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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 executed the Class Settlement Agreement and filed a Joint Motion for a HIPAA Qualified Protective Order. On April 22, 2026, the circuit court entered a HIPAA Qualified Protective Order Authorizing Disclosure of Limited Protected Health Information for Settlement Administration. Additionally, on April 29, the Parties filed a Joint Motion to File Exhibit C to the Class Settlement Agreement Under Seal, and the circuit

court granted the motion on May 6. The Parties anticipate filing a motion for the circuit court to preliminarily approve the settlement in the very near future, after which the Claims Administrator will proceed with providing notice to the Settlement Class. After the notice period, the circuit court will schedule a fairness hearing, and the Parties will proceed with obtaining final approval of their settlement agreement. The Parties continue to anticipate that they will obtain final approval and 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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