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Re: MDL 3108 Change Healthcare et al.

## Dear State Court Judges:

Today I issued a Coordination Order proposing a plan for coordinating discovery between the federal MDL and your state court cases. That Order is attached. The purpose of this Order is to avoid unnecessary duplication of discovery, saving resources for the courts and the parties.

I invite each of you to issue such an order in your respective state court cases. The Coordination Order I issued is not binding on state courts—it simply allows coordination with state courts that choose to issue complementary orders. For those of you who choose to issue such an order, I believe we will be able to promote prompt resolution of the cases, while respecting each other's independence.

To briefly summarize the Order: Any discovery relevant to both the MDL and an action in a state court which adopted the Order will be shared, subject to any protective orders. The Order does not control discovery of issues relevant only to the state court actions. The Order includes specific guidelines for deposition practice, requiring non-plaintiff depositions to be noticed in the MDL as to provide MDL counsel an opportunity to participate. The Order also describes the written discovery process, dictating that any party—in either the federal or state actions—is entitled to copies of written discovery.

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If you have any questions or concerns about how this Coordination Order would impact your proceedings, please feel free to reach out. I want to emphasize that my goal is simply judicial efficiency. Even if I hadn't been a state court judge myself, I have no interest in stepping on the toes of state courts.

To update you on the status of the MDL: The Court is currently awaiting motions to dismiss, which are due March 21, 2025. The Court's February 4, 2024 Order on the briefing schedule is available on the District of Minnesota's website: <a href="https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/content/change-healthcare-inc-data-breach">https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/content/change-healthcare-inc-data-breach</a>. The next Status Conference is scheduled for April 17, 2025 at 9:30AM Central. The audio access information to listen to the conference remotely will be available the week of April 7th on the website.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call (651-848-1290) or email me (<u>frank\_chambers@mnd.uscourts.gov</u>).

Very truly yours,

s/Donovan W. Frank

DONOVAN W. FRANK United States District Judge

DWF/ljl Attachment