

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

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Appeal from Chesterfield County  
Court of Common Pleas

Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2024-CP-13-00863

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Joshua Welch,  
individually and as Personal Representative of  
the Estate of Judith Welch,

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**SC Court of Appeals**

Respondent,

v.

Rehab Center of Cheraw, LLC  
d/b/a Rehabilitation Center of Cheraw;  
THI of South Carolina, LLC; Hunt Valley Holdings, LLC  
a/k/a Fundamental Long Term Care Holdings, LLC;  
THI of Baltimore, Inc.; and Grace Villafranca,

Appellants.

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Defendants/Appellants, Rehab Center of Cheraw, LLC d/b/a Rehabilitation Center of Cheraw; THI of South Carolina, LLC; Hunt Valley Holdings, LLC a/k/a Fundamental Long Term Care Holdings, LLC; THI of Baltimore, Inc.; and Grace Villafranca (“Appellants”), hereby appeal the following orders of the Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Circuit Court Judge:

- **Form 4 Order filed June 15, 2026, Denying Appellants’ Motions to Compel Arbitration and Stay; and**
- **Formal Order filed July 17, 2026, Denying Appellants’ Motions to Compel Arbitration and Stay.**

Copies of the appealed orders are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Appellants received notice of entry of the most recent appealed order on July 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
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I, Russell G. Hines, of Clement Rivers, LLP, attorneys for Appellants, hereby certify that, on August 17, 2026, Appellants' **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served on Respondent by emailing (see attached email) a copy of the same to counsel of record:

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I also certify that a copy of Appellants' **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was today, August 17, 2026, E-Filed with the lower court (see attached NEF), which also, i.e., in addition to service by email, effected service of said notice today on all counsel of record via the E-Filing System.

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