



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-C-9000

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ex rel.
PATRICK MORRISEY, Attorney General,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CC-40-2024-C-20

PUBLICIS HEALTH, LLC,

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO
TRANSFER CASE TO MASS LITIGATION PANEL**

Plaintiff, the State of West Virginia, ex. rel. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, identified above, by counsel, together with Defendant, Publicis Health, LLC, identified above, by counsel, previously filed a *Joint Motion to Transfer Case to Mass Litigation Panel* (Transaction ID 71976029) (“Motion”). The Court has reviewed the Motion and the State’s Supplement to the Motion with Exhibits (Transaction IDs 72261033 and 72262323). Finding good shown, the Court **GRANTS** the Motion and **ORDERS** the above-captioned civil action currently pending in the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia: *The State of West Virginia, ex rel. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey v. Publicis Health, LLC*, Civil Action No. CC-40-2024-C-20 is **TRANSFERRED** to the Mass Litigation Panel and **JOINED** with In Re Opioid Litigation, Civil Action No. 19-C-9000.

Any paper court file for the above-captioned civil action shall remain in the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, where the civil action originated, until further order of the Panel.

The above-captioned civil action shall be subject to e-filing and service **beginning on March 15, 2024**, as provided in Trial Court Rule 15.01 *et seq.* Counsel for Plaintiff shall provide File & Serve*Xpress* with the case and party data for the above-styled civil action immediately. Pursuant to the Panel’s Electronic Filing Case Management Order (Transaction ID 63504553), the number for the above-styled civil action shall be “Civil Action No. 24-C-20 PNM.”

The parties are reminded that registration and training for e-filing and service is **mandatory**. If a party in the above-styled civil action is not registered with File & Serve*Xpress* **by March 15, 2024**, the party will not receive e-service of documents in the Opioid Litigation.

The Court further **ORDERS** that the parties shall file and serve their proposed Final Consent Judgment/Consent Order **by March 15, 2024**.

The Clerk of the Kanawha County Circuit Court is **ORDERED** to send a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Putnam County Circuit Court for service to the affected judge and all parties in the above-captioned civil action. All counsel of record in the Opioid Litigation shall this day be served with this Order electronically.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED: March 7, 2024.

/s/ Alan D. Moats
Lead Presiding Judge
In Re: Opioid Litigation

/s/ Derek C. Swope
Presiding Judge
In Re: Opioid Litigation