## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 BILAL AHDOM, Case No. 1:09-cv-01874-AWI-BAM (PC) 12 Plaintiff. ORDER REOUIRING PARTIES TO NOTIFY COURT WHETHER A SETTLEMENT 13 CONFERENCE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL v. 14 LOPEZ, et al., **FOURTEEN (14) DAY DEADLINE** 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff Bilal Ahdom ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action proceeds on 18 19 Plaintiff's claims against Defendants Schaefer, Araich, Chen, Shittu, and Ashby for deliberate 20 indifference to serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment. 21 The Court is able to refer cases for mediation before a United States Magistrate Judge. A 22 settlement conference will only be set if the parties are willing to make a meaningful attempt to 23 resolve this action and are willing to compromise. Settlement conferences may be held by video 24 conference or in person at the court. Plaintiff and Defendants shall notify the Court whether they 25 believe, in good faith, that settlement in this case is a possibility and whether they are interested 26 in having a settlement conference scheduled by the Court. 27 If the parties wish to have a settlement conference scheduled, Defendants' counsel shall 28 notify the Court whether there are security concerns that would prohibit scheduling a settlement

conference. If security concerns exist, counsel shall notify the Court whether those concerns can be adequately addressed if Plaintiff is transferred for settlement only and then returned to prison for housing. Accordingly, within **fourteen (14) days** from the date of service of this order, Plaintiff and Defendants shall file a written response to this order. If a settlement conference is set by the Court, then the Court will issue a separate order staying discovery and indicating each of the parties' responsibilities regarding the settlement conference. IT IS SO ORDERED. /s/Barbara A. McAuliffe Dated: **October 25, 2017**