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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 DAVID PROTHRO, an individual,

Case No. 3:13-cv-00108-RCJ-WGC

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
 GOVERNING CONFIDENTIAL  
 INFORMATION**

12 PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES-RENO,  
 13 LLC,

14 Defendant.

15 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), Plaintiff David Prothro ("Plaintiff")  
 16 and Defendant Prime Healthcare Services-Reno, LLC ("Defendant"), (collectively, the "Parties"),  
 17 hereby submit this proposed Stipulated Protective Order for the purpose of ensuring that  
 18 confidential information exchanged during discovery or potentially submitted to the Court by the  
 19 Parties is not disclosed to or used for any purpose outside of the above captioned lawsuit.  
 20 Accordingly, the Parties hereby stipulate, subject to approval and entry by the Court, to the  
 21 following:  
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23 **I. Definitions and Terms**

24 1. "Confidential Information" means any document, information, or material that the  
 25 producing party or protected person reasonably believes not to be in the public domain and  
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1 reasonably believes contains information to which an individual or company has an established  
2 and legitimate right to privacy or confidentiality.

3 2. "Confidential - Patient/Medical" information means any document, information or  
4 material as identified in No. 1 above which contains information relating to or regarding any  
5 patient of Defendant's. All references herein to "Confidential" information include "Confidential  
6 - Patient/Medical" information, except where the permissible disclosure or dissemination of  
7 "Confidential - Patient/Medical" information is more limited than permissible disclosure or  
8 dissemination of "Confidential" information.

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10 3. "Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only" information means a document, information  
11 or material as identified in No. 1 above, which is also a schedule or attachment to a tax return of  
12 either Plaintiff or his business, Nevada Arrhythmia Services, Inc. All references herein to  
13 "Confidential" information include "Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only," except where the  
14 permissible disclosure or dissemination of "Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only" information is  
15 more limited than permissible disclosure or dissemination of "Confidential" information.

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17 4. "Disclosed" is used in its broadest sense and includes, *inter alia*, directly or  
18 indirectly shown, divulged, revealed, produced, described, transmitted or otherwise  
19 communicated, in whole or in part.

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21 5. "Discovery Material(s)" means any documents, answers to interrogatories,  
22 responses to requests for admission, deposition testimony, deposition transcripts and exhibits,  
23 other responses to requests for information and/or written information, whether produced  
24 voluntarily or involuntarily, in response to discovery requests in this litigation by any party.

25 6. "Document" is defined as the term is used in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34.

26 7. "Under Seal" is defined as sealing confidential documents consistent with the  
27 procedure set forth in LR 10-5 of the Local Rules for United States District Court, District of  
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1 Nevada (the "Court"). In the event that the Court publishes a new procedure for the filing of  
2 documents under seal, the Parties will follow said published procedure.

3 **II. Types of Materials that May be Designated as Confidential**

4 Any Discovery Material or other documents, information, or materials may be designated  
5 by a producing party as Confidential under this Order. The assertion of this designation of  
6 "Confidential" shall constitute a representation to the Court that counsel for the producing party  
7 or protected person believes in good faith that the material so designated constitutes Confidential  
8 Information as defined in this Order. Except with the prior written consent of the producing party  
9 or by court order or as otherwise compelled by force of law, no Discovery Materials or other  
10 documents, information, or materials stamped "Confidential" may be disclosed to any person  
11 except as permitted in Section IV below.

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13 **III. Designation of Discovery Materials as Confidential**

14 A producing party may designate as confidential Discovery Materials or other documents,  
15 information, or materials containing confidential information by stamping or otherwise marking  
16 the designated material as: (1) "CONFIDENTIAL;" (2) CONFIDENTIAL –  
17 PATIENT/MEDICAL;" or (3) "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" pursuant to  
18 Section IV below, and producing it and listing it on the log in the form attached as Exhibit A.  
19 Each Party shall maintain a log for the documents they have produced that have been designated  
20 "Confidential," and produce an updated log, containing all designations, when producing  
21 documents or information that are designated "Confidential." The fact that a document is  
22 stamped "Confidential" by one party shall not be construed as an admission by any other party  
23 that such document is confidential, nor shall it limit or preclude the right of any party to object to  
24 the "Confidential" designation and to file any appropriate motion(s) to determine the propriety of  
25 such designation. If the producing party inadvertently fails to stamp or otherwise appropriately  
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1 designate or list certain documents, material, or information as "Confidential" upon their  
2 production or disclosure, such inadvertent failure to designate shall not constitute nor be deemed  
3 a waiver of a subsequent claim of protected treatment under this Order.

4 **IV. Permissible Use of "Confidential" Information, Documents, or Materials**

5 1. Notwithstanding Section II above, documents stamped "Confidential" may only be  
6 disclosed to: (i) the Parties; (ii) all attorneys representing the Parties in this matter; (iii)  
7 para-professionals, secretaries, and other non-attorney personnel that are employed by firms or by  
8 individual attorneys representing the Parties in this matter, but only to the extent that disclosure to  
9 such person(s) is necessary in order for them to assist attorneys in connection with this matter;  
10 and (iv) the court and all court personnel, including stenographers employed to record and  
11 transcribe testimony given upon sworn statement, deposition, and/or trial. To the extent such  
12 "Confidential Information" may be disclosed to court personnel or filed with the Court it may,  
13 upon a showing sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Court, be done Under Seal.  
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16 2. **"Confidential - Patient/Medical"** Documents and Information: Defendant may  
17 designate documents containing Patient/Medical information as "Confidential – Patient/Medical."  
18 Except for (a) disclosure to the Court by counsel for Plaintiff as described in Section IV above;  
19 and (b) disclosure to any expert retained by Plaintiff specifically for purposes of prosecuting this  
20 action, documents designated as "Confidential – Patient/Medical" by Defendant shall not be  
21 distributed or disclosed outside of the office of Plaintiff's counsel in any form, including  
22 electronic or physical form. To the extent such "Confidential – Patient/Medical " information may  
23 be disclosed to court personnel or filed with the Court it shall, upon a showing sufficient to satisfy  
24 the requirements of the Court, be done Under Seal. Plaintiff shall indemnify, hold harmless and  
25 defend Defendant from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs and other expenses  
26 resulting from or relating to the acts or omissions of his or anyone acting on his behalf resulting  
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1 in an alleged breach of privacy rights or rights under the Health Insurance Portability and  
2 Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") of any third party.

3 3. **"Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only"** Documents and Information: Plaintiff  
4 may further designate schedules and attachments to tax returns for himself or his business,  
5 Nevada Arrhythmia Services, Inc., which contain highly sensitive personal information as  
6 "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only." Tax return schedules and attachments designated by  
7 Plaintiff as "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" shall be disclosed only to the following, unless  
8 otherwise agreed between the parties in writing or ordered by the Court:  
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10 (i) Outside counsel of record for the parties (including attorneys associated with the  
11 law firm, of counsel and the paralegal, clerical, and secretarial staff employed by such counsel)  
12 and in-house counsel of the parties;

13 (ii) Outside experts or consultants (together with their staff) retained by such counsel  
14 to assist in the prosecution, defense, or settlement of this action;

15 (iii) The Court and its staff and any other court, tribunal or dispute resolution officer  
16 duly appointed, chosen, or assigned in connection with this lawsuit;

17 (iv) Clerical and data processing personnel involved in the production, reproduction,  
18 organizing, filing, coding, cataloging, converting, storing, retrieving, and review of discovery  
19 material, to the extent reasonably necessary to assist a party or its counsel in these proceedings;  
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21 (v) Court reporter(s) and videographer(s) employed in this action; and

22 (vi) Any other person as to whom the parties in writing agree or that the Court in these  
23 proceedings designates.  
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25 Except as specifically stated above, documents designated as "Confidential – Attorneys'  
26 Eyes Only" may not be disclosed to Defendant. If disclosure of "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes  
27 Only" documents is made pursuant to this paragraph, all other provisions in this Order with  
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1 respect to Confidential Information shall also apply. Further, any person who receives copies of  
2 "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" or to whom "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" is  
3 disclosed pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Information Governing Confidential Information  
4 shall be advised that the "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" information is being disclosed  
5 pursuant to an Order of the Court, that the information may not be disclosed by such person to  
6 any person not permitted to have access to the "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" information  
7 pursuant to this Protective Order, and that any violation of this Protective Order may result in the  
8 imposition of such sanctions as the Court deems proper. To the extent such "Confidential –  
9 Patient/Medical Information" may be disclosed to court personnel or filed with the Court it shall,  
10 upon a showing sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Court, be done Under Seal.  
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12 4. Persons obtaining access to Discovery Materials or other documents, information,  
13 or materials stamped "Confidential" pursuant to this Order shall use the information only for the  
14 purpose of this matter, through and including appeal(s) and shall not use such information for any  
15 other purpose, including business, governmental, commercial, administrative, or judicial  
16 proceedings, unless required by court order or being compelled by force of law. If any person  
17 receiving information covered by this Agreement is: (a) subpoenaed in another action or  
18 proceeding; (b) served with a request or demand in another action to which he, she, or it is a  
19 party; or (c) served with any other legal process by one not a party to this action, seeking  
20 information designated as "Confidential" pursuant to this Order, the subpoenaed party shall  
21 promptly give written notice, by hand or facsimile transmission, within forty-eight (48) hours of  
22 receipt of such subpoena, request, demand, or legal process to the party that produced or  
23 designated the material as "Confidential." The subpoenaed party or anyone else subject to this  
24 Order shall be under no obligation to take any other action or measures to preserve the  
25 confidentiality of any such information in connection with such subpoena, request, demand, or  
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1 legal process. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the subpoenaed party or anyone else  
2 covered by this Order to challenge or appeal any order requiring production of Confidential  
3 Information, to subject itself to any penalties for non-compliance with any legal process or order,  
4 or to seek any relief from the court.

5 **V. Miscellaneous**

6 1. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the resolution of this matter.  
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8 2. Within thirty (30) days after the final conclusion of this matter, documents  
9 stamped "Confidential," "Confidential – Patient/Medical," or "Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes  
10 Only" and all copies of such documents, other than exhibits of record, shall be returned to the  
11 party who produced the documents and designated them as "Confidential."

12 3. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party or other person from seeking  
13 modification of this Order or from objecting to discovery that it believes to be otherwise improper  
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1 This Order, however, shall not be modified absent an order of the Court or the written agreement  
2 of all the Parties hereto

3 DATED this 8th day of July, 2013.

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13 **ORDER**

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED: August 12, 2013.

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17 William M. Cobb  
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



