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

SCOTT MCDANIEL,
 Plaintiff
 vs.
 ABBOTT LABORATORIES GROUP HEALTH
 CARE PLAN; MARY MORELAND, in her
 Capacity as Plan Fiduciary, Divisional Vice
 President, Compensation and Benefits, MATRIX
 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT, Inc. as Co-
 Fiduciary; QUANTUM HEALTH, also known as
 ABBOTT CARE COORDINATORS; and DOES
 1-25,
 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:17-cv-01602-MCE-CKD

**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO REFER
 ACTION TO VOLUNTARY DISPUTE
 RESOLUTION PROGRAM (VDRP)
 PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 271 AND
 TO STAY ACTION**

Honorable Morrison C. England, Jr.

1 WHEREAS, the Complaint was served on Defendant Abbott Laboratories Group Health
2 Care Plan (“Abbott”) on August 17, 2017.

3 WHEREAS, the Complaint was served on Defendant Mary Moreland (“Moreland”) on
4 August 22, 2017.

5 WHEREAS, on September 14, 2017, pursuant to Local Rule 144(a), Plaintiff and Defendants
6 stipulated to a 28-day extension of time for Defendants to respond to the Complaint, such that
7 Abbott’s response to the Complaint is due on October 5, 2017 and Moreland’s response to the
8 Complaint is due October 19, 2017.

9 WHEREAS, counsel for Plaintiff and Defendants Abbott and Moreland have met and
10 conferred, and agreed to refer the action to the Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program (“VDRP”)
11 and stay the case during the pendency of the VDRP proceeding.

12 WHEREAS, the parties agree that the deadlines for Defendants Abbott and Moreland to
13 respond to the Complaint shall be extended 15-days from the date of service of a Notice of
14 Termination of Stay should the case not reach resolution in the VDRP proceeding.

15 NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Local Rule 271, the parties hereby agree to (1) submit the
16 above-entitled action to the VDRP, (2) stay the action during the pendency of the VDRP proceeding,
17 and (3) provide Defendants Abbott and Moreland a 15-day extension from the date of service of a
18 Notice of Termination of Stay to file their respective responsive pleadings to the Complaint.

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IT IS SO AGREED.

Dated: October 2, 2017

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ORDER

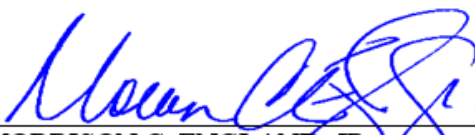
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based on the foregoing stipulation and good cause appearing therefor, this case shall be stayed until the conclusion of the parties' VDRP proceeding and until any party's service of a Notice of Termination of Stay on all parties upon the conclusion thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadlines for Defendants Abbott and Moreland to respond to the Complaint shall be extended 15-days from the date of service of a Notice of Termination of Stay should the case not reach resolution in the VDRP proceeding.

Should the case not reach resolution in the VDRP proceeding, the parties are ordered to file a Notice of Termination of Stay with the Court not later than twenty (20) days from the conclusion of that VDRP proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 2, 2017


MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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