted, or may assert in the future against the United States, California, and their agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, related to the Covered Conduct or the United States' and California's investigation or prosecution thereof.

10. LVMC, together with its current and former parent corporations; direct and indirect subsidiaries; divisions; current or former corporate owners; and the corporate successors and assigns of any of them; and LVMC's current and former directors, officers, employees, and agents, releases Relator, together with his heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns, from any and all charges, complaints, lawsuits, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, injuries, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, rights, demands, judgments, claims for relief, indebtedness, costs, losses, debts and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs actually incurred), of any nature whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, actual or potential, including without limitation, for claims arising from: (i) the filing of the Civil Action as to the LVMC Allegations and Covered Conduct; or (ii) any federal or California law, including but not limited to the FCA, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, and California Government Code §§ 12650-12656, as to the LVMC Allegations and Covered Conduct; and any common law theories of payment by mistake, unjust enrichment, and fraud. It is the intention of LVMC in executing this Agreement that it shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfactory release of each and every matter specifically referred to herein and all claims and causes of action that LVMC on behalf of itself, and LVMC's current or former officers, directors, supervisors, employees, attorneys, agents, assigns and successor entities may have as to Relator and/or his heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, transferees, and

assigns. In agreeing to this provision of the Settlement Agreement, LVMC acknowledges that it is familiar with § 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, which provides as follows:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

As to the claims and causes of actions that LVMC may have against Relator, LVMC waives and relinquishes any rights and benefits it may have under § 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California to the full extent that it may lawfully waive all such rights and benefits.

11. The Settlement Amount shall not be decreased as a result of the denial of claims for payment now being withheld from payment by Medi-Cal, related to the Covered Conduct; and LVMC agrees not to resubmit to Medi-Cal any previously denied claims related to the Covered Conduct, agrees not to appeal any such denials of claims, and agrees to withdraw any such pending appeals.

12. LVMC agrees to the following:

a. Unallowable Costs Defined: All costs (as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47; and in Titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395lll and 1396-1396w-5; and the regulations and official program directives promulgated thereunder) incurred by or on behalf of LVMC, its present or former officers, directors, employees, shareholders, and agents in connection with:

- (1) the matters covered by this Agreement;
- (2) the United States' audit(s) and civil investigation(s) of the matters covered by this Agreement;
- (3) LVMC's investigation, defense, and corrective actions undertaken in response to the United States' audit(s) and civil investigation(s) in

connection with the matters covered by this Agreement (including attorneys' fees);

- (4) the negotiation and performance of this Agreement; and
- (5) the payment LVMC makes to the United States pursuant to this Agreement and any payments that LVMC may make to Relator, including costs and attorneys' fees

are unallowable costs for government contracting purposes and under the Medicare Program, Medicaid Program, TRICARE Program, and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) (hereinafter referred to as Unallowable Costs).

b. Future Treatment of Unallowable Costs: Unallowable Costs shall be separately determined and accounted for by LVMC, and LVMC shall not charge such Unallowable Costs directly or indirectly to any contracts with the United States or any State Medicaid program, or seek payment for such Unallowable Costs through any cost report, cost statement, information statement, or payment request submitted by LVMC or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates to the Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, or FEHBP Programs.

c. Treatment of Unallowable Costs Previously Submitted for Payment: LVMC further agrees that within 90 days of the Effective Date of this Agreement it shall identify to applicable Medicare and TRICARE fiscal intermediaries, carriers, and/or contractors, and Medicaid and FEHBP fiscal agents, any Unallowable Costs (as defined in this paragraph) included in payments previously sought from the United States, or any State Medicaid program, including, but not limited to, payments sought in any cost reports, cost statements, information reports, or payment requests already submitted by LVMC or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, and shall request, and agree, that such cost reports, cost statements, information reports, or payment requests, even if already settled, be adjusted to account for the effect of the inclusion of

the Unallowable Costs. LVMC agrees that the United States, at a minimum, shall be entitled to recoup from LVMC any overpayment plus applicable interest and penalties as a result of the inclusion of such Unallowable Costs on previously-submitted cost reports, information reports, cost statements, or requests for payment.

Any payments due after the adjustments have been made shall be paid to the United States pursuant to the direction of the Department of Justice and/or the affected agencies. The United States reserves its rights to disagree with any calculations submitted by LVMC or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates on the effect of inclusion of Unallowable Costs (as defined in this paragraph) on LVMC or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates' cost reports, cost statements, or information reports.

d. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of the rights of the United States to audit, examine, or re-examine LVMC's books and records to determine that no Unallowable Costs have been claimed in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

13. This Agreement is intended to be for the benefit of the Parties only. The Parties do not release any claims against any other person or entity, except to the extent provided for in Paragraph 14 (waiver for beneficiaries paragraph), below.

14. LVMC agrees that it waives and shall not seek payment for any of the health care billings covered by this Agreement from any health care beneficiaries or their parents, sponsors, legally responsible individuals, or third party payors based upon the claims defined as Covered Conduct.

15. Default

a. In the event that LVMC fails to pay the full Settlement Amount as provided in the payment schedule set forth in Paragraph 1 above, LVMC shall be in Default of LVMC's payment obligations ("Default"). The United States will provide a written Notice of Default, and

LVMC shall have an opportunity to cure such Default within seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Notice of Default by making the payment due under the payment schedule and paying any additional interest accruing under the Agreement up to the date of payment. Notice of Default will be delivered to LVMC, or to such other representative as LVMC shall designate in advance in writing. If LVMC fails to cure the Default within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the Notice of Default and in the absence of an agreement with the United States to a modified payment schedule (“Uncured Default”), the remaining unpaid balance of the Settlement Amount shall become immediately due and payable, and interest on the remaining unpaid balance shall thereafter accrue at the rate of 12% per annum, compounded daily from the date of Default, on the remaining unpaid total (principal and interest balance).

b. In the event of Uncured Default, LVMC agrees that the United States, at its sole discretion, may (i) retain any payments previously made, rescind this Agreement and pursue the Civil Action or bring any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding against LVMC for the claims that would otherwise be covered by the releases provided in Paragraph 3 above, with any recovery reduced by the amount of any payments previously made by LVMC to the United States under this Agreement; (ii) take any action to enforce this Agreement in a new action or by reinstating the Civil Action as to LVMC; (iii) offset the remaining unpaid balance from any amounts due and owing to LVMC and/or affiliated companies by any department, agency, or agent of the United States at the time of Default or subsequently; and/or (iv) exercise any other right granted by law, or under the terms of this Agreement, or recognizable at common law or in equity. The United States shall be entitled to any other rights granted by law or in equity by reason of Default, including referral of this matter for private collection. In the event the United States pursues a collection action, LVMC agrees immediately to pay the United States the greater of (i) a ten-percent (10%) surcharge of the amount collected, as allowed by 28 U.S.C.

§ 3011(a), or (ii) the United States' reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in such an action. In the event that the United States opts to rescind this Agreement pursuant to this paragraph, LVMC waives and agrees not to plead, argue, or otherwise raise any defenses of statute of limitations, laches, estoppel or similar theories, to any civil or administrative claims that are (i) filed by the United States against LVMC within 120 days of written notification that this Agreement has been rescinded, and (ii) relate to the Covered Conduct, except to the extent these defenses were available on December 20, 2018. LVMC agrees not to contest any offset, recoupment, and /or collection action undertaken by the United States pursuant to this paragraph, either administratively or in any state or federal court, except on the grounds of actual payment to the United States.

c. In the event of Uncured Default, OIG-HHS may exclude LVMC from participating in all Federal health care programs until LVMC pays the Settlement Amount, with interest, as set forth above (Exclusion for Default). OIG-HHS will provide written notice of any such exclusion to LVMC. LVMC waives any further notice of the exclusion under 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(b)(7), and agrees not to contest such exclusion either administratively or in any state or federal court. Reinstatement to program participation is not automatic. If at the end of the period of exclusion, LVMC wishes to apply for reinstatement, it must submit a written request for reinstatement to OIG-HHS in accordance with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. §§ 1001.3001-.3005. LVMC will not be reinstated unless and until OIG-HHS approves such request for reinstatement. The option for Exclusion for Default is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the options identified in this Agreement or otherwise available.

16. In exchange for valuable consideration provided in this Agreement, LVMC and Relator acknowledge the following:

a. LVMC has reviewed its financial situation and warrants that it is solvent within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §§ 547(b)(3) and 548(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) and shall remain solvent following payment to the United States of the Settlement Amount.

b. In evaluating whether to execute this Agreement, the Parties intend that the mutual promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein constitute a contemporaneous exchange for new value given to LVMC, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 547(c)(1), and the Parties conclude that these mutual promises, covenants, and obligations do, in fact, constitute such a contemporaneous exchange.

c. The mutual promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein are intended by the Parties to, and do in fact, constitute a reasonably equivalent exchange of value.

d. The Parties do not intend to hinder, delay, or defraud any entity to which LVMC was or became indebted to on or after the date of any transfer contemplated in this Agreement, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1).

e. If any of LVMC's payments or obligations under this Agreement are avoided for any reason (including but not limited to, through the exercise of a trustee's avoidance powers under the Bankruptcy Code) or if, before the Settlement Amount is paid in full, LVMC or a third party commences a case, proceeding, or other action under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or relief of debtors seeking any order for relief of LVMC's debts, or to adjudicate LVMC as bankrupt or insolvent; or seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, or other similar official for LVMC or for all or any substantial part of LVMC's assets:

(i) the United States may rescind the releases in this Agreement and bring any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding against LVMC for the claims that would otherwise be covered by the releases provided in Paragraph 3 above;

(ii) the United States has an undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated allowed claim against LVMC in the amount of \$16,000,000, less any payments received pursuant to Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, provided, however, that such payments are not otherwise avoided and recovered from the United States by LVMC, a receiver, trustee, custodian, or other similar official for LVMC;

(iii) if any payments are avoided and recovered by a receiver, trustee, creditor, custodian, or similar official, the United States shall not be responsible for the return of any amounts already paid by the United States to Relator; and

(iv) if, notwithstanding subparagraph (iii), any amounts already paid by the United States to Relator pursuant to Paragraph 2 are recovered from the United States in an action or proceeding filed by a receiver, trustee, creditor, custodian, or similar official in or in connection with a bankruptcy case that is filed within two years of the Effective Date of this Agreement or of any payment made under Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, Relator shall, within thirty days of written notice from the United States to the undersigned Relator's counsel, return to the United States all amounts recovered from the United States.

f. LVMC agrees that any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding brought by the United States under Paragraph 16.e is not subject to an "automatic stay" pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) because it would be an exercise of the United States' police and regulatory power. LVMC shall not argue or otherwise contend that the United States' claim, action, or proceeding is subject to an automatic stay and, to the extent necessary, consents to relief from the automatic stay for cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1). LVMC waives and shall not plead, argue, or otherwise raise any defenses under the theories of statute of limitations, laches, estoppel, or similar theories, to any such civil or administrative claim, action, or proceeding brought by the United States within 120 days of written notification to LVMC that the releases have been

rescinded pursuant to this paragraph, except to the extent such defenses were available on December 22, 2015.

17. Upon receipt of the payment described in Paragraph 1, above, the United States, California, and Relator shall promptly sign and file in the Civil Action a Joint Stipulation of Dismissal of LVMC pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1) as follows:

a. the Stipulation of Dismissal shall be with prejudice as to the United States' and California's claims against LVMC as to the Covered Conduct;

b. the Stipulation of Dismissal shall be without prejudice as to the United States and California as to all other claims against LVMC;

c. the Stipulation of Dismissal shall be with prejudice as to Relator as to all claims against LVMC.

18. Except as specifically provided herein, each Party shall bear its own legal and other costs incurred in connection with this matter, including the preparation and performance of this Agreement.

19. Each party and signatory to this Agreement represents that it freely and voluntarily enters into this Agreement without any degree of duress or compulsion.

20. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States. The exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any dispute relating to this Agreement is the United States District Court for the Central District of California. For purposes of construing this Agreement, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by all Parties to this Agreement and shall not, therefore, be construed against any Party for that reason in any subsequent dispute.

21. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties. This Agreement may not be amended except by written consent of the Parties.

22. The undersigned counsel represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the persons and entities indicated below.

23. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which constitutes an original and all of which constitute one and the same Agreement.

24. This Agreement is binding on LVMC's successors, transferees, heirs, and assigns.


25. This Agreement is binding on Relator's successors, transferees, heirs, and assigns.

26. All Parties consent to the United States' disclosure of this Agreement, and information about this Agreement, to the public.

27. This Agreement is effective on the date of signature of the last signatory to the Agreement (Effective Date of this Agreement). Facsimiles and electronic transmissions of signatures shall constitute acceptable, binding signatures for purposes of this Agreement.

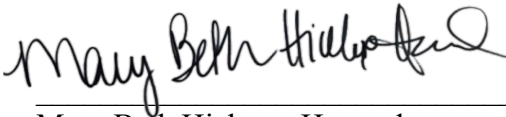
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DATED: 8/24/2023

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DATED: _____ BY: _____
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THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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LOMPOC VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER - DEFENDANT

DATED: 8/24/2023

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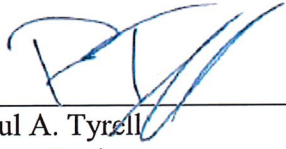


Steve Popkin, CEO
on behalf of Lompoc Valley Medical Center

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL FOR LVMC

DATED: August 24, 2023

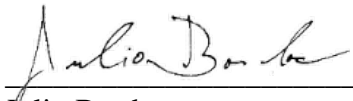
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