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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 JENNIFER RUIZ,

11 Plaintiff,

No. 2:08-cv-2579 LKK JFM PS

12 vs.

13 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
14 FEDERAL STUDENT AID CONDITIONAL
15 DISABILITY DISCHARGE; PROGRESSIVE
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,

16 Defendants.

ORDER

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18 This matter is presently calendared for status conference on April 23, 2009. On
19 April 6, 2009, plaintiff filed a motion for continuance of the status conference. Plaintiff contends
20 that her health condition precludes her from attending the hearing and she seeks a one year stay
21 of this action. Defendant Progressive Financial Services, Inc., has not filed a response to
22 plaintiff's motion.

23 Good cause appearing, plaintiff's motion will be partially granted. The status
24 conference will be vacated and this action will be stayed for a period of six months. Plaintiff is
25 cautioned that if her health has not recovered to a point where she can resume prosecution of this
26 action, she may be required to seek counsel to represent her. This court will not stay this action

1 indefinitely. Plaintiff will be directed to file a status report at the end of the six month period so
2 that the stay may be lifted and this case may be scheduled for trial.

3 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

4 1. The status conference set for April 23, 2009 is vacated.

5 2. This action is stayed for six months.

6 3. Within six months from the date of this order, plaintiff shall file a status report
7 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Rule 16-240 and inform the court
8 whether she will continue to represent herself in pro per or whether she has retained counsel to
9 represent her.

10 DATED: April 21, 2009.

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13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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