



NUMBER 13-19-00636-CV

COURT OF APPEALS

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CORPUS CHRISTI-EDINBURG

IN RE FRAUDULENT HOSPITAL LIEN LITIGATION

**On appeal from MDL No. 15-0360-H in the 444th District Court
of Cameron County, Texas.**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

**Before Justices Benavides, Perkes, and Tijerina
Memorandum Opinion by Justice Tijerina**

MedData d/b/a Aegis Revenue Group, L.L.C. (MedData) filed this notice of appeal from MDL No. 15-0360-H, *In re Fraudulent Hospital Lien Litigation*, pending in the 444th District Court of Cameron County, Texas.¹ MedData alleged that the judge of the MDL pretrial court had not ruled on MedData's motion to dismiss filed pursuant to the Texas

¹ This case originated in trial court cause number C-2457-19-J in the 430th District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, which was transferred to MDL No. 15-0360-H in the 444th District Court of Cameron County, Texas, for consolidated pretrial proceedings.

Citizens Participation Act (TCPA) within the statutory deadline, and accordingly, its motion to dismiss was “considered to have been denied by operation of law.” See TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE ANN. §§ 27.005(a), 27.008(a). This appeal ensued.

On January 9, 2020, MedData filed a “Motion to Dismiss Appeal as Premature.” Without “abandoning its position that each case in an MDL proceeding is distinct,” MedData asserted that its attempted interlocutory appeal should be dismissed on grounds that the underlying MDL proceedings are stayed, and thus its notice of appeal was premature. MedData’s motion to dismiss is opposed by appellees, Marissa Abrego, et al.,² however, more than ten days have passed since the motion to dismiss was filed and appellees have not filed a response or other pleading in opposition to MedData’s motion. See TEX. R. APP. P. 10.1(a)(5), 10.1(b), 10.3(a).

The Court, having examined and fully considered the motion to dismiss and the applicable law, is of the opinion that the appeal should be dismissed for the reasons expressed in our opinion in *In re Fraudulent Hospital Lien Litigation*, No. 13-19-00627-CV, 2020 WL _____ (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi—Edinburg Mar. 5, 2020, no pet. h.) (mem. op.), available at <http://www.search.txcourts.gov/case.aspx?cn=13-19-00627-CV>. Accordingly, we grant MedData’s motion to dismiss and we dismiss this appeal for lack

² The appellees include: Marissa Abrego, Abel Casas Jr., Topacio Castillo, Sara Castro, Angelita Delarosa, Maria Deleon, Ofelia Fonseca, Rosa Fonseca, Francisca Gaona, Rosalinda Garza, Sonia Garza, Noreen Glover Graf, Alicia Gonzalez, Norma Gonzalez, Rosa Gonzalez, Arnoldo Guajardo, Leticia Guerra, Leticia Guerra, Amando Gutierrez, Brenda Hernandez, Jesus Herrera, Jesus Hinojosa, Jesus Ledesma, Rogelio Lerma, Brenda Lewis, Ignacio Lopez, Imelda Maldonado, Jose Martinez, Susan Martinez, Elvia Mendiola, Eusebio Pena, Mercedes Pina, Esteban Quintanilla, Esteban Quintanilla, Isela Ramirez, Jose Ramirez, Nicolas Ramirez, Maria Ramos, Paulina Rivera, Cynthia Robledo, Ramiro Robledo, Jesus Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Encarnacion Salinas, Carmen Saucedo, Frank Schimpf, Sanjuanita Tellez, Juan Torres, Fidel Vargas, and Krystal Vasquez.

of jurisdiction. Pending motions, if any, are dismissed as moot.

JAIME TIJERINA,
JUSTICE

Delivered and filed the
5th day of March, 2020.