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LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. Attorneys at Law 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway Suite 300 Las Vegas, NV a sixty-day window to respond to the Amended Complaint, which would expire on April 19, 2023.

It was recently discovered that on March 10, 2023, Plaintiff filed a returned certificate of service which indicated that the operative Amended Complaint had purportedly been personally served on an agent for service of process for Defendant. [ECF No. 16]. For various reasons, Defendant disputes that service was proper and effective as indicated in the Proof of Service filed on March 10, 2023. To clarify the record and resolve any confusion related to these issues, the parties now stipulate and agree that Defendant's deadline to respond to the Amended Complaint [ECF No. 6] shall be April 19, 2023.

The instant stipulation merely reflects the responsive-pleading deadline in the Waiver of Service returned to Plaintiff by Defendant's counsel. Had service been correct and effective as indicated in the Return of Service filed by Plaintiff on March 10, 2023, the deadline would have been March 29, 2022. While Defendant disputes that the deadline to respond to the Complaint has expired, even if it had, the parties agree and stipulate that excusable neglect can be established by the above referenced information and that good cause exists to extend the deadline in question. *See* LR IA 6-1(a). Further, the requested stipulation clarifies the record and the extension will allow Defendant's counsel to sufficiently investigate Ms. Miller's claims and prepare a sufficient response to the Amended Complaint. To this end, Defendant will not be disputing the efficacy of service of process.

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1	This is the first request for an extension of time to respond to the Amended Complaint and	
2	is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.	
3	Dated: April 4, 2023	Dated: April 4, 2023
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5	Respectfully submitted,	Respectfully submitted,
6	/s/ Tye S. Hanseen	/s/ Andrew S. Clark
7	Tye S. Hanseen, Esq. Nicholas Crosby, Esq. Reagan Weber, Esq.	Ethan D. Thomas, Esq. Andrew S. Clark, Esq. LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.
8	William Reese Levins, Esq.	
9	MARQUIS AURBACH	Attorneys for Defendant, CAREMARK, L.L.C.
10	Attorneys for Plaintiff, MICHELE DANISE MILLER	
11	MICHELL DAMELLIK	
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13		IT IS SO ORDERED.
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17		UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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Exhibit 1

March 13, 2023 e-mail attaching Waiver of Service

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MARCH 13, 2023 EMAIL ATTACHING WAIVER OF SERVICE

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From: Reed, Todd M.

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:30 AM

To: mmiller143@hotmail.com **Subject:** Miller v. Longs Drugs

Attachments: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer.pdf

Good morning, Ms. Miller. My firm and I are counsel to CVS Health and will be representing the defendant in the lawsuit referenced above that you filed in federal court in Nevada.

I am in receipt of the Amended Complaint and the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Service of a Summons that you sent to my client on February 18, 2023. Attached please find the Waiver of the Service of Summons that I have signed on behalf of my client. I understand that my client's response to your Amended Complaint must be filed within 60 days of February 18, 2023, which is April 19, 2023 (not April 18, 2023, as you had typed onto the waiver form). You will see that I have corrected the date on the waiver form.

Thank you.

Todd Reed

Attorney at Law 401.824.2504 direct, 401.223.6408 fax TReed@littler.com



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the District of Nevada

Michele D Miller)
Plaintiff	5
v.	Civil Action No. 2:22-CV-01150-JAD-VCF
Long Drugs of California LLC, DBA CVS Health et.al.)
Defendant)
WAIVER OF THE SE	RVICE OF SUMMONS
To: Michele D Miller	T-2010-0-1010
(Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plaintiff)	
I have received your request to waive service of a st two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of return	ummons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, ming one signed copy of the form to you.
I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense	of serving a summons and complaint in this case.
I understand that I, or the entity I represent, will jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive an	keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's y objections to the absence of a summons or of service.
	en this request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the entered against me or the entity I represent.
Date: 3/13/23	Turk
	Signature of the aftorney or unrepresented party
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Duty to Avoid Unnecessary E	expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving immedessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who falls to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless; or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter of over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.