

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: **Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman**
 Julie Brill
 Maureen K. Ohlhausen
 Terrell McSweeney

In the Matter of)	
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Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc.)	Docket No. 9366
a corporation;)	
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Pallottine Health Services, Inc.)	PUBLIC
a corporation;)	
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and)	
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St. Mary's Medical Center, Inc.)	
a corporation.)	

ORDER WITHDRAWING MATTER FROM ADJUDICATION
FOR THIRTY DAYS

In light of those developments, Complaint Counsel and Respondents believe that there is good cause for the Commission to remove this matter from adjudication for thirty days. They argue that withdrawing the matter from adjudication will enable the Commission to review the legislation – and to hear from both Complaint Counsel and Respondents as to the relevance of the legislation to this proceeding – prior to “the expenditure of significant Commission, party, and third-party resources attendant to pre-trial preparations and the start of a full trial on the merits.” Joint Motion at 5.

The Commission is committed to moving forward as expeditiously as possible with adjudicative proceedings.¹ We have determined, however, that withdrawing this matter from adjudication for a short period of time – in conjunction with the Respondents’ agreement not to consummate the proposed acquisition during that period (see Joint Motion at 2)– will give us an opportunity to evaluate the impact, if any, of the state legislation without any adverse effects on competition or consumer interests. We therefore find there is good cause to withdraw this matter from adjudication for thirty days. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter in its entirety be, and it hereby is, withdrawn from adjudication, and that all proceedings before the Administrative Law Judge are hereby stayed, until 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 25, 2016.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

SEAL:
ISSUED: March 24, 2016

¹ See *In re Advocate Health Care Network*, Docket No. 9369, Order Denying Motion To Stay the Evidentiary Hearing (March 18, 2016); Rule 3.1, 16 C.F.R. § 3.1 (“[T]he Commission’s policy is to conduct [adjudicative] proceedings expeditiously.”); Rule 3.41(b), 16 C.F.R. § 3.41(b) (“Hearings shall proceed with all reasonable expedition . . .”).