

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 25-80526-Civ-Middlebrooks/Matthewman

GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL
CENTER, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE LEAPFROG GROUP,

Defendant.

ORDER AFTER AUGUST 26, 2025 HEARING

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon Plaintiffs, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Inc., Delray Medical Center, Inc., Palm Beach Gardens Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, St. Mary's Medical Center, Inc., and West Boca Medical Center, Inc.'s ("Plaintiffs") Motion for Protective Order ("Motion for Protective Order") [DE 36] and Plaintiffs' *Ore Tenus* Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint [DE 71], which was made at the August 26, 2025 hearing in this case. These matters were referred to the Undersigned Chief United States Magistrate Judge by the Honorable Donald M. Middlebrooks, United States District Judge. [DE 61]. The Motion for Protective Order is fully briefed. [DEs 62, 66, 67]. The Court held an in-person hearing on the Motion for Protective Order on August 26, 2025, and heard argument from the parties.

Based on the foregoing, and as stated in open court, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Plaintiffs' *Ore Tenus* Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint [DE 71] is hereby

GRANTED. The Court notes that counsel for Defendant The Leapfrog Group (“Defendant”) represented at the hearing that Defendant has no objection to Plaintiffs filing an Amended Complaint.

2. Accordingly, on or before **Friday, August 29, 2025**, Plaintiffs shall file their Amended Complaint which eliminates the allegations which are no longer appropriate in light of Plaintiffs’ Notice of Withdrawal of Request for Monetary Damages and Jury Demand [DE 54] and Plaintiffs’ counsel’s representations at the hearing.
3. On or before **September 3, 2025**, Defendant shall file its answer and affirmative defenses to the Amended Complaint.
4. The parties shall promptly confer in good faith, for as long as necessary, regarding the pending discovery requests, subpoenas, search terms, and Rule 30(b)(6) depositions which are in dispute.
5. On or before **September 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**, the parties shall file a concise **joint** notice stating what, if any, discovery disputes remain pending for resolution by the Court. The parties shall each state their concise position as to each pending discovery dispute. The Court expects that many of the discovery disputes will be resolved by the parties in light of the Court’s instructions and guidance at the August 26, 2025 hearing.
6. The Court reminds the parties that the fact discovery cutoff date in this case is September 25, 2025, and the parties must move forward diligently and cooperatively to complete all fact discovery by that date. The Court will hold an additional **in-person** discovery hearing on **September 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.** on the Motion for Protective Order [DE 36], and on the parties’ Joint Notice, in Courtroom 6 (Third Floor) of the

West Palm Beach Federal Courthouse before Chief United States Magistrate Judge William Matthewman. No counsel shall be permitted to appear remotely. In the event that the parties are able to resolve all of their discovery disputes prior to the hearing, they may file a joint motion asking the Court to cancel the upcoming hearing for the Court's consideration.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida,
this 26th day of August 2025.


WILLIAM MATTHEWMAN
Chief United States Magistrate Judge