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

Appeal from Dorchester County
Court of Common Pleas

R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2022-CP-18-00460

Francis Council and Ted Council,

Respondents,

v.

St. George Healthcare Center Inc.,
Randi Popp, M.D., and Claretta Green, NP,

Defendants,

Of which St. George Healthcare Center Inc., is the

Appellant.

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Defendant/Appellant, St. George Healthcare Center Inc., (“Appellant”), hereby appeals the following order of the Honorable R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge:

- **Order filed June 12, 2026, granting sanctions against Appellant.**

A copy of the appealed order is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Appellant received written notice of entry of the order on June 12, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
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I, Russell G. Hines, of Clement Rivers, LLP, attorneys for Appellant, hereby certify that, on July 13, 2026, Appellant's **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served on Respondent, as well as on Defendants Randi Popp, M.D., and Claretta Green, NP, by emailing (see attached email) a copy of the same to counsel of record:

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Attached for service in the above-referenced matter please find our **Notice of Appeal** and the **appealed order** attached thereto.

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