

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, :
By JOSH SHAPIRO, Attorney General, et al.; :

Petitioners, :

v. :

UPMC, A Nonprofit Corp., et al.; :

Respondents. :

No. 334 M.D. 2014

ORDER

AND NOW, this ___ day of _____ 2019, upon consideration of UPMC’s Motion in Limine, and any responses thereto, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and Highmark is PRECLUDED from testifying or presenting evidence at the pending evidentiary hearing on the narrow issue of the intent of the Commonwealth and UPMC with regard to the scope of the Modification Provision in the UPMC/Commonwealth Consent Decree.

BY THE COURT:

ROBERT SIMPSON, J.

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**MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE HIGHMARK FROM TESTIFYING
OR PRESENTING EVIDENCE AT THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Respondent UPMC respectfully moves the Court in limine for an Order precluding Highmark from offering testimony or presenting evidence at the evidentiary hearing, and in support thereof avers as follows:

Introduction

1. The Court should enter an Order precluding Highmark from testifying or presenting evidence at the pending evidentiary hearing on the narrow issue of the intent of the Commonwealth and UPMC with regard to the scope of the Modification Provision because Highmark was not and is not a party to the Commonwealth/UPMC Consent Decree and it accordingly cannot offer any testimony or evidence based on firsthand personal knowledge that would be probative of the contracting parties' intent.

Background

2. On May 28, 2019, the Supreme Court issued an Opinion remanding the case to this Court to conduct an evidentiary hearing on the narrow issue of the parties' intent with regard to the scope of the Modification Provision.

3. On May 29, 2019, this Court set a status conference for May 31, 2019 to address compliance with the Supreme Court's directive for an expeditious limited evidentiary hearing.

4. It is anticipated that the Court will set an evidentiary hearing on an expedited schedule, limited to taking evidence on the intended meaning and scope of the Modification Provision of the UPMC/Commonwealth Consent Decree.

5. The Consent Decree at issue was entered into by the Commonwealth and UPMC. (A copy of the Consent Decree is attached as Exhibit 1.)

6. The signatories to the Consent Decree are UPMC and the Attorney General, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, General Counsel, and Chief Counsel for the Insurance Department.

7. Highmark is not a party to the Commonwealth/UPMC Consent Decree, and Highmark is not a signatory to the Commonwealth/UPMC Consent

Decree. Rather, Highmark entered into its own, separate, Consent Decree with the Commonwealth.

8. Accordingly, the Commonwealth separately negotiated independent Consent Decrees with each of UPMC and Highmark.

9. The Consent Decrees are reciprocal in that the agreement of each of UPMC and Highmark to its respective Consent Decree was conditioned on the other also agreeing to a Consent Decree.

10. However, at no time did UPMC negotiate with Highmark the Consent Decree that UPMC entered into with the Commonwealth, and at no time did Highmark negotiate with UPMC the Consent Decree that Highmark entered into with the Commonwealth.

11. Highmark was not a party to the UPMC/Commonwealth negotiations and has no firsthand personal knowledge of the contracting intent of either UPMC or the Commonwealth concerning the UPMC/Commonwealth Consent Decree.

Request for Relief

12. The Court should preclude Highmark from testifying or presenting evidence at the evidentiary hearing concerning the contracting intent of UPMC and the Commonwealth on the narrow issue of the intended meaning and scope of the

Modification Provision of the UPMC/Commonwealth Consent Decree with respect to the termination provision, because such Highmark testimony and evidence is neither relevant nor probative.

13. Evidence is relevant if it has “any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action more probable or less probable than it would be without the evidence.” Pa. R.E. 401. “All relevant evidence is admissible, [but e]vidence that is not relevant is not admissible.” Pa. R.E. 402. “Thus, while the general rule of the admissibility of relevant evidence is subject to various exceptions, *the rule that irrelevant evidence is not admissible is categorical.*” *Commonwealth v. Cook*, 952 A.2d 594, 612 (Pa. 2008) (emphasis added). Further, relevant evidence may be excluded where the probative value of the evidence is outweighed by the risk of, inter alia, confusion of the issues. Pa. R. E. 403; *Polett v. Public Communications, Inc.*, 126 A.3d 895, 918-20 (Pa. Super. 2015); *Antonini v. Western Beaver Area Sch. Dist.*, 874 A.2d 679, 687 (Pa. Commw. 2005) (affirming the exclusion of evidence that was not relevant and little or no probative value).

14. In *Cook*, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court held that third-party statements are not relevant to the issue of the state of mind or intent of another, and

thus, that they are properly excluded under Rule 402 as irrelevant evidence. *Id.* at 612.

15. *Cook* involved a Post-Conviction Relief Act (PCRA) appeal concerning the prosecutor's alleged racial bias in jury selection, particularly in the exercise of peremptory challenges. *Id.* at 601. The issue was thus the prosecutor's state of mind and intent when exercising peremptory strikes during the jury selection process. *Id.* at 603, 612.

16. In *Cook*, the Supreme Court considered the relevance of statements by the Philadelphia District Attorney condemning a training videotape made by the same prosecutor in which he advocated racially discriminatory practices in jury selection. *Id.* at 611-12.

17. The Supreme Court affirmed the PCRA court's exclusion of the District Attorney's statements as irrelevant to the issue of the state of mind of the prosecutor at the time of the original trial, holding that third-party statements were irrelevant to the state of mind or intent of another. *Id.* at 612 ("Regardless of her evaluation of the training tape, there is simply no reason to believe that the District Attorney herself was any more privy to McMahon's state of mind during *voir dire* at appellant's trial in 1988 than any other person who viewed the 1986 training tape.").

18. That same rule applies here. Highmark was not a participant in the UPMC/Commonwealth contracting negotiations and has no firsthand personal knowledge to offer concerning the narrow issue before the Court in this evidentiary hearing—namely, the contracting intent of UPMC and the Commonwealth as to the meaning and scope of the Modification Provision of the UPMC/Commonwealth Consent Decree.

19. Nor would Highmark's contracting intent in entering into the Highmark/Commonwealth Consent Decree have any relevance to what UPMC intended or the intent of the Commonwealth as manifested to UPMC in the contract negotiations. Highmark was not present and did not participate at all in the UPMC/Commonwealth contract negotiations.

20. For the same reasons, Highmark's testimony and evidence has no probative value and would only serve to confuse the issues. *See Antonini, supra.*

21. Accordingly, the Court should preclude Highmark from offering testimony or evidence at the evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, UPMC respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order precluding Highmark from testifying or presenting evidence at the pending evidentiary hearing on the narrow issue of the intent of the Attorney General and UPMC with regard to the scope of the Modification Provision in the UPMC/Commonwealth Consent Decree.

Dated: May 31, 2019

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I hereby certify that on this 31 day of May, 2019, I submitted the foregoing Motion in Limine for electronic service via the Court's electronic filing system on the following:

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Exhibit 1

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,
By MICHAEL CONSEDINE, Insurance Commissioner
and
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
By MICHAEL WOLF, Secretary of Health,

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UPE, a/k/a, HIGHMARK HEALTH, A Nonprofit Corp.
and
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CONSENT DECREE

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2014, upon the Motion to Approve Consent Decree with Respondent UPMC filed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through its Attorney General, Kathleen G. Kane, its Insurance Commissioner, Michael F. Consedine, and its Secretary of Health, Michael Wolf (Commonwealth or Petitioner), which initiated an action by filing a Petition for Review (Petition) on June 26, 2014, the allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference.

SETTLEMENT TERMS

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, Respondent, UPMC agrees for itself, its successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives, executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs and all other persons acting on their behalf, directly or through any corporate or other device, as follows:

I. **INTERPRETATIVE PRINCIPLES**

A. The Court's Consent Decree shall be interpreted consistently with the Insurance Department's UPE Order in the Highmark/West Penn Allegheny Health System matter, *In Re Application of UPE*, No. ID-RC-13-06 (Pa. Insur. Dept. 2013), and the 2012 Mediated Agreement and to protect consumers and UPMC'S charitable mission. The outcome of the actions embodied in the Consent Decree shall be incorporated in the Transition Plan to be filed by Highmark by July 31, 2014, as provided under Condition 22 of the UPE order. The Consent Decree is not a contract extension and shall not be characterized as such.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Balance Billing" means when a Health Care Provider bills or otherwise attempts to recover the difference between the provider's charge and the amount paid by a patient's insurer and through member cost-shares.
- B. "Children's Final Order" means the Final Order in the matter of *In Re: Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation*, No. 6425 of 2001 (All. Co. 2001).
- C. "Emergency Services/ER Services" means medical services provided in a hospital emergency department in response to the sudden onset of a medical condition requiring intervention to sustain the life of a person or to prevent damage to a person's health and which the recipient secures immediately after the onset or as soon thereafter as the care can be made available, but in no case later than 72 hours after the onset.

- D. "Greater Pittsburgh Area" means the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington and Westmoreland.
- E. "Health Plan" means all types of organized health-service purchasing programs, including, but not limited to, health insurance or managed-care plans, offered by government, for-profit or non-profit third-party payors, health care providers or any other entity.
- F. "Health Care Provider" means hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, ambulatory surgery centers, laboratories, physicians, physician networks and other health care professionals and health care facilities.
- G. "Highmark" means Highmark, Inc., the domestic nonprofit corporation incorporated on December 6, 1996, with a registered office at Fifth Avenue Place, 120 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. Unless otherwise specified, all references to Highmark include UPE and all of its controlled nonprofit and for-profit subsidiaries, partnerships, trusts, foundations, associations or other entities however styled.
- H. "Hospital" means a health care facility, licensed as a hospital, having a duly organized governing body with overall administrative and professional responsibility and an organized professional staff that provides 24-hour inpatient care, that may also provide outpatient services, and that has, as a primary function, the provision of inpatient services for medical diagnosis, treatment and care of physically injured or sick persons with short-term or episodic health problems or infirmities.
- I. "In-Network" means where a health care provider has contracted with a Health Plan to provide specified services for reimbursement at a negotiated rate to treat the Health

Plan's members. The member shall be charged no more than the co-pay, co-insurance or deductible charged by his or her Health Plan, the member shall not be refused treatment for the specified services in the contract based on his or her Health Plan and the negotiated rate paid under the contract by the Health Plan and the member shall be payment in full for the specified services.

- J. "Mediated Agreement" means the Mediated Agreement entered into by UPMC and Highmark on May 1, 2012, with assistance of a mediator appointed by the Governor and all agreements implementing the Mediated Agreement.
- K. "Out-of-Network" means where a Health Care Provider has not contracted with a Health Plan for reimbursement for treatment of the Health Plan's members.
- L. "Payor Contract" means a contract between a Health Care Provider and a Health Plan for reimbursement for the Health Care Provider's treatment of the Health Plan's members.
- M. "Trauma" means medical services that are provided to an individual with a severe, life threatening injury which is likely to produce mortality or permanent disability and which are provided at the designated Trauma Center in a facility that provides specialized medical services and resources to patients suffering from traumatic, serious or critical bodily injuries and which is accredited by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation and services needed for appropriate continuity of care.
- N. "UPE", also known as Highmark Health, means the entity incorporated on October 20, 2011, on a non-stock, non-membership basis, with its registered office located at Fifth Avenue Place, 120 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. UPE serves as the controlling member of Highmark.

- O. "UPE Order" means the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's April 29, 2013 Approving Determination and Order of the Highmark/West Penn Allegheny Health System Affiliation, *In Re Application of UPE*, No. ID-RC-13-06 (Pa. Insur. Dept. 2013).
- P. "UPMC" means the non-profit, tax-exempt corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania having its principal address at: 200 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Unless otherwise specified, all references to UPMC include all of its controlled nonprofit and for-profit subsidiaries, partnerships, trusts, foundations, associations or other entities however styled.
- Q. "UPMC Health Plan" means the Health Plan owned by UPMC which is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance.
- R. "UPMC Hospitals" means the Hospitals operated by the following UPMC subsidiaries: UPMC Presbyterian-Shadyside, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Magee Women's Hospital of UPMC, UPMC McKeesport, UPMC Passavant, UPMC St. Margaret, UPMC Bedford Memorial, UPMC Horizon, UPMC Northwest, UPMC Mercy, UPMC East, UPMC Hamot, UPMC Hamot, affiliate - Kane Community Hospital, UPMC Altoona, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC and any other Hospital acquired by UPMC following the entry of the Court's Consent Decree.
- S. "Western Pennsylvania" means the 29-county area designated by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association in which Highmark does business as Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

IV. TERMS

UPMC shall comply with the following terms:

A. Access

1. ER/Trauma Services - UPMC shall negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement with Highmark on In-Network rates and patient transfer protocols for emergency and trauma services for hospital, physician and appropriate continuity of care services at all UPMC and Allegheny Health Network hospitals by July 15, 2014 or be subject to the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in paragraph C (1) below. This does not mean that Hospitals or physicians rendering emergency or trauma services to a patient are In-Network for purposes or services other than treating the emergency condition for which a patient is admitted or the treating physicians are otherwise In-Network under other terms of this Consent Decree including, but not limited to, the Continuity of Care, Unique/Exception Hospitals or Oncology. The agreement shall be for a commercially reasonable period of time as provided in Condition 3 of the UPE Order. UPMC shall not Balance Bill consumers until the ER services agreement is resolved.
2. Vulnerable Populations – UPMC and Highmark mutually agree that vulnerable populations include: (i) consumers age 65 or older who are eligible or covered by Medicare, Medicare Advantage, (ii) Medigap health plans, (iii) Medicaid and/or (iv) CHIP. With respect to Highmark’s covered vulnerable populations, UPMC shall continue to contract with Highmark at in-network rates for all of its hospital, physician and appropriate continuity of care services for CHIP, Highmark Signature 65, Medigap and commercial retiree carve out as long as Highmark

does not make unilateral material changes to these programs. UPMC shall treat all Medicare participating consumers as In- Network regardless of whether they have Medicare as their primary or secondary insurance. UPMC reserves the right to withdraw from these arrangements if Highmark should take the position that it has the authority to revise the rates and fees payable under those arrangements unilaterally and materially.

3. **Local Community Needs** – Where UPMC is the provider of services provided locally that the patient’s treating physician believes the patient needs and DOH has determined such services are not available from another source, and member is Out-of-Network, UPMC will not Balance Bill the member, and UPMC and Highmark shall negotiate a payment that shall not be greater than the Out-of-Network rates established by this Consent Decree.
4. **Oncology/Cancer Services** – Highmark subscribers may access, as if In-Network, UPMC services, providers, facilities, and physicians involved in the treatment of cancer, if a patient’s treating physician determines that a patient who is diagnosed with cancer should be treated by a UPMC oncologist and the patient agrees to be so treated. In addition, UPMC and Highmark shall negotiate an agreement for treatment of illnesses which result from cancer treatment. These resulting illnesses may include, but not be limited to, mental health, endocrinology, orthopedics and cardiology. The need for a treatment of a resulting illness shall be determined, in the first instance, by the patient’s treating physician acting in consultation with and in accordance with the wishes of the patient or the patient’s representative. Moreover, all UPMC joint ventures and physician services

provided at or on behalf of independent hospitals, whether related to oncology or not, shall be In-Network. If UPMC and Highmark do not reach an agreement on rates for cancer treatment and resulting illnesses by July 15, 2014, the parties will be subject to the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in paragraph C(1) below. UPMC shall not Balance Bill consumers until this agreement is resolved. The agreement shall be for a commercially reasonable period of time as provided in Condition 3 of the UPE Order.

5. **Unique/Exception Hospitals and Physicians** – UPMC shall negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement with Highmark for hospital, physician services and follow-up care services at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, UPMC Bedford Memorial, UPMC Venango (Northwest), UPMC/Hamot, UPMC/Altoona, UPMC Horizon and any facility, any physician services, or any other provider services located or delivered outside the Greater Pittsburgh Area currently owned or acquired in the future by UPMC, or with whom UPMC has an agreement to handle provider contracting, such as, but not limited to, the Kane Community Hospital, or any other physician services or facility outside the Greater Pittsburgh Area determined by DOH to be essential to meet local community needs, by July 15, 2014 or be subject to the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in paragraph C (1) below. The agreement shall be for a commercially reasonable period of time as provided in Condition 3 of the UPE order. The Children’s Final Order will continue in effect.
6. **Out-of-Network Services** – For all other Highmark subscribers whose care is not otherwise governed by other provisions in this Consent Decree, beginning

January 1, 2015, UPMC will provide services to all such subscribers on an Out-of-Network basis. UPMC's reimbursement rates for Out-of-Network services for Highmark subscribers shall be no more than 60% of charges if paid promptly and provided that UPMC informs consumers of such charges before rendering services.

7. **Continuity of Care** – UPMC and Highmark mutually agree that the continuation of care of a Highmark member in the midst of a course of treatment at UPMC shall be on an In-Network basis at In-Network rates. The need for a continuing course of treatment shall be determined, in the first instance, by the patient's treating physician acting in consultation with and in accordance with the wishes of the patient or the patient's representative. While undergoing a continuing course of treatment with UPMC, the services covered In-Network will include all services reasonably related to that treatment, including, but not limited to, testing and follow-up care. In the event that Highmark disputes the opinion of the treating physician that a continuation of care is medically appropriate, or disputes the scope of that care, the DOH or its designated representative will review the matter and make a final, non-appealable determination.
8. **Transfer of Services** – If any services covered by this Consent Decree are transferred or consolidated at one or more UPMC Hospitals, the terms of this Consent Decree shall apply to those transferred services where such services are transferred or consolidated.
9. **Referrals and UPMC Transfer of Patients** - (a) UPMC shall not require its physicians to refer patients to a UPMC Hospital in situations where the patient is

covered by a Health Plan that does not participate with such UPMC Hospital or otherwise expresses a preference to be referred to a non-UPMC Hospital; (b) UPMC shall not refuse to transfer a patient, whether for diagnosis or treatment, to a non-UPMC Hospital or health care provider if such transfer is requested by the patient, the patient's representative when such representative is authorized to make care decisions for the patient, or the patient's physician; provided the patient is stable and that the transfer is medically appropriate and legally permissible; (c) When a patient is in need of transfer and is covered by a Health Plan with which the UPMC Hospital does not contract, UPMC shall transfer the patient to the Health Plan's participating non-UPMC facility (provided the patient is stable and that the transfer is medically appropriate and legally permissible) unless, (i) the patient or the patient's representative expresses a contrary preference after having been informed of the financial consequences of such a decision, or (ii) is otherwise approved by the patient's Health Plan.

10. **Safety Net** – UPMC and Highmark mutually agree to establish a one-year safety net beginning January 1, 2015, for any existing UPMC patient and Highmark subscriber (i) who used UPMC physicians and services In-Network during the 2014 calendar year, (ii) who is not in a continuing course of treatment, and (iii) who is unable to find alternative physicians and services in their locality during the one year period. UPMC and Highmark shall hold such consumers harmless if they continue to use such physicians and services prior to January 1, 2016. Rates for the safety net period shall be as set forth under the Dispute Resolution Process

set forth in paragraph C(1) below. The safety net is not a contract extension, and neither Highmark nor UPMC nor their agents shall characterize it as such.

11. **Advertising** – UPMC shall not engage in any public advertising that is unclear or misleading in fact or by implication.

B. Monetary Terms

Consumer Education Fund and Costs – UPMC shall contribute \$2 million dollars to the Consumer Education Fund to be used by the OAG, PID or DOH for education and outreach purposes during the transition; and to cover costs, including attorneys' or consultant fees of the OAG, PID and DOH within 60 days of the entry of this Consent Decree.

C. Miscellaneous Terms

1. **Dispute Resolution Process** - Where required in this Consent Decree, UPMC and Highmark shall negotiate in good faith. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on any of the issues raised in this Consent Decree by July 15, 2014, or such other date as may be set by OAG, PID and DOH, then the terms or rates shall be subject to the following:

- a. Rates

- i. For the period, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, rates for all In-Network services covered in this Consent Decree, except for those rates currently being arbitrated by UPMC and Highmark, shall revert to the last mutually agreed upon rates or fees by UPMC and Highmark with the applicable medical market basket index (MBI) increase applied January 1, 2015.

- ii. For rates currently being arbitrated, in the event that the current arbitration between UPMC and Highmark finds in favor of UPMC, then the rates and fees under the Consent Decree will revert to the rates in effect before April 1, 2014 as of the date of the arbitral award and shall remain in place through December 31, 2015. If as a consequence of the arbitral award, Highmark owes UPMC for underpayments, Highmark shall pay UPMC appropriate interest. If as a consequence of the arbitral award, UPMC owes Highmark for overpayments, UPMC shall pay Highmark appropriate interest. If an arbitral award is not decided before January 1, 2015, Highmark shall increase its payments by one-half the difference between Highmark's April 1, 2014 schedule and its rate schedule in effect before April 1, 2014 for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- iii. For the period beginning January 1, 2016 to the expiration of the Consent Decree or the expiration of any agreements between UPMC and Highmark for all In-Network services, whichever is later, the rates shall be the rates mutually agreed to by Highmark and UPMC, or UPMC and Highmark shall engage in a single last best offer binding arbitration to resolve any dispute as to rates after December 31, 2015 as set forth in paragraph C (2) below.
- iv. Any agreement or award as to rates and fees will be binding on both UPMC and Highmark, meaning that each will bill and make payments consistent with the agreement or award.

b. Non-Rate Term – Disputed terms set forth in this Consent Decree and unrelated to rate and reimbursement shall be subject to mediation before the OAG, PID and DOH. If mediation does not result in resolution within 30 days or such other time set by the OAG, PID and DOH, UPMC and Highmark shall engage in binding arbitration to resolve the dispute as to terms as set forth in Paragraph C (2) below.

2. **Binding Arbitration**

a. The Parties will file a joint plan with this court for a single last best offer binding arbitration before independent and neutral parties by August 14, 2014 or seek court intervention to resolve any disputes over such process.

3. **Binding on Successors and Assigns** – The terms of this Consent Decree are binding on UPMC, its directors, officers, managers, employees (in their respective capacities as such) and to its successors and assigns, including, but not limited to, any person or entity to whom UPMC may be sold, leased or otherwise transferred, during the term of the Consent Decree. UPMC shall not permit any substantial part of UPMC to be acquired by any other entity unless that entity agrees in writing to be bound by the provisions of this Consent Decree.

4. **Enforcement** - The OAG, PID and DOH shall have exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the Consent Decree. If the OAG, PID or DOH believe that a violation of the Final Decree has taken place, they shall so advise UPMC and give UPMC 20 days to cure the violation. If after that time the violation is not cured, the OAG, PID or DOH may seek enforcement of the Consent Decree in the Commonwealth Court. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by a violation of this

Consent Decree may file a complaint with the OAG, PID or DOH for review. If after that review, the OAG, PID or DOH believes either a violation of the Final Decree has occurred or they need additional information to evaluate the complaint, the complaint shall be forwarded to UPMC for a response within 30 days. If after receiving the response, the OAG, PID or DOH, believe a violation of the Consent Decree has occurred, they shall so advise UPMC and give UPMC twenty (20) days to cure the violation. If after that time the violation is not cured, the OAG, PID or DOH may seek enforcement of the Final Decree in this Court. If the complaint involves a patient in an ongoing course of treatment who must have the complaint resolved in a shorter period, the OAG, PID or DOH may require responses within periods consistent with appropriate patient care.

5. **Release** --This Consent Decree will release any and all claims the OAG, PID or DOH brought or could have brought against UPMC for violations of any laws or regulations within their respective jurisdictions, including claims under laws governing non-profit corporations and charitable trusts, consumer protection laws, insurance laws and health laws relating to the facts alleged in the Petition for Review or encompassed within this Consent Decree for the period of July 1, 2012 to the date of filing. Any other claims, including but not limited violations of the crimes code, Medicaid fraud laws or tax laws are not released.
6. **Compliance with Other Laws** - The Parties agree that the terms and agreements encompassed within this Consent Decree do not conflict with UPMC's obligations under the laws governing non-profit corporations and charitable trusts, consumer protection laws, antitrust laws, insurance laws and health laws.

7. **Notices** – All notices required by this Consent Decree shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid or by hand deliver to:

If to the Attorney General:

Executive Deputy Attorney General
Public Protection Division
Office of Attorney General
14th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

If to UPMC:

Chief Executive Officer
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
U.S. Steel Tower
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600 Grant Street
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8. **Averment of Truth** – UPMC avers that, to the best of its knowledge, the information it has provided to the OAG, PID and DOH in connection with this Consent Decree is true.
9. **Termination** – This Consent Decree shall expire five (5) years from the date of entry.
10. **Modification** – If the OAG, PID, DOH or UPMC believes that modification of this Consent Decree would be in the public interest, that party shall give notice to the other and the parties shall attempt to agree on a modification. If the parties

agree on a modification, they shall jointly petition the Court to modify the Consent Decree. If the parties cannot agree on a modification, the party seeking modification may petition the Court for modification and shall bear the burden of persuasion that the requested modification is in the public interest.

11. **Retention of Jurisdiction** – Unless this Consent Decree is terminated, jurisdiction is retained by this Court to enable any party to apply to this Court for such further orders and directions as may be necessary and appropriate for the interpretation, modification and enforcement of this Consent Decree.
12. **No Admission of Liability** – UPMC, desiring to resolve the OAG's, PID's and DOH's concerns without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law, has consented to entry of this Consent Decree, which is not an admission of liability by UPMC as to any issue of fact or law and may not be offered or received into evidence in any action as an admission of liability, whether arising before or after the matter referenced herein.
13. **Counterparts** – This Consent Decree may be executed in counterparts.


NOW THEREFORE, without trial or adjudication of the facts or law herein between the parties to this Consent Decree, Respondent agrees to the signing of this Consent Decree and this Court hereby orders that Respondent shall be enjoined from breaching any and all of the aforementioned provisions.

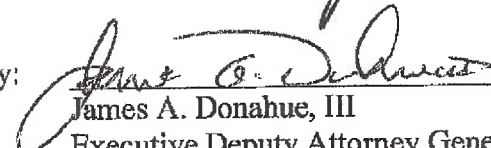
WE HEREBY consent to this Consent Decree and submit the same to this Honorable Court for the making and entry of a Consent Decree, Order or Judgment of the Court on the dates indicated below.

WHEREFORE, and intending to be legally bound, the parties have hereto set their hands and seals.

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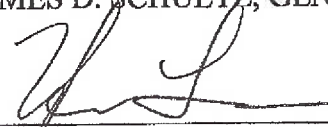
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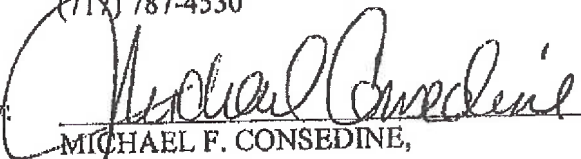
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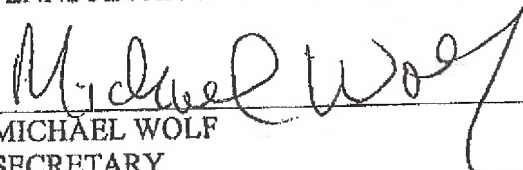
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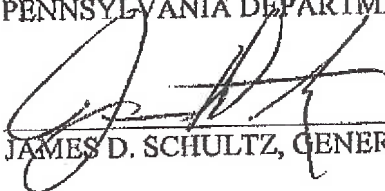
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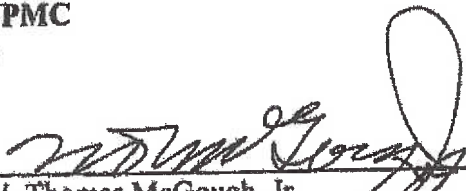
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