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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2016-CP-26-0166  
Appellate Case No. 2016-001499

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Jeanne Beverly, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,.....Appellant,

v.

Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, LLC .....Respondent.

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**RESPONDENT GRAND STRAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, LLC'S  
MOTION TO SEAL**

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Respondent Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, LLC ("Grand Strand") hereby moves the Court for an Order sealing Item (8) "Selected Pages of the Institutional Agreement" in Respondent's Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal which is also referred to as Item (6) "Institutional Agreement" in Appellant's Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal. Grand Strand files this motion pursuant to *Re: Revised Order Concerning Personal Identifying Information and Other Sensitive Information in Appellate Court Filings*, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated April 15, 2014 (Shearouse Adv. Sheet No. 15 at 34). In support of this motion Grand Strand submits the following:

1. Appellant Jeanne Beverly ("Beverly") initiated this action on January 11, 2016, by filing a complaint against Grand Strand. Beverly's claims are derived from her alleged right

to enforce the provider agreement between Grand Strand and Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina (the "Institutional Agreement").

2. The Institutional Agreement contains confidential and proprietary information and trade secrets belonging to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina and Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, LLC.

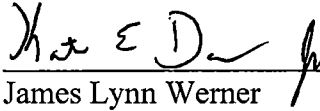
3. On April 29, 2016, the circuit court entered a Consent Protective Order addressing the exchange of confidential documents in this litigation. The purpose of the circuit court's Consent Protective Order is to protect the confidentiality of the Institutional Agreement and its legitimate trade secrets. The Consent Protective Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. "Public access to court records may be restricted in certain situations, such as matters involving . . . legitimate trade secrets, or information covered by a recognized privilege." *Ex parte Capital U-Drive-It, Inc.*, 369 S.C. 1, 10, 630 S.E.2d 464, 469 (2006).

5. Based on the legitimate trade secrets and confidential business information contained in the Institutional Agreement, Grand Strand requests the Court order a separate volume of the Record on Appeal be created for the Institutional Agreement, the volume of the Record on Appeal containing the Institutional Agreement be filed under seal, and at the place in the Record on Appeal where the Institutional Agreement would normally appear, Beverly will include a reference that the Institutional Agreement has been filed in a separate volume, under seal to maintain its confidentiality. In the alternative, Grand Strand requests the Court make the entire Record on Appeal a non-public document.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth herein, Grand Strand, respectfully requests the Court GRANT this Motion to Seal.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CONSENT PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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Whereas, the parties to this Protective Order ("parties") have stipulated that certain discovery material is and should be treated as confidential, and have agreed to the terms of this order; accordingly, it is this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016. ORDERED:

1. **Scope.** All documents, including electronic data files or other tangible things, produced in the course of discovery, all responses to discovery requests and all deposition testimony and deposition exhibits and any other materials which may be subject to discovery (hereinafter collectively "documents") shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential information as set forth below.
2. **Form and Timing of Designation.** Confidential documents shall be so designated by placing or affixing the word "CONFIDENTIAL" on the document in a manner which will not interfere with the legibility of the document and which will permit complete removal of the Confidential designation. Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL prior to, or contemporaneously with, the production or disclosure of

**EXHIBIT A**

the documents.<sup>1</sup> Inadvertent or unintentional production of documents without prior designation as confidential shall not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of the right to designate documents as confidential as otherwise allowed by this Order.

3. **Documents Which May be Designated Confidential.** Any party may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL, but only after review of the documents by an attorney who has, in good faith, determined that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute, sensitive personal information, trade secrets, or confidential research, development, or commercial information. The certification shall be made concurrently with the disclosure of the documents, using the form attached as Attachment A, which shall be executed subject to the standards of Rule 11 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents which are available in the public sector may not be designated as confidential.
4. **Depositions.** Portions of depositions shall be deemed confidential only if designated as such when the deposition is taken or within seven business days after receipt of the transcript. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions to be protected.
5. **Protection of Confidential Material.**
  - (a) **General Protections.** Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties or counsel for the parties or any other persons identified below (¶ 5b) for any purposes whatsoever other than preparing for and conducting the litigation in which the documents were disclosed (including any appeal of that litigation).<sup>1</sup> The parties shall not disclose documents

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<sup>1</sup>To the extent information which is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence is contained in a document that contains information that otherwise may be responsive to discovery requests, such information may be redacted in a document designated CONFIDENTIAL.

designated as confidential to putative class members not named as plaintiffs in putative class litigation unless and until one or more classes have been certified.

(b) **Limited Third Party Disclosures.** The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Order to any other person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs (i)-(v) below, and then only after the person to whom disclosure is to be made has executed an acknowledgment (in the form attached as Attachment B), that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Order and is bound by it. Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents which have been designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Order:

- (i) counsel and employees of counsel for the parties who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the lawsuit;
- (ii) parties to this Order and employees of Defendant or its affiliates, but only to the extent counsel shall certify that the specifically named individual party's assistance or employees of Defendant or its affiliates, is necessary to the conduct of the litigation in which the information is disclosed;<sup>2</sup>
- (iii) court reporters engaged for depositions and those persons, if any, specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making photocopies of documents:

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<sup>2</sup> At or prior to the time such party or employee completes his or her acknowledgment of review of this Order and agreement to be bound by it (Attachment B), counsel shall complete a certification in the form of Attachment C. Counsel shall retain the certification together with the form signed by the party or employee.

- (iv) consultants, investigators, or experts (hereinafter referred to collectively as "experts") employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of the lawsuit, but only if the disclosure of the document is necessary for such assistance and preparation; and
  - (v) other persons only upon consent of the producing party or upon order of the court and on such conditions as are agreed to or ordered.
- (c) **Control of Documents.** Counsel for the parties shall take reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the terms of this Order. Counsel shall maintain a record of those persons, including employees of counsel, who have reviewed or been given access to the documents along with the originals of the forms signed by those persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order.
- (d) **Copies.** All copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as "copies"), of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL under this Order or any portion of such a document, shall be immediately affixed with the designation "CONFIDENTIAL" if the word does not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be afforded the full protection of this Order.
6. **Filing of Confidential Materials.** In the event a party seeks to file with the Court any material that is subject to protection under this Order, that party shall take appropriate action to insure that the documents receive proper protection from public disclosure including: (1) filing a redacted document with the consent of the party who designated the document as confidential; (2) where appropriate (e.g. in relation to discovery and

evidentiary motions), submitting the documents solely for *in camera* review; or (3) where the preceding measures are not adequate, seeking permission to file the document under seal pursuant to the procedural steps set forth in Rule 41.1 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, or such other rule or procedure as may apply in the relevant jurisdiction. Absent extraordinary circumstances making prior consultation impractical or inappropriate, the party seeking to submit the document to the Court shall first consult with counsel for the party who designated the document as confidential to determine if some measure less restrictive than filing the document under seal may serve to provide adequate protection. This duty exists irrespective of the duty to consult on the underlying motion. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a prior directive to the Clerk of Court to allow any document to be filed under seal. The parties understand that documents may be filed under seal only with the permission of the Court after proper motion pursuant to Rule 41.1 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

7. **Greater Protection of Specific Documents.** No party may withhold information from discovery on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded by this Order unless the party moves for an Order providing such special protection.
8. **Challenges to Designation as Confidential.** Any CONFIDENTIAL designation is subject to challenge. The following procedures shall apply to any such challenge:
  - (a) The burden of proving the necessity of a Confidential designation remains with the party asserting confidentiality.
  - (b) A party who contends that documents designated CONFIDENTIAL are not entitled to such treatment shall give written notice to the party who affixed the designation of the specific basis for the challenge. The party who so designated

the documents shall have fifteen (15) days from service of the written notice to determine if the dispute can be resolved without judicial intervention and, if not, to move for an Order confirming the Confidential designation.

- (c) Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of documents as confidential, all material previously designated CONFIDENTIAL shall continue to be treated as subject to the full protections of this Order until one of the following occurs:
  - (i) the party who claims that the documents are confidential withdraws such designation in writing;
  - (ii) the party who claims that the documents are confidential fails to move timely for an Order designating the documents as confidential as set forth in paragraph 8(b) above; or
  - (iii) the Court rules that the documents should no longer be designated as confidential information.
- (d) Challenges to the confidentiality of documents may be made at any time and are not waived by the failure to raise the challenge at the time of initial disclosure or designation.

9. **Treatment on Conclusion of Litigation.**

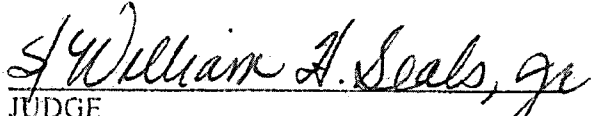
- (a) **Order Remains in Effect.** All provisions of this Order restricting the use of documents designated CONFIDENTIAL shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of the litigation unless otherwise agreed or ordered.
- (b) **Return of CONFIDENTIAL Documents.** Within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the litigation, including conclusion of any appeal, all documents treated as CONFIDENTIAL under this Order, including copies as defined above

(¶ 5d) shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been entered as evidence or filed under seal; (2) the parties stipulate to destruction in lieu of return; or (3) as to documents containing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving party, that party elects destruction. Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel may retain attorney work product including an index which refers or relates to information designated CONFIDENTIAL so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim substantial portions of the text of confidential documents. This work product continues to be Confidential only under the terms of this Order. An attorney may use his or her work product in a subsequent litigation provided that its use does not disclose the confidential documents.

10. **Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification on motion of any party or any other person who may show an adequate interest in the matter to intervene for purposes of addressing the scope and terms of this Order. The Order shall not, however, be modified until the parties shall have been given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the proposed modification.
11. **No Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any specific document or item of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL by counsel is subject to protection under Rule 26(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as a document-specific ruling shall have been made.

12. **Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon: (1) counsel who signed below and their respective law firms; and (2) their respective clients.


**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

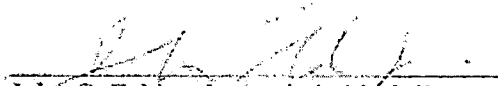
  
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On this the 25 day of April 2016

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on December 21, 2016, he served the foregoing **RESPONDENT'S INITIAL BRIEF, DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL, AND MOTION TO SEAL** on all counsel of record by placing a copy in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

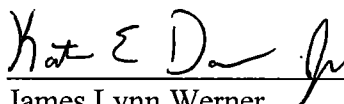
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**Via Hand Delivery**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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**Re: *Jeanne Beverly Individually and on behalf of other similarly situated v. Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, LLC; Civil Action No. 2016-CP-26-0116***

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of Respondent's Initial Brief, Respondent's Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, an original and six (6) copies of Respondent's Motion to Seal, Proof of Service and our firm check in the amount of \$25.00 in the above-referenced lawsuit. Please file the original documents and return file-stamped copies to my courier.

By copy of this letter, I am today serving the Initial Brief, Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, Respondent's Motion to Seal and Proof of Service on counsel for the Appellant.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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