

CV 12-12-H-CCL

EXHIBIT B

Brown appeared for the plaintiffs. Mr. Michael Black and Mr. Andrew Huff appeared for the defendants.

The Court, having considered the parties' stipulations and having discussed the case with the parties, sets down the following schedule to govern all pretrial proceedings.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Court will hold a bench trial to adjudicate the plaintiffs' claim that the monetary limits in Montana Code Annotated § 13-37-216(1), (3), & (5) are unconstitutional. All other matters shall be adjudicated by summary judgment.
2. For the reasons discussed at the status conference, the Court DENIES the plaintiffs' motion for leave to move for reconsideration of the preliminary injunction (dkt # 69). The issues raised in the plaintiffs' motion for leave shall be adjudicated by summary judgment.
3. The following schedule will govern all further pretrial proceedings:

Amendment of pleadings:	March 23, 2012
Summary judgment deadline (fully briefed):	April 13, 2012
Hearing on motions for summary judgment:	May 2, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., Helena Division
Experts:	May 1, 2012 (Pl.) May 15, 2012 (D.)

Rebuttal deadline 30 days after disclosure

Joint Status Report (see ¶ 8):	June 1, 2012
Discovery deadline:	June 25, 2012
Pretrial motions:	July 13, 2012
Attorney conference to prepare final pretrial order:	week of August 27, 2012
E-file final pretrial order, exhibits proposed findings of fact & conclusions of law, and trial briefs and e-mail to ccl_propord@mtd.uscourts.gov (trial briefs are optional):	September 5, 2012
Final pretrial conference:	September 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., Helena Division
Bench trial:	September 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Helena Division

Continuance of the above deadlines will not be granted, absent compelling reasons. A continuance of any deadline set by this order does not extend any other deadline. Neither the date set for trial nor the date set to file motions will be altered or changed even if the Court authorizes any other date to be changed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

4. The parties have an affirmative obligation to supplement all discovery responses, as necessary, throughout the course of the litigation.
5. The parties shall file written stipulations and shall include their stipulations in the final pretrial order.
6. All dispositive motions, discovery motions, and motions in limine shall be fully briefed by the date set forth in paragraph one. "Fully

briefed” means that the brief in support, the response brief, and the reply brief (or notice that no reply brief will be filed) are all filed with the Court.

7. During the course of discovery, if counsel objects to either the foundation or the authenticity of a particular document then counsel must make specific objection to opposing counsel in writing within a reasonable time after receiving the document. If a document is produced and the producing party objects either to the foundation or authenticity, the producing party shall so state, in writing, at the time of production.
8. The parties shall file a joint written status report by **June 1, 2012**, notifying the Court of the current status of discovery.
9. Trial of this case shall be conducted in the U.S. Courthouse, Helena, Montana, before the Court sitting without a jury.
10. Each party is responsible for ensuring that expert reports for any witness who is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case, or whose duties as an employee of a party involve giving expert testimony, are complete, comprehensive, accurate, and tailored to the issues on which the expert is expected to testify. Expert reports must satisfy the specific requirements of Rule 26(a)(2)(B), Fed. R. Civ. P. **An inadequate report or disclosure may result in exclusion of the expert’s opinions at trial even though the expert has been deposed.** In this regard, a treating physician is not considered an expert witness unless the testimony offered by the treating physician goes beyond care, treatment and prognosis. If the treating physician’s testimony goes beyond care, treatment and prognosis then there must be full compliance with the discovery requirements of Rule 26(a)(2)(B).
11. Any evidence intended solely to contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter identified by another party as testimony or evidence to be offered by a witness who is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as

an employee of a party in the case involve giving expert testimony, must be disclosed within thirty (30) days of the date set forth in paragraph 1 for expert disclosure. Rule 26(a)(2), Fed. R. Civ. P.

12. Supplemental disclosures by a witness who is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of a party in the case involve giving expert testimony, whose report or deposition is incomplete or incorrect, must be disclosed no later than ninety (90) days before the date set for trial set forth in paragraph 1.
13. If the case does not settle, counsel for the plaintiff shall convene an attorneys' conference during the week indicated in paragraph 1, or before, for the purpose of completing the Final Pretrial Order and to exchange exhibits and familiarize themselves with each others' proposed trial exhibits. See Local Rules 16.4(a) and 16.5(b). **Any objections to any exhibits or use of deposition testimony shall be included within the pretrial order, stating the grounds for the objections.** Except for objections to relevance, failure to disclose such an objection is a waiver of the objection. See Local Rule 16.5(b)(5). The Final Pretrial Order shall comply with the form prescribed in Local Rule 16.4. Witnesses listed shall be separated into two groups, indicating those who will testify and those who may be called if needed. The Final Pre-trial Order must comply with the provisions of Rule 26(a)(3), Fed. R. Civ. P. Pursuant to Local Rule 16.4(b)(5)-(6), the Final Pretrial Order shall contain a statement of case-specific legal contentions and defenses, specifying the elements of each claim or defense that a party intends to present at trial.
14. Once filed, the Final Pretrial Order supersedes all prior pleadings and may not be amended except by leave of court for good cause shown.
15. Counsel for the parties shall appear before the Court for the final pretrial conference on the date and time set forth in paragraph 1.
16. Trial briefs are optional but if filed must be received by the Court on the date indicated in paragraph 1.

17. EXHIBITS

- (a) Exhibits are to be properly bound in a loose leaf binder and tabbed, and must be exchanged with opposing counsel prior to the final pretrial conference.
- (b) Each exhibit contained in the binders will bear an extended tab showing the number of the exhibit. The exhibit list must identify those exhibits which the party expects to offer and those which the party may offer if the need arises. Rule 26(a)(3), Fed. R. Civ. P.
- (c) During discovery, the exhibits shall be numbered seriatim. Numbers used for exhibits during discovery shall also be used at trial. Exhibits marked for use at trial that have not been numbered in discovery shall be marked by plaintiff using an agreed-upon range of arabic numbers and by defendant using a different agreed-upon range of arabic numbers.
- (d) Each exhibit document will be paginated, including any attachments thereto. Exhibits shall not be duplicated. An exhibit may be used by either of the parties.
- (e) One copy of the original document exhibits shall be submitted for the exclusive use of a court, and will be contained in a binder. The binder shall be delivered to the chambers of Judge Lovell on the date set forth in paragraph 1 for the submission of the proposed Final Pretrial Order.


18. CALLING WITNESSES AT TRIAL:

When a witness is called to testify at trial, counsel shall provide to the Clerk of Court four (4) copies of a single page document providing the following information about the witness:

- a) the full name and current address of the witness;
- b) a brief description of the nature and substance of the witness's

- testimony;
- c) date witness was deposed or statement taken;
 - d) a listing of each exhibit to which the witness may refer during direct examination.

Done and Dated this 9th day of March 2012.



CHARLES C. LOVELL
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE