# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

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**Plaintiff(s),**

**Civil Action : -cv-**

**v. Judge Susan J. Dlott**

**Magistrate Judge**

Click or tap here to enter text.**,**

**Defendant(s).**

**RULE 26(f) REPORT**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f), a meeting was held on Click or tap here to enter text. and was attended by:

Click or tap here to enter text., counsel for plaintiff(s) Click or tap here to enter text.,

Click or tap here to enter text., counsel for plaintiff(s) Click or tap here to enter text.,

Click or tap here to enter text., counsel for defendant(s) Click or tap here to enter text.,

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Counsel represent that, during the meeting, they engaged in a meaningful attempt to meet and confer on the matters outlined below.

1. CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Do the parties consent to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

1. INITIAL DISCLOSURES

Have the parties agreed to make initial disclosures?

[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] The proceeding is exempt under Rule 26(a)(1)(B).

If yes, such initial disclosures shall be made by Click or tap to enter a date.

1. VENUE AND JURISDICTION

Are there any contested issues related to venue or jurisdiction?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, describe the issue(s): Click or tap here to enter text..

If yes, the parties agree that any motion related to venue or jurisdiction shall be filed by Click or tap to enter a date..

4. PARTIES AND PLEADINGS

a. The parties agree that any motion or stipulation to amend the pleadings or to join additional parties shall be filed by Click or tap to enter a date..

b. If the case is a class action, the parties agree that the motion for class certification shall be filed by Click or tap to enter a date..

5. MOTIONS

a. Are there any pending motions?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, indicate which party filed the motion(s) and identify the motion(s) by name and docket number: Click or tap here to enter text..

b. Are the parties requesting expedited briefing on the pending motion(s)?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, identify the proposed briefing schedule:

Opposition brief to be filed by Click or tap to enter a date.. Reply brief to be filed by Click or tap to enter a date..

6. ISSUES

Jointly provide a brief description of the case, including causes of action set forth in the Complaint, and indicate whether there is a jury demand: Click or tap here to enter text..

7. DISCOVERY PROCEDURES

a. The parties agree that all discovery shall be completed by Click or tap to enter a date.. The parties agree to schedule their discovery in such a way as to require all responses to discovery to be served prior to the cut-off date. If the parties have a discovery dispute, they are directed to attempt to resolve the matter extrajudicially in person or by telephone (not merely by exchanging written communications). If that attempt is unsuccessful, the parties are to contact Judge Dlott’s Courtroom Deputy by calling chambers (513-564-7630) or emailing chambers (dlott\_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov) to request a discovery conference. Discovery dispute motions cannot be filed without leave of the Court.

b. Does discovery need to be bifurcated or conducted in phases?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, describe the discovery procedures sought: Click or tap here to enter text..

c. Do the parties anticipate production of ESI?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, describe the protocol for such production: Click or tap here to enter text..

d. Do the parties request any changes to the limitations on discovery imposed under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, describe the changes requested and identify by which party: Click or tap here to enter text..

e. Do the parties intend to seek a protective order or clawback agreement?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, such order or agreement shall be produced to the Court by Click or tap to enter a date.. Any protective order must comply with *Shane Group v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan*, 825 F.3d 299 (6th Cir. 2016). Approved forms for protective order can be found on the website for the Southern District of Ohio at <https://www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/ohio-southern-district-forms>.

8. DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS

a. Any dispositive motions shall be filed by Click or tap to enter a date..

b. Are the parties requesting expedited briefing on the dispositive motions?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, identify the proposed expedited briefing schedule:

Opposition brief to be filed by Click or tap to enter a date.. Reply brief to be filed by Click or tap to enter a date..

9. EXPERT TESTIMONY

a. Primary expert reports must be produced by Click or tap to enter a date..

b. Rebuttal expert reports must be produced by Click or tap to enter a date..

10. SETTLEMENT

The Court’s Standing Order on Civil Procedures requires the parties to engage in settlement discussions prior to the Preliminary Pretrial Conference.

a. Did Plaintiff make an initial written settlement demand by no later than the date of the Rule 26(f) discovery conference?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

b. Did Defendant respond in writing to the settlement demand by no later than the date of the filing of this Rule 26(f) Report.

[ ] Yes [ ] No

c. No later than seven (7) days prior to the Preliminary Pretrial Conference,

each party must submit to the Court’s email at dlott\_chambers@ohsd.uscourts.gov an *ex parte* letter, not to exceed five (5) pages, giving a brief synopsis of the case and explaining the status of settlement negotiations. These letters will be held in confidence by the Court, should not be filed with the Clerk’s Office, and may be but do not have to be exchanged with opposing counsel.

11. RULE 16 PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

The Court will hold a Preliminary Pretrial Conference in chambers at a date to be set by the Court.

12. OTHER MATTERS

Indicate any other matters for the Court’s consideration: Click or tap here to enter text..

Signatures:

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Attorney for Defendant(s):

Counsel for

Counsel for

Counsel for

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Counsel for

Counsel for

Date:Click or tap to enter a date.