

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

BARBARA WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

V.

JOHNSON A. OMITOWOJU, M.D. and
OCONEE REGIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action File No.:

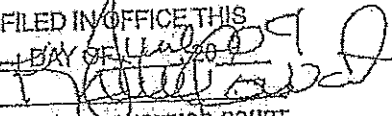
08-CV-42675-B

QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS this matter comes before this Court on Defendant Oconee Regional Medical Center, Inc.'s Motion To Require Plaintiff to Provide a HIPAA Compliant Medical Authorization, or in the Alternative, Motion for a Qualified Protective Order;

WHEREAS this Court has considered Defendant's motion, all responsive pleadings, and all matters of record;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant and Defendant's counsel are hereby permitted to engage in *ex parte* communications with Barbara Williams' treating physicians and other healthcare providers. This Court notes, however, that Plaintiff's treating physicians and other healthcare providers are not required to engage in *ex parte* communications with Defendant and Defendant's counsel, but they may do so at their own choosing. Plaintiff's treating physicians and other healthcare providers may discuss Plaintiff's medical conditions and any past, present, or future care and treatment with Defendant and Defendant's counsel. Defendant and Defendant's counsel may only interview Plaintiff's treating medical providers identified by name or reference in

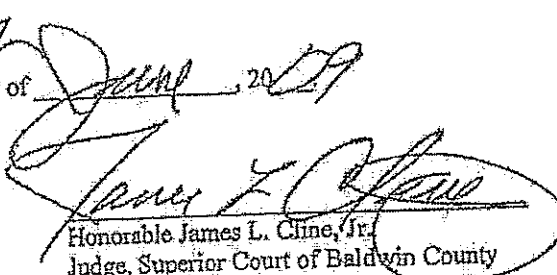
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Plaintiff's medical records and only after Defendant has obtained those medical records via a request for records pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-11-34(c).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant and Defendant's counsel are forbidden from using or disclosing Barbara Williams' protected health information for any purpose other than this litigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant and Defendant's counsel shall return any protected health information to the physicians and other healthcare providers or destroy the protected health information, including all copies made, at the end of this litigation.

SO ORDERED this 12th day of June, 2019


Honorable James L. Cline, Jr.
Judge, Superior Court of Baldwin County

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