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 8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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10 ATOM MILLER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 NEVADA CVS PHARMACY, LLC; a Nevada
 Limited Liability Company; DOES I-X and ROE
 14 CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,

15 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:19-cv-01554-RFB-VCF

STIPULATION TO EXTEND
DISCOVERY AND AMEND
DISCOVERY SCHEDULING ORDER
(THIRD REQUEST)

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DISCOVERY SCHEDULING ORDER
 18 **(THIRD REQUEST)**

19 COMES NOW Plaintiff, ATOM MILLER (hereinafter "Plaintiff"); Defendant NEVADA
 20 CVS PHARMACY, L.L.C. (hereinafter "CVS") by and through their respective undersigned
 21 counsel of record and hereby stipulate to modifying the Scheduling Order pursuant to FRCP
 22 16(b)(4) and extend discovery pursuant to Local Rule 26-4 as set forth herein.

23 **I.**

24 **LEGAL STANDARD**

25 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b) provides that a case management schedule can be
 26 modified upon a showing of good cause and by leave of the district judge. The good cause
 27 standard primarily considers the diligence of the party seeking the amendment. Johnson v.
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1 Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992). A party moving for an
2 amendment to a scheduling order must therefore show that the scheduling order imposes
3 deadlines that have become unworkable notwithstanding its diligent efforts to comply with the
4 schedule, and that it was diligent in seeking the amendment once it became apparent that
5 extensions were necessary. Jackson v. Laureate, Inc., 186 F.R.D. 605, 608 (E.D. Cal. 1999).

6 Pursuant to Nevada District Court Local Rule 26-4, a motion or stipulation to extend a
7 discovery deadline or to reopen discovery must include: (a) A statement specifying the discovery
8 completed; (b) A specific description of the discovery that remains to be completed; (c) The
9 reasons why the deadline was not satisfied or the remaining discovery was not completed within
10 the time limits set by the discovery plan; and (d) A proposed schedule for completing all
11 remaining discovery.

12 **II.**

13 **BACKGROUND**

14 This case arises out of an alleged slip-and-fall incident at the CVS Store in Las Vegas,
15 Nevada (Store No. 8798). Plaintiff’s Complaint was filed against CVS, alleging causes of action
16 for negligence. Plaintiff alleges that on December 20, 2017, as he was exiting the CVS store, an
17 advertisement sign had fallen onto the ground due to a gust of wind. Plaintiff alleges he slipped
18 on the sign leading to his injuries as described in his Complaint.

19 **III.**

20 **STIPULATION & DISCUSSION**

21 All counsel has been diligent in completing discovery and familiarizing themselves with
22 the facts and issues. However, with the delays from the COVID quarantine all required discovery
23 was delayed. In the interim, the parties have engaged in settlement discussions. As such, the parties
24 would like to avoid potentially unnecessary discovery expenses and preserve judicial resources
25 while potentially moving toward a mutual settlement agreement. Thus, it is now anticipated that the
26 current discovery deadlines will be unworkable.

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1 In addition, a trial has not yet been set and is not imminent; (2) there is no party
2 opposing the request; (3) and no party has expressed prejudice. Therefore, pursuant to the
3 foregoing FRCP 16(b)(4) and Local Rule 26-4 this stipulation is warranted and justified by good
4 cause.

5 **A. Discovery Completed To Date**

6 1. Both Plaintiff and CVS have made/served their FRCP 26(f) Disclosures and
7 continue to provide supplements thereto.

8 2. Plaintiff has propounded written discovery and Defendant has responded to said
9 written discovery and provided supplements in relation thereto.

10 3. Defendant is in the process of obtaining Plaintiff's medical records.

11 **B. Discovery Remaining**

12 A substantial amount of discovery remains to be completed in this matter. Defendant is
13 still in the process of independently obtaining Plaintiff's medical records. The depositions of
14 Plaintiff Atom Miller and Defendant CVS' 30(b)(6) witness must still be taken; as well as any
15 fact witness deposition that may arise from party depositions. Experts still need to complete
16 their reviews/inspections, as well as any additional necessary written discovery that may arise in
17 the normal course of discovery.

18 **C. The Reasons Why Discovery Remaining Was Not Completed**

19 Due to the COVID-19 outbreak most discovery was unable to be safely accomplished, to
20 include site inspections and in-person depositions. During the quarantine period both parties
21 were actively engaging in settlement discussions and believe that a settlement is a potential
22 outcome at this time. Additionally, both parties have had delays with timely acquiring medical
23 and billing records from providers who have also been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
24 The parties are requesting a three month extension to allow them the necessary time to continue
25 with settlement discussions prior to the expert disclosure deadline and the accrual of additional
26 litigation expenses.

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1 For these good causes shown, the parties propose the following ninety (90) day extension
 2 to the Scheduling Order to fully complete discovery and avoid additional requests to extend the
 3 same. The deadlines are based on the current state of settlement discussions and allowing for
 4 sufficient time to safely notice and take the depositions of Defendants 30(b)(6) witness and
 5 Plaintiff, while also providing for additional time for the parties expert to review and submit their
 6 reports should settlement discussions prove unsuccessful.

7 **D. Proposed Amended Scheduling Order**

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Interim Status Report	September 10, 2020	December 10, 2020
Initial Expert Disclosure	September 10, 2020	December 10, 2020
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure	October 12, 2020	January 11, 2021
Close of Discovery	November 10, 2020	February 10, 2021
Dispositive Motions	December 12, 2020	March 10, 2021
Joint Pre-Trial Order	January 11, 2021	April 12, 2021

13 **THE FOREGOING IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED.**

14 Dated this 1st day of September, 2020.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2020.

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If dispositive motions are filed, the deadline
 for filing the joint pretrial order will be suspended until 30
 days after decision on the dispositive motions or further
 court order.

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Stipulation to Extend Discovery and Amend Discovery Scheduling Order (3rd Request)

ORDER

Pursuant to the stipulation of the appearing parties, and good cause appearing therefore,
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2020.

United States Magistrate Judge

Respectfully submitted by,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to FRCP 5, I hereby certify that I am an employee of ALVERSON TAYLOR & SANDERS and that on the 10th day of September, 2020, I caused to be served via CM/ECF a true and correct copy of STIPULATION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY AND AMEND DISCOVERY SCHEDULING ORDER (THIRD REQUEST), to the following:

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