

Plaintiffs Esther Darling, Ronald Bell by his *Guardian ad Litem*, Rozene Dilworth, Gilda Garcia, Wendy Helfrich by her *Guardian ad Litem*, Dennis Arnett, Jessie Jones, Raif Nasyrov by his *Guardian ad Litem*, Sofiya Nasyrova, and Allie Jo Woodard by her *Guardian ad Litem*, Linda Gaspard-Berry, ("Plaintiffs"), and Defendants Toby Douglas and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), ("Defendants") have entered into a Settlement Agreement for resolution of this class action matter. Plaintiffs and Defendants (the Parties) have submitted the proposed Settlement Agreement to the Court for final approval pursuant to, and in compliance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23, subdivision (e).

The Court found that the Parties gave notice of the proposed Settlement Agreement to Class Members in a reasonable manner. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1). On January 24, 2012, this Court conducted a Fairness Hearing pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2), affording the parties and Class Members the opportunity to be heard in support of and in opposition to the proposed settlement agreement. After reviewing and considering the joint papers of the Parties filed in support of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement preliminarily approved by this Court on December 14, 2011 (ECF No. 415), objections by Class Members and the Parties' Responses thereof, evidence, argument, comments and objections submitted, the Court has made a finding that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to bind Class Members; has approved the Settlement; and has certified a Settlement Class pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(2), appointed named Plaintiffs as Class Representatives, and appointed Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel.

The Court having fully considered the matter and good cause appearing, hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND DECREES as follows:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the claims for injunctive and declaratory relief against Defendants pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343 and 1367. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).
- 2. This case is certified as a class action for purposes of Settlement. The Settlement Class is defined as: "All Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the State of California for whom Adult Day