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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EDWARD WAYNE MASON,
Plaintiff,
v.
CORIZON HEALTH CARE,
Defendant.

Case No. 1:18-cv-00676-BAM (PC)
ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION
FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT
(ECF No. 6)

Plaintiff Edward Wayne Mason (“Plaintiff”) is a pretrial detainee proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff initiated this action on May 17, 2018.

On September 17, 2018, Plaintiff filed the instant motion for default judgment against Defendant Corizon Health Care. (ECF No. 6.) Plaintiff’s request is premature.

The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a governmental entity and/or against an officer or employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). Plaintiff’s complaint, or any portion thereof, is subject to dismissal if it is frivolous or malicious, if it fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or if it seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). The Court will direct the United States Marshal to serve Plaintiff’s complaint only after the Court has screened the complaint and determined that it contains a cognizable claim

1 for relief against the named defendants.

2 Plaintiff's complaint is currently in the screening stage and has not been served on any
3 defendant. Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for default judgment, (ECF No. 6), is HEREBY
4 DENIED.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: September 20, 2018

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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