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In the Supreme Court of the State of California

CENTINELA FREEMAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATES, ET AL., FILED

Plaintiffs and Appellants,

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VS.

HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA, INC., ET AL., Frank A. McGuire Clerk

Defendants and Respondents.

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MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE DECLARATION OF MARGARET M. GRIGNON

After An Opinion By The Court Of Appeal Second Appellate District, Division Three, No. B238867

Appeal From A Judgment Of Dismissal Following Demurrer Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC415203 Honorable John Shepard Wiley

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I.

MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Evidence Code section 452, and California Rules of Court, Rule 8.252, the Health Plans¹ request that this Court take judicial notice of the documents set forth in the Health Plans' request for judicial notice filed in the trial court. (1 AA 153-165.) These documents are the following:

- 1. Ex. 1 A true and correct copy of California Senate Rules Committee, Floor Analysis of S.B. 260 (1999-2000 Reg. Session). (2 AA 177-180.)
- 2. Ex. 2 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the Department of Managed Health Care's ("DMHC") public website for the quarter ending September 30, 2005, and based upon data self-reported by Risk Bearing Organizations ("RBOs") to the DMHC.² (2 AA 181-186.)

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¹ The "Health Plans" are Respondents and Defendants Health Net of California, Inc., Blue Cross of California dba Anthem Blue Cross, PacifiCare of California, California Physicians' Service dba Blue Shield of California, Cigna HealthCare of California, Inc., Aetna Health of California, Inc., and SCAN Health Plan.

The quarterly financial surveys referenced in this motion for judicial notice can be accessed via the DMHC website, http://www.dmhc.ca.gov/. (Department of Managed HealthCare, Financial Surveys Received,

- 3. Ex. 3 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending March 31, 2011, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 187-191.)
- 4. Ex. 4 A true and correct copy of a printout from the website of the DMHC concerning the DMHC's obligation to collect and analyze RBO's financial statements on a quarterly and an annual basis in order to "closely monitor the financial solvency of RBOs in order to keep this important component of the managed care system strong." (2 AA 192-193.)
- 5. Ex. 5 A true and correct copy of an excerpt from the DMHC's Public Rulemaking File for Title 28, Adopting Sections 1300.75.4.2, et al., Data Collection Disclosure Language, Grading/Reviewing and Corrective Actions for Risk Bearing Organizations 2004-0100. (2 AA 194-196.)
- 6. Ex. 6 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending June 30, 2007, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 197-201.)

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< http://wpso.dmhc.ca.gov/ProviderReports/fsreceived.aspx > (as of Oct. 15, 2014).)

- 7. Ex. 7 The Fiscal Year End report for 2007 that was posted on the DMHC's public website and summarizing survey data received by the DMHC from the RBOs directly. (2 AA 202-209.)
- 8. Ex. 8 A true and correct copy of a letter dated February 28, 2008 from Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, at the DMHC. (2 AA 210-213.)
- 9. Ex. 9 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending March 31, 2008, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 214-219.)
- 10. Ex. 10 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending June 30, 2008, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 220-225.)
- 11. Ex. 11 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending September 30, 2008, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 226-230.)
- 12. Ex. 12 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending

December 31, 2008, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 231-235.)

- 13. Ex. 13 The Fiscal Year End report for 2008 that was posted on the DMHC's public website and summarizing survey data received by the DMHC from the RBOs directly. (2 AA 236-242.)
- 14. Ex. 14 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending March 31, 2009, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 243-247.)
- 15. Ex. 15 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending June 30, 2009, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 248-252.)
- 16. Ex. 16 A quarterly financial survey that was posted on the DMHC's public website for the quarter ending September 30, 2009, and based upon data self-reported by RBOs to the DMHC. (2 AA 253-257.)
- 17. Ex. 17 A true and correct copy of an e-mail from Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner at the DMHC dated July 17, 2008. (2 AA 258-261.)

- 18. Exs. 18-A through 18-F, which are true and correct copies of orders to the Health Plans issued by the DMHC on or about December 2, 2009. (2 AA 262-301.)
- 19. Exs. 19-A through 19-F, which are true and correct copies of orders to various Health Plans issued by the DMHC on or about April 22, 2010. (2 AA 302-344.)
- 20. Exs. 20A through 20-E, which are true and correct copies of orders to various Health Plans issued by the DMHC on or about May 19, 2010. (2 AA 345-380.)
- 21. Ex. 21, a true and correct copy of an order issued to PacifiCare of California issued by the DMHC on or about May 13, 2010. (2 AA 381-383.)

II.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Exhibits 1-21 can be classified into four types of judicially noticeable documents.

A. Legislative And Regulatory History Materials

Exhibit 1 is the text of the California Senate Rules Committee, Floor Analysis of S.B. 260 (1999-2000 Reg. Session). It is subject to judicial notice under Evidence Code section 452,

subdivision (c) as an official act of the Legislature. (See *In re S.B.* (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1287, 1296, fn. 3 [taking notice of legislative bill and analysis by Assembly Committee on Judiciary]; *Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. v. Helliker* (2006) 138 Cal.App.4th 1135, 1163, fn. 10 [taking notice of analysis of proposed bill by Senate Rules Committee].)

Exhibit 4 is a printout from the DMHC's website stating that the purpose of the DMHC's regulations at 28 C.C.R. § 1300.75.4.8 is to "enable [] the DMHC to closely monitor the financial solvency of RBOs [risk bearing organizations] in order to keep this important component of the managed care system strong." It is subject to judicial notice under Evidence Code section 452, subdivision (c) as an official act of the DMHC. (*In re N.M.* (2008) 161 Cal.App.4th 253, 268, fn. 9 [taking judicial notice of information on Department of Social Services website].)

Exhibit 5 contains an excerpt of the official written rationale provided by the DMHC in support of its adoption of the RBO solvency regulations. These comments are included in the DMHC's Public Rulemaking File for this regulation. Judicial notice of this document is proper under Evidence Code section 452, subdivisions (c) and (h). (See *Evans v. City of Berkeley* (2006) 38 Cal.4th 1, 8-9, fns. 4-5 [taking judicial notice of city manager memorandum to mayor and city council recommending adoption of resolution].)

B. DMHC Periodic Reports On RBO Compliance With Financial Benchmarks

Exhibits 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 contain periodic financial survey data self-reported by the RBOs, compiled and analyzed by the DMHC for timeframes between 2005 and 2011. Judicial notice of these reports is proper because the acts of the DMHC in accepting and compiling these reports, analyzing them, and posting the data to the DMHC's website are official acts of an agency of the State of California. (Evid. Code § 452, subd. (c); In re N.M., supra, 161 Cal.App.4th at p. 268, fn. 9; People ex rel. Totten v. Colonia Chiques (2007) 156 Cal.App.4th 31, 38, fn. 3 (Colonia Chiques).) Further, a court may properly take judicial notice of reports prepared by a government agency. (Evid. Code § 452, subd. (c) [court may take judicial notice of official acts of State executive departments]; Bhatt v. Department of Health Services for State (2005) 133 Cal.App.4th 923, 929 [court may take judicial notice of reports prepared by government agency].)

It is also beyond reasonable dispute, and indeed plaintiffs have never disputed, that La Vida notified the DMHC of its failures to meet grading criteria during 2007-2009. (Evid. Code § 452, subd. (h).)

Moreover, these items were available on the DMHC's website and properly subject to judicial notice for that reason as well. (*In re N.M.*, *supra*, 161 Cal.App.4th at p. 268, fn. 9 [taking

judicial notice of information contained on State Department of Social Services on the California government website]; *Colonia Chiques*, *supra*, 156 Cal.App.4th at p. 38 [taking judicial notice of statement contained on Police Department's website].)

C. Written Communications From DMHC

Exhibits 8 and 17 are copies of written communications the Health Plans received from the DMHC. Judicial notice of these communications is proper as these are official acts of the DMHC. (Evid. Code § 452, subd. (c) [court may take judicial notice of official acts of State executive departments]; *Stevens v. Superior Court* (1999) 75 Cal.App.4th 594, 607-608 [taking judicial notice of Department of Insurance letters as official acts].)

D. Orders Issued By The DMHC

Exhibits 18, 19, 20, and 21 are copies of orders issued by the DMHC. These orders are properly subject to judicial notice under Evidence Code section 452, subdivision (c) as official acts of the DMHC. (See *People ex rel. Orloff v. Pacific Bell* (2003) 31 Cal.4th 1132, 1143, fn. 4 [taking judicial notice of decision of state agency]; *Rodas v. Spiegel* (2001) 87 Cal.App.4th 513, 518 [records, reports, and orders of administrative agencies are "official acts" of which a court may take judicial notice].)

III.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, this Court should take judicial notice of Exhibits 1-21.

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DECLARATION OF MARGARET M. GRIGNON

I, MARGARET M. GRIGNON, declare:

- 1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice before the courts of the State of California. I am a partner of the law firm of Reed Smith LLP, counsel to Blue Cross of California dba Anthem Blue Cross.
- By this motion, the Health Plans seeks judicial 2. notice of Exhibits 1-21 as identified and discussed in the motion accompanying this declaration. Although the Health Plans requested judicial notice of these exhibits in the trial court, the trial court did not rule on the Health Plans' request.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 15, 2014, in Los Angeles, California.

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I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is REED SMITH LLP, 355 South Grant Avenue, Suite 2900, Los Angeles, CA 90071-1514. On October 15, 2014, I served the following document(s) by the method indicated below:

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