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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF NAPA

CHRISTINE BUTLER and MARK
GLOWSKI, individuals, on behalf of
themselves and on behalf of all persons
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANCHOR HEALTH LLC, a Limited Liability
Company; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: **24CV000278**

**[PROPOSED] FINAL APPROVAL
ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

Hearing Date: October 9, 2026

Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.

Judge: Hon. Cynthia P. Smith

Dept.: A

Date Action Filed: February 26, 2024

Trial Date: Not set

1 The motion of Plaintiffs Christine Butler and Mark Glowinski (“Plaintiffs”) for an order
2 finally approving the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) with
3 Defendant Anchor Health, LLC (“Defendant”) and for an award of attorneys’ fees and costs,
4 service payments, and the fees of the Administrator duly came on for hearing on October 9, 2026
5 before the Honorable Cynthia P. Smith.

6 **I.**

7 **FINDINGS**

8 Based on the oral and written argument and evidence presented in connection with the
9 motion, the Court makes the following findings:

- 10 1. All terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Agreement.
- 11 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this litigation pending before
12 the California Superior Court for the County of Napa, and over all Parties to this litigation,
13 including the Class.
- 14 3. Based on a review of the papers submitted by Plaintiff and a review of the
15 applicable law, the Court finds that the Gross Settlement Amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Seven
16 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$287,500) and the terms set forth in the Agreement are fair,
17 reasonable, and adequate.
- 18 4. The Court further finds that the Settlement was the result of arm’s length
19 negotiations conducted after Class Counsel had adequately investigated the claims and became
20 familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of those claims. In particular, the amount of the
21 Settlement, the significant risks relating to certification, liability, and damages issues, and the
22 assistance of an experienced mediator in the settlement process, among other factors, support the
23 Court’s conclusion that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

24 **Preliminary Approval of the Settlement**

- 25 5. On June 10, 2026, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement. At
26 this same time, the Court approved conditional certification of the Class for settlement purposes
27 only.

1 **Notice to the Class**

2 6. In compliance with the Preliminary Approval Order, the Class Notice was mailed
3 by first class mail to members of the Class at their last known addresses on or about July 9, 2026.
4 Mailing of the Class Notice to their last known addresses was the best notice option under the
5 circumstances and was reasonably calculated to communicate actual notice of the litigation and
6 the proposed settlement to the Class. The Class Notice given to the Class Members fully and
7 accurately informed the Class Members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement and of
8 their opportunity to object to or comment thereon or to seek exclusion from the Settlement;
9 constituted valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Class Members; and complied fully with the
10 laws of the State of California, the United States Constitution, due process and other applicable
11 law. The Class Notice fairly and adequately described the Settlement and provided Class
12 Members adequate instructions and a variety of means to obtain additional information.

13 7. The Response Deadline for opting out of the Class or submitting written objections
14 to the Settlement was September 7, 2026, which was extended by 14 days for re-mailed Class
15 Notices. There was an adequate interval between mailing of the Class Notice and the response
16 deadline to permit Class Members to choose what to do and act on their decision. A full
17 opportunity has been afforded to the Participating Class Members to participate in this hearing,
18 and all Participating Class Members and other persons wishing to be heard have been heard. Class
19 Members also have had a full and fair opportunity to exclude themselves from the proposed
20 Settlement and Class. Accordingly, the Court determines that all Class Members who did not
21 timely and properly submit a request for exclusion are bound by the Settlement and this Final
22 Approval Order and Judgment.

23 **Fairness Of Settlement**

24 8. The Agreement is entitled to a presumption of fairness. *Dunk v. Ford Motor Co.*
25 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 (1996).

26 a. The settlement was reached through arm's-length bargaining between the
27 parties during an all-day mediation before Tripper Ortman, a respected and experienced mediator
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1 of wage and hour class actions. There has been no collusion between the parties in reaching the
2 proposed settlement.

3 b. Plaintiffs' investigation and discovery have been sufficient to allow the
4 Court and counsel to act intelligently.

5 c. Counsel for both parties are experienced in similar employment class action
6 litigation. All counsel recommended approval of the Agreement.

7 d. The percentage of objectors and requests for exclusion is small. No
8 objections were received. No requests for exclusion were received.

9 e. The participation rate was high. 346 Participating Class Members will be
10 mailed a settlement payment, representing 100% of the overall Class.

11 9. The consideration to be given to the Class Members under the terms of the
12 Agreement is fair, reasonable and adequate considering the strengths and weaknesses of the claims
13 asserted in this action and is fair, reasonable and adequate compensation for the release of Class
14 Members' claims, given the uncertainties and significant risks of the litigation and the delays
15 which would ensue from continued prosecution of the action.

16 10. The Agreement is approved as fair, adequate and reasonable and in the best
17 interests of the Class Members.

18 **Attorneys' Fees and Costs**

19 11. An award of \$95,833 for attorneys' fees, representing one-third of the Gross
20 Settlement Amount, and \$28,118.01 for litigation costs and expenses, is reasonable, in light of the
21 contingent nature of Class Counsel's fee, the hours worked by Class Counsel, and the results
22 achieved by Class Counsel. The requested awards have been supported by Class Counsel's
23 lodestar and billing statement.

24 **Class Representative Service Payments**

25 12. The Agreement provides for a Class Representative Service Payments of not more
26 than \$15,000 each to the Plaintiffs, subject to the Court's approval. The Court finds that Class
27 Representative Service Payments in the amount of \$ 15,000 each to the Plaintiffs are reasonable in
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1 light of the risks and burdens undertaken by the Plaintiffs in the litigation and for their time and
2 effort in bringing and prosecuting this matter on behalf of the Class.

3 **Administration Expenses Payment**

4 13. The Administrator shall calculate and administer the payment to be made to the
5 Participating Class Members in the manner set forth in the Agreement, transmit payment for
6 attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel, transmit the Class Representative Service Payments to
7 the Plaintiffs, distribute the PAGA Penalties, issue any required tax reporting forms, calculate
8 withholdings and perform the other remaining duties set forth in the Agreement. The
9 Administrator has documented \$7,590 in fees and expenses, and this amount is reasonable in light
10 of the work performed by the Administrator.

11 **PAGA Penalties**

12 14. The Agreement provides for PAGA Penalties out of the Gross Settlement Amount
13 of \$5,000, which shall be allocated with 75% (\$3,750) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment
14 and 25% (\$1,250) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments to be distributed to the Aggrieved
15 Employees. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the
16 amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$1,250) by the total number
17 of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b)
18 multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Pay Periods. "Aggrieved
19 Employees" are all individuals who were employed by Defendant in California and classified as a
20 non-exempt employee at any time during the PAGA Period (November 21, 2022 through April 25,
21 2025). The Court finds the PAGA Penalties to be reasonable. All Aggrieved Employees will be
22 sent their share of the PAGA Penalties and will be subject to the release of the Released PAGA
23 Claims as set forth below, whether or not they opt out of the Settlement.

24 **II.**

25 **ORDERS**

26 Based on the foregoing findings, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
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1 15. The certification of the Class for the purposes of settlement is confirmed. The
2 Class is defined as follows:

3 All individuals who were employed by Defendant in California and classified as a
4 non-exempt employee at any time during the Class Period (February 26, 2020
through April 25, 2025).

5 16. All persons who meet the foregoing definition are members of the Class, except for
6 those individuals who filed a valid request for exclusion (“opt out”) from the Class. There were
7 no individuals who requested exclusion from the Class.

8 17. The Agreement is hereby finally approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the
9 best interest of the Class. Defendant shall fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the
10 funds to the Administrator no later than 15 days after the Effective Date.

11 18. Class Counsel are awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of \$95,833 and costs in the
12 amount of \$28,118.01. Class Counsel shall not seek or obtain any other compensation or
13 reimbursement from Defendant, Plaintiffs or members of the Class.

14 19. The payment of the Class Representative Service Payments in the amount of
15 \$15,000 each to the Plaintiffs is approved.

16 20. The payment of \$7,590 to the Administrator for their fees and expenses is
17 approved.

18 21. The PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$5,000 are approved and shall be allocated in
19 accordance with the Agreement.

20 22. The Agreement and this Settlement are not an admission by Defendant, nor is this
21 Final Approval Order and Judgment a finding, of the validity of any claims in the Action or of any
22 wrongdoing by Defendant or that this Action is appropriate for class treatment (other than for
23 settlement purposes). Neither this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Agreement, nor any
24 document referred to herein, nor any action taken to carry out the Agreement is, may be construed
25 as, or may be used as an admission by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing or liability
26 whatsoever. Defendant has denied that it has done anything wrong and disputes all the claims in
27 this Action. The entering into or carrying out of the Agreement, and any negotiations or
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1 proceedings related thereto, shall not in any event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an
2 admission or concession with regard to the denials or defenses by Defendant. Notwithstanding
3 these restrictions, Defendant may file in the Action or in any other proceeding this Final Approval
4 Order and Judgment, the Agreement, or any other papers and records on file in the Action as
5 evidence of the Settlement to support a defense of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, or other
6 theory of claim or issue preclusion or similar defense as to the Released Class Claims and/or the
7 Released PAGA Claims.

8 23. Notice of entry of this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall be given to all
9 Parties by Class Counsel on behalf of Plaintiff and all Class Members. The Final Approval Order
10 and Judgment shall be posted on Class Counsel's website as set forth in the Class Notice to the
11 Class. It shall not be necessary to send notice of entry of this Final Approval Order and Judgment
12 to individual Class Members. Plaintiff shall serve this Final Approval Order and Judgment on the
13 LWDA.

14 24. If the Agreement does not become final and effective in accordance with the terms
15 of the Agreement, then this Final Approval Order and Judgment, and all orders entered in
16 connection herewith, shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated, and the Parties shall
17 revert to their respective positions as of before entering into the Agreement, and expressly reserve
18 their respective rights regarding the prosecution and defense of this Action, including all available
19 defenses and affirmative defenses, and arguments that any claim in the Action could not be
20 certified as a class action and/or managed as a representative action.

21 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDICATED AND DECREED THAT:**

22 25. Except as set forth in the Agreement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment,
23 Plaintiffs, and all members of the Class, shall take nothing in the Action.

24 26. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, the Court shall retain
25 jurisdiction to construe, interpret, implement and enforce the Agreement, to hear and resolve any
26 contested challenge to a claim for settlement benefits, and to supervise and adjudicate any dispute
27 arising from or in connection with the distribution of settlement benefits.

1 27. The Parties are authorized to agree to and to adopt such amendments, modifications
2 and expansions of the Agreement and all exhibits attached thereto which are consistent with this
3 Final Approval Order and Judgment and as approved by the Court.

4 28. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs, except as otherwise
5 provided in the Agreement and in this Final Approval Order and Judgment.

6 29. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement
7 Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class
8 Payments, all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former
9 and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns,
10 release Released Parties from the Released Class Claims. The "Released Class Claims" are all
11 claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based facts stated in the
12 Operative Complaint which occurred during the Class Period during employment in a non-exempt
13 position in California. Except as expressly set forth in the Agreement, Participating Class
14 Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful
15 termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance,
16 disability, social security, workers' compensation, or California class claims outside of the Class
17 Period.

18 30. "Released Parties" are defined as: Defendant and each of its former and present
19 directors, officers, shareholders, owners, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns and
20 subsidiaries.

21 31. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement
22 Amount and funds all Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA are deemed to release, on behalf of
23 themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs,
24 administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from the Released PAGA Claims.
25 The "Released PAGA Claims" are all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably
26 could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA
27 Notices, which occurred during the PAGA Period during employment in a non-exempt position in
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1 California. The Released PAGA Claims do not include other PAGA claims, underlying wage and
2 hour claims, claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, unemployment insurance, disability
3 and worker's compensation, and PAGA claims outside of the PAGA Period.

4 32. As of the Effective Date and upon full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount by
5 Defendant, Plaintiffs release and discharge the Defendant and the Released Parties as to the
6 Plaintiffs' Release, as set forth fully in paragraph 6.1 of the Agreement.

7 **LET JUDGMENT BE FORTHWITH ENTERED ACCORDINGLY. IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 Dated: _____

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HON. CYNTHIA P. SMITH
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA