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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
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Defendants.

No. CV  
**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

The Court enters the following Case Management Order to govern the litigation in this case:

1. Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project. This case is subject to the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project (“MIDP”) implemented by General Order 17-08. The parties must comply with the requirements of the MIDP, and need not make the initial disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a). If responses required by the MIDP have not been exchanged, they shall be exchanged by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Deadline for Joining Parties, Amending Pleadings, and Filing Supplemental Pleadings. The deadline for joining parties, amending pleadings, and filing supplemental pleadings is **60 days** from the date of this Order.

3. Discovery Limitations. Depositions shall be limited to seven hours each as provided in Rule 30(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Each side may propound up to 25 interrogatories, including subparts, 25 requests for production of

1 documents, including subparts, and 25 requests for admissions, including subparts.

2 4. MIDP Responses and Fact Discovery. The deadline for final  
3 supplementation of MIDP responses and the completion of fact discovery, including  
4 discovery by subpoena, shall be\_\_\_\_\_.<sup>1</sup> To ensure compliance with this  
5 deadline, the following rules shall apply:

6 a. Written Discovery: All interrogatories, requests for production of  
7 document, and requests for admissions shall be served at least **45 days** before the  
8 discovery deadline.

9 b. The parties may mutually agree in writing, without Court approval,  
10 to extend the time provided for discovery responses in Rules 33, 34, and 36 of the Federal  
11 Rules of Civil Procedure. Such agreed-upon extensions, however, shall not alter or  
12 extend the discovery deadlines set forth in this Order.

13 5. Expert Disclosures and Discovery.

14 a. Plaintiff(s) shall provide full and complete expert disclosures, as  
15 required by Rule 26(a)(2)(A)-(C) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, no later than  
16 \_\_\_\_\_.

17 b. Defendant(s) shall provide full and complete expert disclosures, as  
18 required by Rule 26(a)(2)(A)-(C) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, no later than  
19 \_\_\_\_\_.

20 c. Rebuttal expert disclosures, if any, shall be made no later than  
21 \_\_\_\_\_. Rebuttal experts shall be limited to responding to opinions stated by  
22 initial experts.

23 d. Expert depositions shall be completed no later than  
24 \_\_\_\_\_.

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26 <sup>1</sup> General Order 17-08 implements the MIDP and should be reviewed carefully. It  
27 requires parties to timely supplement their MIDP responses as new information is  
28 discovered. Parties who fail to timely disclose relevant information will be precluded  
from using it in the case and may be subject to other sanctions. Parties who unreasonably  
postpone disclosure of relevant information to the end of the discovery period will also be  
subject to sanctions.

1 e. Disclosures under Rule 26(a)(2)(A) must include the identities of  
2 treating physicians and other witnesses who will provide testimony under Federal Rules  
3 of Evidence 702, 703, or 705, but who are not required to provide expert reports under  
4 Rule 26(a)(2)(B). Rule 26(a)(2)(C) disclosures are required for such witnesses on the  
5 dates set forth above. Rule 26(a)(2)(C) disclosures must identify not only the subjects on  
6 which the witness will testify, but must also provide a summary of the facts and opinions  
7 to which the expert will testify. The summary, although clearly not as detailed as a  
8 Rule 26(a)(2)(B) report, must be sufficiently detailed to provide fair notice of what the  
9 expert will say at trial.<sup>2</sup>

10 f. As stated in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 26 (1993  
11 Amendments), expert reports under Rule 26(a)(2)(B) must set forth “the testimony the  
12 witness is expected to present during direct examination, together with the reasons  
13 therefor.” Full and complete disclosures of such testimony are required on the dates set  
14 forth above; absent extraordinary circumstances, parties will not be permitted to  
15 supplement expert reports after these dates. The Court notes, however, that it usually  
16 permits parties to present opinions of their experts that were elicited by opposing counsel  
17 during depositions of the experts. Counsel should depose experts with this fact in mind.

18 g. Each side shall be limited to one retained or specifically employed  
19 expert witness per issue.

20 6. Discovery Disputes.

21 a. If a discovery dispute arises, the parties promptly shall call the Court  
22 to request a telephone conference concerning the dispute. The Court will seek to resolve  
23 the dispute during the telephone conference, and may enter appropriate orders on the  
24 basis of the telephone conference. The Court may order written briefing if it does not

25 <sup>2</sup> In *Goodman v. Staples The Office Superstore, LLC*, 644 F.3d 817 (9th Cir.  
26 2011), the Ninth Circuit held that “a treating physician is only exempt from Rule  
27 26(a)(2)(B)’s written report requirement to the extent that his opinions were formed  
28 during the course of treatment.” *Id.* at 826. Thus, for opinions formed outside the course  
of treatment, Rule 26(a)(2)(B) written reports are required. *Id.* For opinions formed  
during the course of treatment, Rule 26(a)(2)(C) disclosures will suffice.

1 resolve the dispute during the telephone conference. The parties shall not file written  
2 discovery motions without leave of Court.<sup>3</sup>

3 b. Parties shall not contact the Court concerning a discovery dispute  
4 without first seeking to resolve the matter through personal consultation and sincere  
5 effort as required by Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(j). Any briefing ordered by the  
6 Court shall also comply with Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(j).

7 c. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the Court will not entertain fact  
8 discovery disputes after the deadline for completion of fact discovery, and will not  
9 entertain expert discovery disputes after the deadline for completion of expert discovery.

10 7. Dispositive Motions.

11 a. Dispositive motions shall be filed no later than\_\_\_\_\_.

12 b. No party shall file more than one motion for summary judgment  
13 under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure without leave of court.

14 c. Statements of fact required by Local Rule of Civil Procedure 56.1  
15 shall not exceed ten pages in length, exclusive of exhibits. The parties should review  
16 *Hunton v. Am. Zurich Ins. Co.*, No. CV-16-00539-PHX-DLR, 2018 WL 1182552, at \*5  
17 (D. Ariz. Mar. 7, 2018), before briefing summary judgment motions.

18 d. The parties shall not notice oral argument on any motion. Instead, a  
19 party desiring oral argument shall place the words “Oral Argument Requested”  
20 immediately below the title of the motion pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure  
21 7.2(f). The Court will issue an order scheduling oral argument as it deems appropriate.

22 8. Good Faith Settlement Talks. All parties and their counsel shall meet in  
23 person and engage in good faith settlement talks no later than \_\_\_\_\_. Upon  
24 completion of such settlement talks, and in no event later than five working days after the  
25 deadline set forth in the preceding sentence, the parties shall file with the Court a joint  
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27 <sup>3</sup> The prohibition on “written discovery motions” includes any written materials  
28 delivered or faxed to the Court, including hand-delivered correspondence with  
attachments.

1 report on settlement talks executed by or on behalf of all counsel. The report shall inform  
2 the Court that good faith settlement talks have been held and shall report on the outcome  
3 of such talks. The parties shall indicate whether assistance from the Court is needed in  
4 seeking settlement of the case. The parties shall promptly notify the Court at any time  
5 when settlement is reached during the course of this litigation.

6 9. The Deadlines Are Real. The parties are advised that the Court intends to  
7 enforce the deadlines set forth in this Order, and should plan their litigation activities  
8 accordingly. The parties are specifically informed that the Court will not, absent truly  
9 unusual circumstances, extend the schedule in this case to accommodate settlement talks.

10 10. Briefing Requirements.

11 a. All memoranda filed with the Court shall comply with Local Rule of  
12 Civil Procedure 7.1(b) requiring 13 point font in text and footnotes.

13 b. Citations in support of any assertion in the text shall be included in  
14 the text, not in footnotes.

15 11. Pre-motion Conference.

16 The Court will hold a conference with the parties before motions for summary  
17 judgment are filed. The purpose of the conference will be to narrow issues and focus the  
18 briefing, and perhaps dispense with statements of fact under Local Rule 56.1. The parties  
19 shall exchange two-page letters describing any anticipated motions for summary  
20 judgment and responses, identifying the issues and claims on which summary judgment  
21 will be sought and the basis for the motions and response. The parties shall file these  
22 letters with the Court on or before \_\_\_\_\_, and shall call the Court the same  
23 day to schedule a time for a pre-motion conference.

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