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14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

15 **FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA – HALL OF JUSTICE**

17 HAZEL B. ABAYA, M.D., individually and
18 on behalf of the State of California, and other
similarly situated and aggrieved,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 HOSPITALIST MEDICINE PHYSICIANS
OF CALIFORNIA, INC. doing business as
22 SOUND PHYSICIANS OF CALIFORNIA
III, AND DOES 1 to 25,

23 Defendants.

Case No.: 2023CUOE016724

Assigned to the Honorable Kevin G. DeNoce
Department 41

**NOTICE OF RULING GRANTING
MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA
SETTLEMENT**

24 **TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD HEREIN:**

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26 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2026, the Joint Motion for Approval of PAGA
27 Settlement (“Motion”) submitted by Plaintiff Hazel B. Abaya, M.D. (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant
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1 Hospitalist Medicine Physicians of California, Inc. (“Defendant”) came on for hearing in the above-
2 entitled Court. Appearances are reflected in the record of proceedings. After hearing argument
3 from counsel, the Court granted the motion. The order is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and ruled
4 as follows:

- 5 1. The Motion is GRANTED;
- 6 2. The Court approves the Parties’ Settlement Agreement;
- 7 3. Charles A. Swartz is appointed as PAGA Counsel for settlement purposes only and
8 his application for attorneys’ fees as reflected in the Settlement Agreement in is
9 approved; and
- 10 4. The Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the action, the Parties, and the
11 Aggrieved Employee for purposes of interpreting and enforcing the Settlement
12 Agreement’s terms and conditions pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §
13 644.6.

14 Dated: May 6, 2026

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16 By: 

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Exhibit “A”

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**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING THE
JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
PAGA SETTLEMENT**

[File concurrently with the Notice of Motion and
Motion and Declaration of Charles A. Swartz.]

Date: April 30, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Loc: Dept. 41

1 **TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

2 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on April 30, 2026, the Joint Motion for Approval of PAGA
3 Settlement (“Motion”) submitted by Plaintiff Hazel B. Abaya, M.D. (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant
4 Hospitalist Medicine Physicians of California, Inc. (“Defendant”) came on for hearing in the above
5 entitled Court. Appearances are reflected in the record of proceedings. Plaintiff and Defendant are
6 hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties.” After having reviewed the Motion, the
7 supporting Declaration of Charles A. Swartz, and having considered all of the papers and the
8 arguments of counsel, and for good cause appearing, the Court grants the Motion.

9 Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- 10 1. The Motion is GRANTED;
- 11 2. The Court approves the Parties’ Settlement Agreement;
- 12 3. Charles A. Swartz is appointed as PAGA Counsel for settlement purposes only and
13 his application for attorneys’ fees as reflected in the Settlement Agreement in is approved;
- 14 4. The Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the action, the Parties, and the
15 Aggrieved Employee for purposes of interpreting and enforcing the Settlement Agreement’s terms
16 and conditions pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 644.6.

17 ~~[OR]~~ _____
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25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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27 Dated: 04/30/2026, 2026

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HONORABLE KEVIN G. DENOCE

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 *ABAYA, et al. v. HOSPITALIST MEDICINE PHYSICIANS OF CALIFORNIA, INC., et al.*
3 Superior Court of California, County of Ventura; Case No.: 2023CUOE016724

4 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

5 I am employed in the City of Los Angeles in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
6 I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 777 South
7 Figueroa Street, Suite 4550, Los Angeles, California 90017.

8 On **May 6, 2026**, I served on all interested parties as identified on the below mailing list the
9 following document(s) described as:

10 **NOTICE OF RULING GRANTING MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA**
11 **SETTLEMENT**

12 ☒ **(BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE THROUGH COURT AUTHORIZED THIRD-**
13 **PARTY VENDOR)** Pursuant to California Rule of Court 2.251(b)(1)(b) and C.C.P. Section
14 1010.6, the above document was served electronically on the parties appearing on the
15 service list associated with this case at their respective email addresses.

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20 Attorneys for Plaintiff, **HAZEL B. ABAYA,**
21 **M.D., individually and on behalf of the**
22 **State of California, and other similarly**
23 **situated and aggrieved**

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27 ☒ I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above
28 is true and correct.

Executed on **May 6, 2026**, at Los Angeles, California.

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☒ **(BY WAY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DIR) PAGA
FILING PORTAL, <https://dir.govfa.net/432>):**

Labor and Workforce Development Agency https://dir.govfa.net/432	
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☒ I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on **May 6, 2026**, at Los Angeles, California.



Sandra Wootton