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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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AETNA NETWORK SERVICES LLC,	:	
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,	:	C.A. No.: 2:26-cv-06623-ES-MAH
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<i>Plaintiffs,</i>	:	<i>Document Electronically Filed</i>
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v.	:	
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AMIT POONIA, ADITY SHARMA,	:	
SPRINGFIELD SURGERY CENTER LLC,	:	██████████ FINDINGS OF
PARK AVENUE SURGERY CENTER LLC,	:	FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF
BROOKLINE SURGERY CENTER LLC,	:	LAW AND ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT	:	MOTION TO SEAL
AND ORTHO-SPINE CENTER LLC, NEW	:	
YORK INTERVENTIONAL PAIN	:	
MANAGEMENT, P.C., and PREMIER	:	
ANESTHESIA GROUP, P.C.,	:	
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<i>Defendants.</i>	:	
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This matter having been opened before the Court upon Plaintiffs Aetna Network Services LLC's and Aetna Life Insurance Company's (collectively, "Plaintiffs") Motion to Permanently Seal portions of Plaintiffs' Complaint and

certain exhibits thereto [ECF Nos. 4-1 through 4-4], and the Court having considered the submissions in support of ~~any opposition to the Motion, if any,~~⁹ as well as the arguments of counsel, if any; ~~and for good cause shown,~~^{and no opposition having been received;} the Court finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The information that Plaintiffs seek to seal consists of Plaintiffs' proprietary business information.

2. Avoiding the public disclosure of this information is necessary to prevent harm to the parties and to patients. *See e.g., Rosario v. Doe*, 2013 WL 3283903, at *2-3 (D.N.J. June 25, 2013) (sealing records containing proprietary information); *Goldenberg v. Indel, Inc.*, 2012 WL 15909, at *3 (D.N.J. Jan. 3, 2012) (granting motion to seal "commercially sensitive and proprietary non-public business information"); *Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. v. Amersham Health Inc.*, 2007 WL 2085350, at *9-10 (D.N.J. July 18, 2007) (granting motion to seal where the public availability of documents containing confidential business information would have put a party at a competitive disadvantage).

3. It is believed that no less restrictive alternative is available to prevent the disclosure of Plaintiffs' proprietary business information. This Motion to Seal has been narrowly tailored to seek sealing as to only those materials that have been deemed confidential.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Upon consideration of the papers submitted in support of the Motion, the Court concludes that Plaintiffs have met their burden of proving, under L. Civ. R. 5.3 and applicable case law, that the information should be filed under seal. Specifically, the Court concludes that (a) Plaintiffs' June 5, 2026 Complaint and Exhibits A, E, H, and R thereto [ECF Nos. 4-1 through 4-4] contain confidential information; (b) Plaintiffs have a legitimate interest in maintaining the confidentiality of this information in order to protect against disclosure; (c) public disclosure of this information would result in clearly defined and serious injury; and (d) no less restrictive alternative to sealing the subject documents is available.

1. The foregoing conclusions are supported by relevant case law holding that the right of public access to court filings is not absolute and may be overcome by a showing such as made here, in the discretion of the trial court. *See Nixon v. Warner Comms., Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 603 (1978). The Court, upon such a proper showing, may in its discretion prevent confidential materials from being transmuted into materials presumptively subject to public access. *Leucadia, Inc. v. Applied Extrusion Techs., Inc.*, 998 F.2d 157, 166 (3d Cir. 1993).

BASED UPON the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law:

IT IS on this 9th day of July, 2026, **ORDERED** that Defendants' Motion to Seal is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the

materials identified in Appendix A to the Declaration of Adam J. Petitt are hereby
PERMANENTLY SEALED.

SO ORDERED

s/Michael A. Hammer

Michael A. Hammer, U.S.M.J.

Date: 7/9/26