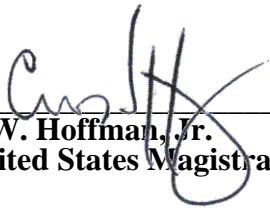


1 finds that Plaintiff was under no obligation to comply with Defendants' request. As this Court
2 previously held, "HIPAA regulations provide a satisfactory means for obtaining relevant medical
3 records for purpose[s] of litigation **without the requirement for a signed authorization by the**
4 **party.**" Lopez v. Cardenas Markets, Inc., No. 2:11-CV-00323-ECR, 2011 WL 4738111, at *3 (D.
5 Nev. Oct. 5, 2011) (citing Powell v. Texvans, Inc., No. 2:09-CV-01079-LDG, 2010 WL 4791507, at
6 *2 (D. Nev. Nov. 18, 2010)) (emphasis added). Given such, Defendants cannot compel Plaintiff to
7 execute a HIPAA authorization for release of medical records from medical providers. Defendants
8 are not without an alternative, however, and can secure copies of medical records from the relevant
9 custodian pursuant to a Rule 45 subpoena. See Lopez, 2011 WL 4738111, at *3.

10 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendants' Emergency Motion to Compel
11 Copies (doc. # 88) is **denied**.

12 DATED: April 21, 2015

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15 **C.W. Hoffman, Jr.**
16 **United States Magistrate Judge**