

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin

MINUTE ORDER

Date: 01/31/2024 09:00 AM

Case Number: STK-CV-UNPI-2021-0010404

**Daniel Hinds, individually, and on behalf of
all others similarly situated et al. vs
Community Medical Centers, Inc. et al.**

Event Type: Motion for Approval of Class
Settlement

Department: 10B

Appearances: Presiding Judge: Blanca Banuelos. Also attending: jbanek Court Clerk.

No parties having requested oral argument, the Court hereby adopts the modified tentative ruling as the final ruling on the motion.

The Court modifies the tentative ruling as follows: Hinds, et al. v. Community Medical Centers, Inc. – Case No. 2021-10404

1/31/24 – Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement

Plaintiffs bring a MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT. The Motion is unopposed. A supplemental declaration of Carole Thompson was filed on December 5, 2023. A hearing was scheduled on December 7, 2023 and the Motion was continued to January 31, 2024.

A Supplemental Brief and Declaration were filed on January 18, 2024.

Having read all the papers, the court issues the following tentative ruling:

Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval was granted on August 24, 2023. To date, two timely requests for exclusion were received and no objections were received. The Settlement was the result of arm's length negotiations.

The court finds that the moving papers and authority cited therein establishes: (1) the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate; (2) the certification of the class is appropriate; (3) the service payments to the class representatives are reasonable; and (4) the amount allocated for attorney's fees and costs are reasonable.

Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall provide written certification to the Court and counsel for the Parties, which shall be filed with the Court five (5) court days before the non-appearance compliance hearing which this court sets for August 6, 2024 at 9:00 am in Department 10B. If the certification is not filed, parties must appear at the August 6, 2024, 9:00 am compliance hearing. The Case Management Conference set for January 31, 2024 at 9:00 am is VACATED.

The court GRANTS the Motion and will sign the Proposed Order submitted by the moving party.

Blanca A. Bañuelos
Judge of the Superior Court of California

Motion granted.

The formal order was signed this date.