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12 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
13 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

14 IN RE:

15 ASTRIA HEALTH,

16 Remaining Debtor.

Case No. 19-01189-WLH11

**EX PARTE MOTION TO APPROVE  
STIPULATION RESOLVING CLAIM OF  
HEALTH BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC**

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1 Steven D Sass LLC, in its capacity as GUC Distribution Trustee (the “GUC  
2 Distribution Trustee”), files this *Ex Parte Motion to Approve Stipulation Resolving*  
3 *Claim of Health Business Solutions, LLC* (the “Motion”) and respectfully states as  
4 follows.

5 1. On February 2, 2021, Health Business Solutions, LLC (“HBS”) filed a proof  
6 of claim in the amount of at least \$678,257.20 against Sunnyside Community  
7 Hospital Association, identified on the Debtors’ claims register as claim 5-2  
8 (the “Amended Claim”)¹, which amended the Initial Claim (the Initial Claim,  
9 as amended by the Amended Claim, the “HBS Claim”).

10 2. The GUC Distribution Trustee and HBS engaged in negotiations regarding the  
11 amount and allowance of the HBS Claim that resulted in an agreement to allow  
12 the HBS Claim as a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$570,686.00,  
13 and have executed a stipulation to that effect. A true and correct copy of the  
14 stipulation regarding the HBS Claim (the “Stipulation”) is attached hereto as  
15 **Exhibit A.**

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- 1 3. The GUC Distribution Trustee was granted the authority, subject to certain  
2 procedural requirements set forth in the Plan, to settle disputes regarding  
3 General Unsecured Claims (Plan §§ III(F)(2) and (M)).
- 4 4. Notice of the Stipulation and this Motion has been provided to Debtors'  
5 counsel and the United States Trustee and neither party objects to the entry of  
6 the proposed Order submitted herewith.
- 7 5. The GUC Distribution Trustee requests the court enter an order substantially  
8 in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B** approving the Stipulation and  
9 allowing the HBS Claim as described in the Stipulation.

10 Dated: March 18, 2024

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1 which amended the Initial Claim (the Initial Claim, as amended by the Amended  
2 Claim, the "HBS Claim");

3 **WHEREAS**, the Parties have engaged in good faith, arm's-length discussions  
4 regarding the extent and allowance of the HBS Claim and have agreed to resolve and  
5 stipulate to its allowance and treatment in these Chapter 11 Cases according to the  
6 terms of this Stipulation;

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, including the  
9 mutual covenants of this Stipulation, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby  
10 acknowledged, the Parties agree and stipulate as follows:

11 1. Recitals. Each of the foregoing paragraphs is incorporated into this  
12 paragraph 1 by reference.

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14 2. Allowance of Claim. Upon the date of the entry of an order approving  
15 this Stipulation by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Stipulation Effective Date"), the HBS  
16 Claim shall be allowed as follows for all purposes in these Chapter 11 Cases (the  
17 "Allowed Claim"), including for purposes of treatment under and distribution  
18 pursuant to the Plan:

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<u>Claim Number</u>	<u>Debtor</u>	<u>Claim Amount</u>	<u>Classification</u>
5-2	Astria Health	\$570,686.00	General Unsecured (Class 4)

3. Disallowance of All Other Claims. Upon the Stipulation Effective Date, any and all claims or requests for payment of any kind or nature that HBS has or could have asserted against the Debtors or the GUC Distribution Trust, other than the Allowed Claim, shall automatically be deemed disallowed and expunged in their entirety. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) HBS shall not have any allowed claims in these Chapter 11 Cases other than the Allowed Claim, and (ii) HBS shall not be entitled to any distribution under the Plan or otherwise (including from the GUC Distribution Trustee) in these Chapter 11 Cases other than on account of the Allowed Claim.

4. Claims Register. Upon the Stipulation Effective Date, the Parties request that the official claims register of these cases be revised to reflect the claim reduction and allowance, and disallowances, as described above.

5. Distributions. Immediately following approval of this Stipulation, HBS shall be entitled to receive whatever interim distributions may have been deposited

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1 into any disputed claims account and to which HBS is now entitled on account of the  
2 Allowed Claim.

3 6. Authority to Execute. Each person who executes this Stipulation  
4 represents that they are duly authorized to execute this Stipulation on behalf of their  
5 respective Party hereto and that such Party has full knowledge of and has consented  
6 to the terms of this Stipulation.

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8 7. Entire Agreement. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement  
9 between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Stipulation and  
10 supersedes any and all prior agreements and undertakings between the Parties. This  
11 Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, which counterparts may be delivered by  
12 facsimile or electronic mail, and it shall not be necessary that the signature of or on  
13 behalf of each Party appear on each counterpart, but it shall be sufficient that the  
14 signature of or on behalf of each Party, or that the signature of the persons required  
15 to bind each Party, appear on one or more such counterparts. All such counterparts  
16 when taken together shall constitute a single and legally binding agreement.

17 8. Binding Nature. This Stipulation is binding upon and inures to the  
18 benefit of the Parties and their respective predecessors, successors, and assigns.

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1           9.     Due Diligence. The Parties acknowledge and understand that they are  
2 executing and delivering this Stipulation with full knowledge of any and all rights  
3 which they may have with respect to the matters resolved by this Stipulation. The  
4 Parties acknowledge that they were, or had an opportunity, to be represented by  
5 counsel of their choosing to the extent they desired before executing and delivering  
6 this Stipulation in order to review this document and the matters it resolves, and that  
7 each such Party and counsel (if applicable) had reasonable and sufficient time to do  
8 so.

9           10.    Modification. This Stipulation may not be modified, altered, amended,  
10 or vacated other than by a signed writing executed by the Parties.

11           11.    Jurisdiction. The Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction  
12 over any and all disputes and all other matters arising out of or relating to the  
13 interpretation, implementation or enforcement of this Stipulation.  
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15           12.    Interpretation. In the event of any ambiguity or question of intent or  
16 interpretation, this Stipulation shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties  
17 and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party  
18 by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Stipulation.  
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1           13.    Headings. The headings utilized in this Stipulation are designed for the  
2 sole purpose of facilitating ready reference to the subject matter of this Stipulation.  
3 Said headings shall be disregarded when resolving any dispute concerning the  
4 meaning or interpretation of any language contained in this Stipulation.

5           14.    Notice. No further notice of this Stipulation is required.

6           15.    Fees and Expenses. Each Party to this Stipulation shall bear its own  
7 legal fees and expenses with respect to this Stipulation and any and all matters related  
8 thereto.  
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10           **STIPULATED AND AGREED TO BY:**

11           GUC DISTRIBUTION TRUSTEE           HEALTH BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC  
12           Steven D Sass LLC                   10620 Griffin Road, Suite 204  
                 Clarksville, MD 21029                 Cooper City, FL 33328

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1 This matter came before the court on the *Ex Parte Motion to Approve*  
2 *Stipulation Resolving Claim of Health Business Solutions, LLC* (the “Motion”),  
3 brought by Steven D. Sass, LLC, as GUC Distribution Trustee.

4 This court has found that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28  
5 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and has authority to enter a final order consistent with  
6 Article III of the United States Constitution; that venue of this proceeding and the  
7 Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and that  
8 no additional notice of the Motion is required. Having reviewed the Motion and  
9 all documents filed in support of or opposition thereto or relating thereto; and upon  
10 the record in this matter; and after due deliberation thereon; and this court having  
11 determined that just cause has been established for the relief granted herein, it is  
12 hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 13 1. The Motion [ECF No. -----] is granted.
- 14 2. The Stipulation, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and terms therein are ratified,  
15 adopted, and approved.
- 16 3. Health Business Solution, LLC shall have an allowed general unsecured  
17 claim in the amount of \$570,686.00 (the “Allowed Claim”) and shall be  
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8 6. The GUC Distribution Trustee and all other parties are authorized to take all  
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10 7. This court shall retain jurisdiction over all affected parties with respect to any  
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13 //End of Order//

14 Presented by:

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1 which amended the Initial Claim (the Initial Claim, as amended by the Amended  
2 Claim, the "HBS Claim");

3 **WHEREAS**, the Parties have engaged in good faith, arm's-length discussions  
4 regarding the extent and allowance of the HBS Claim and have agreed to resolve and  
5 stipulate to its allowance and treatment in these Chapter 11 Cases according to the  
6 terms of this Stipulation;

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, including the  
9 mutual covenants of this Stipulation, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby  
10 acknowledged, the Parties agree and stipulate as follows:

11 1. Recitals. Each of the foregoing paragraphs is incorporated into this  
12 paragraph 1 by reference.

13 2. Allowance of Claim. Upon the date of the entry of an order approving  
14 this Stipulation by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Stipulation Effective Date"), the HBS  
15 Claim shall be allowed as follows for all purposes in these Chapter 11 Cases (the  
16 "Allowed Claim"), including for purposes of treatment under and distribution  
17 pursuant to the Plan:  
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<u>Claim Number</u>	<u>Debtor</u>	<u>Claim Amount</u>	<u>Classification</u>
5-2	Astria Health	\$570,686.00	General Unsecured (Class 4)

3. Disallowance of All Other Claims. Upon the Stipulation Effective Date, any and all claims or requests for payment of any kind or nature that HBS has or could have asserted against the Debtors or the GUC Distribution Trust, other than the Allowed Claim, shall automatically be deemed disallowed and expunged in their entirety. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) HBS shall not have any allowed claims in these Chapter 11 Cases other than the Allowed Claim, and (ii) HBS shall not be entitled to any distribution under the Plan or otherwise (including from the GUC Distribution Trustee) in these Chapter 11 Cases other than on account of the Allowed Claim.

4. Claims Register. Upon the Stipulation Effective Date, the Parties request that the official claims register of these cases be revised to reflect the claim reduction and allowance, and disallowances, as described above.

5. Distributions. Immediately following approval of this Stipulation, HBS shall be entitled to receive whatever interim distributions may have been deposited

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1 into any disputed claims account and to which HBS is now entitled on account of the  
2 Allowed Claim.

3 6. Authority to Execute. Each person who executes this Stipulation  
4 represents that they are duly authorized to execute this Stipulation on behalf of their  
5 respective Party hereto and that such Party has full knowledge of and has consented  
6 to the terms of this Stipulation.

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8 7. Entire Agreement. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement  
9 between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Stipulation and  
10 supersedes any and all prior agreements and undertakings between the Parties. This  
11 Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, which counterparts may be delivered by  
12 facsimile or electronic mail, and it shall not be necessary that the signature of or on  
13 behalf of each Party appear on each counterpart, but it shall be sufficient that the  
14 signature of or on behalf of each Party, or that the signature of the persons required  
15 to bind each Party, appear on one or more such counterparts. All such counterparts  
16 when taken together shall constitute a single and legally binding agreement.

17 8. Binding Nature. This Stipulation is binding upon and inures to the  
18 benefit of the Parties and their respective predecessors, successors, and assigns.

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1           9.     Due Diligence. The Parties acknowledge and understand that they are  
2 executing and delivering this Stipulation with full knowledge of any and all rights  
3 which they may have with respect to the matters resolved by this Stipulation. The  
4 Parties acknowledge that they were, or had an opportunity, to be represented by  
5 counsel of their choosing to the extent they desired before executing and delivering  
6 this Stipulation in order to review this document and the matters it resolves, and that  
7 each such Party and counsel (if applicable) had reasonable and sufficient time to do  
8 so.

9           10.    Modification. This Stipulation may not be modified, altered, amended,  
10 or vacated other than by a signed writing executed by the Parties.

11           11.    Jurisdiction. The Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction  
12 over any and all disputes and all other matters arising out of or relating to the  
13 interpretation, implementation or enforcement of this Stipulation.

14           12.    Interpretation. In the event of any ambiguity or question of intent or  
15 interpretation, this Stipulation shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties  
16 and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party  
17 by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Stipulation.  
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1           13. Headings. The headings utilized in this Stipulation are designed for the  
2 sole purpose of facilitating ready reference to the subject matter of this Stipulation.  
3 Said headings shall be disregarded when resolving any dispute concerning the  
4 meaning or interpretation of any language contained in this Stipulation.

5           14. Notice. No further notice of this Stipulation is required.

6           15. Fees and Expenses. Each Party to this Stipulation shall bear its own  
7 legal fees and expenses with respect to this Stipulation and any and all matters related  
8 thereto.  
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10 **STIPULATED AND AGREED TO BY:**

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