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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**SARAH GARCIA, a minor by and
through her guardian ad litem
CHARLENE RODRIGUEZ,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**BERTHA GONZALEZ, JUAN
ERNESTO, FRESNO COUNTY,
FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
LUPE OROZCO, RENEE RAMIREZ,
ERNIE RUSSEL, YOLANDA EROS,
individuals and as employees of the
County of Fresno, and DOES 1-250,
inclusive,**

Defendants.

1:06-CV-940 AWI GSA

**ORDER RESETTING
DEADLINE TO FILE MOTION
FOR APPROVAL OF MINOR'S
SETTLEMENT**

(Doc. No. 60)

On October 13, 2010, minor Plaintiff Sarah Garcia filed a notice of settlement, which indicated that the case has been settled between the parties. See Local Rule 160. On October 18, 2010, the Court vacated all previously scheduled dates and deadlines, and ordered Plaintiff to file a motion for approval of settlement no later than 21 days from service of the order, i.e. November 8, 2010.

On November 9, 2010, the Court granted Plaintiff's request to move the deadline for filing the motion for approval of settlement to January 4, 2011. Plaintiff's counsel indicated that

1 he was trying to resolve the Medi-Cal liens with the State of California. Counsel declared that
2 the State was slow to respond and is operating pursuant to furloughs. Counsel declared that he
3 believed that he would be able to settle the liens and could file a motion for approval on or by
4 January 4, 2011. Counsel also declared that Defendants do not object to setting a deadline of
5 January 4, 2011.

6 On January 4, 2011, Plaintiff's counsel again requested an extension of time in which to
7 file settlement approval papers. Plaintiff's counsel declares that he has now received the Medi-
8 Cal lien from the State, and the guardian ad litem is considering how best to invest the money in
9 a structured settlement. Plaintiff requests a month extension of the deadline to February 4, 2011.

10 The Court believes sufficient good cause has been stated to extend the previously ordered
11 deadline. The Court will grant Plaintiff's request to reset the deadline for filing a motion to
12 approve the minor's settlement to February 4, 2011. The motion shall be filed according to Local
13 Rule 202(b)(2).

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15 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for an extension is
16 GRANTED and Plaintiff shall file a motion to approve settlement in accordance with Local Rule
17 202(b) as soon as possible, but no later than February 4, 2011.¹

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: January 7, 2011

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23 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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25 ¹The Court notes that settlement was reached on October 13, 2010. On February 4, 2011, nearly four
26 months will have passed since the settlement. Since Medi-Cal was involved, a lengthier period for filing a motion
27 for approval was necessary. Now that the Medi-Cal issues appear to have been resolved, the approval papers should
28 be filed within the newly set deadline. Should Plaintiff request additional time, such a request must be accompanied
by a detailed explanation for why more time is necessary.