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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

Appeal from Dorchester County
Court of Common Pleas

Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2025-CP-18-00231

Michael Brown,
as Personal Representative of
the Estate of James Brown,

Respondent,

v.

Hallmark Long Term Care, LLC
d/b/a Hallmark Healthcare Center,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Defendant/Appellant, Hallmark Long Term Care, LLC d/b/a Hallmark Healthcare Center (“Appellant”), hereby appeals the following order of the Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge:

- **Order filed May 5, 2026, denying Appellant’s Motion to Compel Arbitration.**

A copy of the appealed order is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Appellant received written notice of entry of the order on May 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
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I, Russell G. Hines, of Clement Rivers, LLP, attorneys for Appellant, hereby certify that, on June 3, 2026, Appellant's **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served on Respondent by emailing (see attached email) a copy of the same to his counsel of record:

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I also certify that a copy of Appellant's **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was today, June 3, 2026, E-Filed with the lower court (see attached NEF), which also, i.e., in addition to service by email, effected service of the notice today on all counsel of record via the E-Filing System.

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Attached for service in the above-referenced matter, please find our **Notice of Appeal** and a copy of the **Appealed Order** attached thereto.

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