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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

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C. VANCE HENDRICKSON, D.M.D.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS DOYLE,

Defendant.

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

The parties stipulate as follows:

- 1. This action involves allegations by Plaintiff Vance Hendrickson, D.M.D. that the Defendant, Thomas Doyle, was negligent, and that such negligence caused the Plaintiff personal injuries, and consequent economic and noneconomic damages.
- 2. The Plaintiff, as is routine in such cases, anticipates producing and otherwise facilitating the providing to the Defendant's counsel certain medical, business (e.g., related to his dental practice) tax and financial records.

- 3. Such records are not available to the public and are considered and treated by Plaintiff as confidential. Any document which Plaintiff wishes to include within this agreement shall be labeled and otherwise marked "Subject to protective order. *Hendrickson v. Doyle,* 14-0213 (D.Colo.)."
- Documents so marked are considered as a designation of
 CONFIDENTIAL for purposes of this Stipulated Confidentiality Order.
- 5. The Defendant agrees that medical, business and financial record that come otherwise into the Defendant's or his counsel's possession, e.g., by means of a medical authorization signed by the Plaintiff, shall also be deemed as CONFIDENTIAL for purposes of this Stipulated Confidentiality Order.
- 6. In light of the allegations of this case, Plaintiff and Defendant agree that these records may be relevant for discovery purposes. By producing these guidelines in discovery neither Plaintiff nor Defendant takes any position on their admissibility for other purposes, such admissibility to be determined at the appropriate later time.
- 7. A party may object to the designation of particular CONFIDENTIAL information by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information. The written notice shall identify the information to which the

objection is made. If the parties cannot resolve the objection within ten (10) business days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL to file an appropriate motion requesting that the court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. If the designating party fails to file such a motion within the prescribed time, the disputed information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL and shall not thereafter be treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

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8. Subject to the terms of Paragraph 7 hereof, Defendant and his counsel agree that documents subject to this agreement (e.g., medical records marked "Subject to protective order. *Hendrickson v. Doyle*, 14-0213 (D.Colo.)", or like documents that otherwise come into the possession of Defense counsel) will be protected as follows:

- (a) Such documents shall remain confidential and not be disclosed by Defendant or his agents (including his counsel) to any person not legitimately connected with this lawsuit unless as provided herein;
- (b) The control and distribution of these documents shall be the responsibility of the Defendant's attorneys of record, who, if they provide these documents to experts or third persons, e.g., insurance adjusters, who are legitimately connected to this lawsuit), agree (i) to first disclose to Plaintiff's counsel the identity of such person, (ii), before providing such documents to any third person, obtain such third person's written agreement to not further distribute the documents to other persons, and to destroy the documents at the conclusion of the case, and provide a certificate of destruction which will be provided forthwith to the Plaintiff's counsel (iii) provide a copy of such written agreement to opposing counsel within one week of providing the documents to such their person; (c) If either party wishes to use any document protected hereunder in connection with a pretrial motion, including a motion for summary judgment, the document shall be attached to the motion or other filing in an envelope marked

under an obligation to follow separate requirements and that filing a motion does not automatically guarantee Court approval to restrict public access. A party will be deemed to have met their obligations under this order if the proper procedures under Local Rule 7.2 have been followed, even if the Court denies the request; (d) If either party offers a document protected hereunder into evidence at trial, such document, if admitted, shall be, upon publication of same to the jury, and upon the jury's returning of the verdict, be placed into an envelope marked "confidential"; and (e) That upon conclusion of this litigation, any and all copies of these confidential documents shall be returned to counsel for Defendant, or shall be destroyed by plaintiff's counsel, who shall so certify to defendant's counsel. Counsel for Plaintiff agrees to retrieve and destroy all documents subject hereto from experts and other persons who are permitted hereunder to receive copies of confidential documents subject hereto, or to obtain a certificate of destruction from such third parties, and provide same to Defendant's counsel.

5. The parties agree that counsel for Plaintiff shall file the Motion for Entry of Stipulated Confidentiality Order, which has been provided in advance to Plaintiffs' counsel, who has approved the form of such motion.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: 10/2/14

United States Magistrate Judge

Approved as to Form:

James E. Gigax, counsel for Plaintiff

Billy-George Hertzke, counsel for Defendant