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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - WESTERN DIVISION**
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *ex rel.*
12 BENJAMIN POEHLING,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, INC. *et al.*,

16 Defendants.
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CASE NO. 2:16-cv-08697-
MWF(SSx)

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT
STIPULATION REGARDING
VENUE TRANSFER MOTION,
BRIEFING SCHEDULE, FIRST
TO FILE ISSUE, COMPLAINT
RESPONSE DATE, AND
COMMENCEMENT OF
DISCOVERY**

*[Filed Concurrently with Joint
Stipulation to Extend Time to
Respond]*

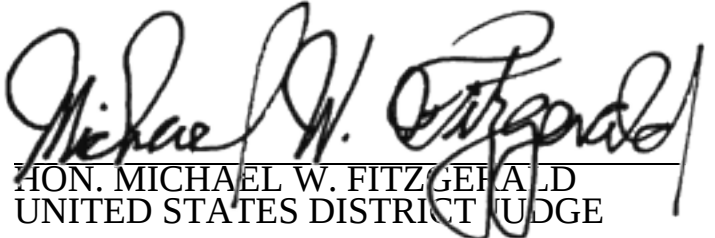
Hon. Michael W. Fitzgerald

Pursuant to stipulation of the parties, and good cause appearing, IT IS
HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Defendants shall file a motion to transfer on or before July 17, 2017. The United States' opposition is due on August 28, 2017, and the Defendants' reply in support of the motion is due on September 11, 2017. The motion shall be scheduled to be heard on September 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
2. Pursuant to agreement between the UnitedHealth Defendants and the Relator, the UnitedHealth Defendants will not raise, allege, or argue in any action or proceeding that Poehling's claims in this action are barred by the False Claims Act's first-to-file rule.
3. The Defendants' response to the Second Amended Complaint and the Complaint-in-Intervention shall be due either 20 days after the Court enters an order denying the motion to transfer or 20 days after the motion to transfer is granted and the case is assigned to a judge and a civil action opened in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
4. Pending the resolution of the UnitedHealth Defendants' motion to transfer venue, the parties may engage in written discovery (document requests and interrogatories) and may do so before a Rule 26(f) conference.

IT IS ORDERED.

Dated: July 17, 2017


HON. MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE