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APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

S.C. SUPREME COURT

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 filed a Joint Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Settlement Agreement with the circuit court. The circuit court held a hearing on the Joint Motion on June 9, 2026. On June 15, 2026, the circuit court entered an order granting the Joint Motion. The Claims Administrator (The Notice Company) has begun the process of providing notice to the Settlement Class as specified in the order granting preliminary approval of the class settlement agreement.

The circuit court has scheduled a final fairness hearing for October 27, 2026. 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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