

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
ORLANDO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiffs,

*ex rel.*

JOHN DOE,

Relator,

v.

Case No. 6:14-cv-501-Orl-37DCI

HEALTH FIRST, INC.; HEALTH FIRST  
HEALTH PLANS INC.; HEALTH FIRST  
MEDICAL GROUP; HOLMES  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER;  
PALM BAY HOSPITAL; CAPE  
CANAVERAL HOSPITAL; VIERA  
HOSPITAL; MELBOURNE SAME DAY  
SURGERY CENTER; and MELBOURNE  
GI CENTER,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

After more than three years of litigation, it is finally finished – the parties to this False Claims Act proceeding have settled. (Doc. 143.) As required by federal law, *see* 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1), the United States has consented to dismissal in writing and provided its reasons therefor. (Doc. 144.) And, while seemingly not so required, the State

of Florida has also consented.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2), and consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement between Relator and the remaining Defendants (Doc. 143, pp. 8-16), it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. This action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** as to the claims brought by the Relator;
2. This action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** with respect to any future proceedings by the United States of America or the State of Florida;
3. Such dismissal is effective immediately.
4. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to close the file.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers in Orlando, Florida, on June 13, 2017.



  
ROY B. DALTON JR.  
United States District Judge

Copies to:  
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<sup>1</sup> Under Florida's False Claim Act, the State's consent is required where a private party bringing the action seeks voluntary dismissal prior to the Court unsealing the complaint. FLA. STAT. § 68.083(2). Here, the Court unsealed Realtor's original Complaint on February 12, 2015 (S-Doc. 13), hence obviating the need to obtain the State's consent to dismissal at this stage.

