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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2017-CP-42-00219
Appellate Case No. 2025-000346

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.....Petitioners.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Petitioners Mary Black Health System, LLC, d/b/a Mary Black Memorial Hospital; CHSPSC, LLC; and Professional Account Services, Inc. (collectively, “Petitioners”) and Respondents Jo Ann Blackwell, Michelene Brooks, and Samuel H. Owens, Jr. (collectively, “Respondents”) respectfully submit this Joint Status Report in compliance with the Court’s Order dated December 17, 2025.

Since filing their last Joint Status Report, the parties have exchanged and discussed several revisions to their proposed Class Settlement Agreement, and they have now agreed to the essential terms of the agreement and resolved the remaining details in the written agreement. The parties are in the process of finalizing the Class Settlement Agreement and related documents, and they anticipate executing the final Class Settlement Agreement in the very near future.

Further, and now that this Court has remanded the case to the circuit court for consideration

of the agreed-upon settlement, the parties are preparing the necessary submissions to the circuit court so that it may consider preliminary approval of the Class Settlement Agreement and authorize the Claims Administrator to proceed with providing notice to the Settlement Class. After the circuit court issues an order preliminarily approving the Class Settlement Agreement, the circuit court will need to schedule a fairness hearing, and the parties will jointly move the circuit court to enter an order granting final approval of the Class Settlement Agreement. Subject to the circuit court's availability, the parties anticipate obtaining final approval and the dismissal of the action in 2026.

The parties will continue to provide this Court with status updates every 30 days—or sooner if events warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

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