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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2017-CP-42-00219
Appellate Case No. 2024-001546

Jo Ann Blackwell, Michelene Brooks, and Samuel H. Owens, Jr., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Respondents,

v.

Mary Black Health System, LLC, d/b/a Mary Black Memorial Hospital; CHSPSC, LLC;
Professional Account Services, Inc.,

Appellants,

APPELLANTS' STATUS REPORT

Appellants Mary Black Health System, LLC, d/b/a Mary Black Memorial Hospital; CHSPSC, LLC; and Professional Account Services, Inc. (collectively, "Appellants") submit this status update in compliance with the Court's Order (filed January 14, 2025) granting Appellants' motion to hold this appeal in abeyance until a final decision is issued in the related appeal, Appellate Case No. 2020-001613 (the "First Appeal") and the Court's Letter, dated July 18, 2025, confirming the stay of the case and requesting status updates every sixty (60) days.

On January 27, 2025, the Court denied Appellants' Petition for Rehearing in the First Appeal. Appellants timely filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court issued an order granting Appellants' Petition for Writ of Certiorari on June 25, 2025.

The parties are engaged in the briefing process before the Supreme Court. Appellants filed the Petitioners' Brief on July 25, 2025. The Respondents' Brief is due to be filed with the Supreme Court on or before September 4, 2025.

As the First Appeal remains ongoing, Appellants will provide the Court with another status update within the next sixty (60) days in compliance with the Court's January 14, 2025, Order holding this appeal in abeyance.

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