

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

TIMOTHY J. BOULDING,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 13-14325

District Judge Robert H. Cleland

Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen

CORIZON HEALTH, INC., ET AL.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

Plaintiff, a *pro se* inmate in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections, has filed a Motion for Rule 26(f) Meeting [Doc. #10].

Although Defendants Corizon Health, Inc. and Steven Bergman have executed waivers of service, their answers are not yet due. More to the point, because plaintiff is a prisoner in the custody of the State of Michigan, this action is exempt from both initial disclosures under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1) and the mandatory discovery planning conference under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f). *See* Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1)(B)(iv). Likewise, once Defendants have answered, discovery may proceed without the necessity of a Rule 26(f) conference. *See Sigers v. Bailey*, 2009 WL 2872814, \*2 (E.D.Mich. 2009)(Duggan, J.)

Therefore, Plaintiff's motion [Doc. #10] is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 8, 2014

s/ R. Steven Whalen  
R. STEVEN WHALEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was sent to parties of record on January 8, 2014, electronically and/or by U.S. Mail.

s/Michael Williams  
Case Manager to the  
Honorable R. Steven Whalen