

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 14-cv-02519-WYD-KLM

STEVEN WALTERS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MEDICREDIT, INC., a Missouri corporation,

Defendant.

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**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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Pursuant to stipulation of the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(c),

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Confidential information shall be designated by stamping "CONFIDENTIAL" on the copies of the document produced. Stamping "CONFIDENTIAL" on the cover of any multipage document shall designate all pages of the document as Confidential Material, unless otherwise stated by the producing party. In the case of deposition testimony, a party may request at the time a question is asked, or at the end of the deposition, that any portion of the deposition transcript be designated confidential. A party may designate any portion of a deposition as "CONFIDENTIAL" after transcription of the deposition, provided that written notice of the designation is promptly given to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

2. Information shall be designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only after counsel for the party making the designation has reviewed, or heard, the information and believes, in good faith, that the information is confidential or otherwise entitled to protection.

3. The confidential information discussed in ¶1 above, and all tangible embodiments thereof, all copies thereof, the substance thereof, and all information contained therein (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Confidential Material"):

(a) shall not be disclosed or distributed by counsel, or any other person receiving, viewing or hearing the Confidential Material ("Receiving Person") to any person other than to (1) counsel for either party as identified in ¶8 below, (2) insurance carriers for either party, (3) partners, employees and agents of counsel for either party, (4) any consulting or testifying experts hired by counsel for either party, who are assisting counsel in preparation of this action for trial (subject to ¶3(c) below), (5) the Court and its employees, and (6) Plaintiff ("Plaintiff") and Defendant (the "Defendant"), its officers, directors and employees;

(b) shall be filed with the Court, should filing be desired or required, in accordance with D.C.Colo.LCivR 7.2; and,

(c) shall not be disclosed to any consulting or testifying expert unless the party making the disclosure follows the provisions of ¶5 of this Protective Order.

4. By agreeing to the limited disclosure permitted under this Protective Order, no party waives its claim that Confidential Material is confidential. All parties agree that a disclosure in accordance with this Protective Order does not constitute a waiver of a party's claim or position that the information so disclosed is confidential. All parties agree that no party will contend that the failure to mark a particular document "CONFIDENTIAL" or to designate any portion or a deposition as "CONFIDENTIAL" constitutes a waiver of the other party's position, if any, that a document or a portion of a deposition contains Confidential Material, unless the party seeking to assert waiver first notifies the other party in writing of its intention to claim waiver and gives the other party three (3) business days within which to designate as confidential the document or portion or deposition transcript at issue.

5. Before disclosing any Confidential Material to any consulting or testifying expert, counsel for the disclosing party or parties shall have the consulting or testifying expert read this Protective Order and shall explain the contents of this Protective Order to that person. The consulting or testifying expert shall agree to be bound to the terms of this Protective Order and shall execute a declaration identical to Exhibit "1" attached hereto.

6. During any deposition Confidential Material may be disclosed to any deponent or witness. Before that disclosure is made, the disclosing party shall advise the deponent or witness (as well as counsel, if any, representing the deponent or witness) that the information about to be disclosed is subject to this Protective Order and that any further disclosure of the Confidential Material by the deponent or witness (or by his or her counsel) shall constitute a violation of the Protective Order.

7. Before trial, the parties will address the method for protecting the confidentiality of the Confidential Material during trial.

8. In accordance with this Protective Order, counsel for the parties are:

A. In the case of Plaintiff: David M. Larson, Esq.

B. In the case of Defendant: Thomas D. Leland, Esq. and Leah E.

Capritta, Esq.

It is the responsibility of the attorneys whose signatures appear below to ensure that their partners, employees and agents who may have access to Confidential Information shall be apprised of, and adhere to, this Protective Order.

9. A party may object to the designation of particular Confidential Material 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, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall have the obligation to make an appropriate motion pursuant to Magistrate Judge Mix's discovery procedures requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective Order. If such a motion is timely made, the disputed

information 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 make 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 made 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.

10. The termination of proceedings in this action shall not relieve any person to whom Confidential Material was disclosed from the obligation of maintaining the confidentiality of such material in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order.

11. Upon final termination of this action, including any appeal, each party shall assemble and shall destroy all items designated as Confidential Material by the other party in accordance with the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct.

12. This Protective Order shall be without prejudice to the right of the parties:  
a) to bring before the Court at any time the question of whether any particular document or information is Confidential Material or whether its use should be restricted; or, b) to present a motion to the Court under Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 26(c) for a separate protective order as to any particular document or information, including restriction differing from those as specified herein.

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13. This Protective Order shall not be deemed to prejudice the parties in any way from making future application to this Court for modification of this Order.

14. This Protective Order is entered solely for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of documents and information between the parties to this action without unnecessarily involving the Court in the process. Nothing in this Protective Order, nor the production of any information or document under the terms of this Protective Order, nor any proceeding pursuant to this Protective Order shall be deemed to be an admission or waiver by either party, or to be an alteration of the confidentiality or non-

confidentiality or the discoverability or non-discoverability or the admissibility or inadmissibility of any such document or information, or to be an alteration of any existing obligation of any party or the absence of any such obligation.

15. The existence of this Protective Order, including the fact that it was entered into by the parties shall not be admissible at trial of the present action, nor shall it be admissible in any other court, administrative agency or tribunal for any party, with the exception of a proceeding to enforce or interpret the terms of this Protective Order.

16. To the extent that any discovery is taken from any person who is not a party to this action ("Third Party"), and in the event such Third Party contends the discovery sought involves Confidential Material, then such Third Party may agree to execute and be bound by this Protective Order.

Dated: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

  
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Kristen L. Mix  
U.S. Magistrate Judge

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/ David M. Larson

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**DECLARATION RE: PROTECTIVE ORDER WITH RESPECT TO  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that:

1. My address is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. My present employer \_\_\_\_\_.

3. My present occupation or job description is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I have read and know the contents of the Protective Order dated \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I am one of the persons described in the Protective Order. I am executing this Declaration and agreeing to be bound by its terms in order to satisfy the conditions provided in the Protective Order prior to the disclosure to me of any Confidential Material under the Protective Order.

6. I have read and shall be fully bound by the terms of the aforesaid Protective Order.

7. All documents and information which are described to me pursuant to the Protective Order shall be maintained by me in strict confidence and I shall not disclose or use the original or any copy of, or the subject of, such documents and/or information except in accordance with the aforesaid Protective Order.

8. I shall not use or refer to any of the aforesaid documents and/or information, or copies thereof, other than in connection with the above-entitled action and as provided in the Protective Order.

9. I shall, upon being notified of the termination of the above-entitled action, return all copies of such documents to counsel from whom I received such documents, and I shall destroy any notes and/or memoranda I have regarding the aforesaid documents and/or information.

10. I do and shall subject myself to the continuing jurisdiction of the above-captioned Court over my person, wherever I shall be, for the enforcement of the aforesaid Protective Order.

11. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE FOR PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL TO  
APPEAR AT THE SCHEDULING CONFERENCE BY TELEPHONE**

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COMES NOW the undersigned counsel for the Plaintiff and hereby moves the Court for leave to appear by telephone at the upcoming Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) scheduling conference that is currently set for January 15, 2015 at 10:30 am in the above-captioned civil action on the basis that appearing by phone would prevent the Plaintiff from incurring attorney's fees for his counsel to drive from his office in Englewood to the Court to appear in person for the hearing which is expected to last less than 15 minutes.

Plaintiff's counsel has conferred with Defendant's counsel regarding the relief requested in this motion and was informed that the Defendant does not oppose the relief requested in this motion.

The foregoing considered, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court issue an Order granting Plaintiff's counsel leave to appear at



the Scheduling Conference in the above-captioned civil action on January 15, 2015 at 10:30 am by telephone.

s/ David M. Larson  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of January, 2015, I filed the foregoing Unopposed Motion for Leave for Plaintiff's Counsel to Appear at Scheduling Conference by Telephone with the Clerk of the Court's CM-ECF System which will send notice of this filing to the following email addresses:

lcapritta@lathropgage.com,  
tleland@lathropgage.com

s/ David M. Larson