IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

In re:

Chapter 11

LAVIE CARE CENTERS, LLC, et al.¹

Case No. 24-55507 (PMB)

Debtors.

(Joint Administration Requested)

DEBTORS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER (I) EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND STATEMENTS OF <u>FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF</u>

LaVie Care Centers, LLC ("<u>LaVie</u>") and certain of its affiliates and subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), hereby move (the "<u>Motion</u>") for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Proposed Order</u>"), granting the relief described below. In support thereof, the Debtors rely upon the *Declaration of M. Benjamin Jones in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* (the "<u>First Day Declaration</u>"),² filed contemporaneously herewith. In further support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. By the Motion, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order

(a) extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities,

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schedule of current income and expenditures, schedule of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statement of financial affairs (collectively, the "<u>Schedules and Statements</u>") by 30 days, for a total of 44 days from the Petition Date, through and including July 16, 2024, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions for cause shown, and (b) granting related relief.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and the Motion in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The legal predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 521, 1107, and 1108 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rules 1007(c), 6003, and 9006(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and the *Second Amended and Restated General Order 26-2019, Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases*, dated February 6, 2023 (the "<u>Complex Case Procedures</u>").

BACKGROUND

I. The Chapter 11 Cases

4. On the date hereof (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each Debtor commenced a case by filing a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division (the "<u>Court</u>"). The Debtors continue to operate their business and manage their property as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.

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5. To date, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") has not appointed an official committee in the Chapter 11 Cases, nor has any trustee or examiner been appointed.

6. Additional information regarding the Debtors and these Chapter 11 Cases, including the Debtors' business operations, capital structure, financial condition, and the reasons for and objectives of these Chapter 11 Cases, is set forth in the First Day Declaration.

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

7. Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) provides that, in a voluntary case, the schedules, statements, and other documents required by Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) shall be filed with the voluntary petition or within 14 days thereafter. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c). However, Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) permits extensions, for cause, of the deadline for filing Schedules and Statements. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c). The Debtors submit that in view of the amount and type of information that must be assembled and compiled, ample cause exists for the requested extension.

8. To prepare the Schedules and Statements, the Debtors must gather information from books, records, and documents relating to a multitude of transactions. Consequently, collection of the necessary information requires the expenditure of substantial time and effort on the part of the Debtors, their Chief Restructuring Officer, and their already over-burdened employees. The Debtors submit that the efforts of their employees during the initial stages of these Chapter 11 Cases are critical and need to be focused on attending to the Debtors' business and maximizing the value of the Debtors' estates.

9. Moreover, the Debtors have books and records located at various locations throughout the United States. Information will need to be gathered from many, if not all, of these

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locations. The Debtors' business operations are complex, and preparing the Schedules and Statements accurately and in appropriate detail will require significant attention from the Debtors' personnel and the Debtors' advisors. Given the size and complexity of the Debtors' business and financial affairs and the critical matters that the Debtors and their professionals were required to address prior to the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors were not in a position to complete the Schedules and Statements or file the same on the Petition Date. Engaging in such preparation immediately before or after the commencement of these chapter 11 cases operations at a critical juncture.

10. Further, courts in this District have routinely granted relief similar to the relief requested herein. *See, e.g., In re Envistacom, LLC*, Case No. 23-52696 (JWC) (Bankr. N.D. Ga. May 19, 2023); *In re Virtual Citadel, Inc.*, Case No. 20-62725 (JWC) (Bankr. N.D. Ga. Feb. 19, 2020) [Docket No. 26]; *In re The Krystal Co.*, Case No. 20-61065 (PWB) (Bankr. N.D. Ga. Jan. 22, 2020) [Docket No. 35]; *In re Capital Restaurant Grp., LLC*, Case No. 19-65910 (WLH) (Bankr. N.D. Ga. Oct. 18, 2019) [Docket No. 50]; *In re Jack Cooper Ventures, Inc.*, Case No. 19-62393 (PWB) (Bankr. N.D. Ga. Aug. 8, 2019) [Docket No. 59].

11. Finally, the relief requested herein will not prejudice any party in interest. The Debtors intend to work cooperatively with the U.S. Trustee and any other necessary parties in these Chapter 11 Cases to provide access to relevant information regarding the business and the financial affairs of the Debtors.

12. For these reasons, the Debtors believe that they will be unable to compile all the information necessary for the preparation and filing of the Schedules and Statements within 14 days after the entry of the order for relief, as required by Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c). The Debtors' employees will begin working diligently to assemble and collate the necessary information;

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however, the Debtors anticipate that they will need a minimum of 30 additional days beyond those otherwise prescribed by the Bankruptcy Rules in order to prepare and file their Schedules and Statements in the appropriate format. Accordingly, the Debtors hereby seek a 30-day extension of their deadline to file their Schedules and Statements, for a total of 44 days from the Petition Date, through and including July 16, 2024, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions for cause shown.

EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

13. The Debtors respectfully request emergency consideration of this Motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6003, which empowers a court to grant relief within the first 21 days after the commencement of a chapter 11 case "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6003. Here, the Debtors believe an immediate and orderly transition into chapter 11 is critical to the viability of their operations and that any delay in granting the relief requested could hinder the Debtors' operations and cause irreparable harm. Furthermore, the failure to receive the requested relief during the first 21 days of these Chapter 11 Cases would severely disrupt the Debtors' operations at this critical juncture. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that it has satisfied the "immediate and irreparable harm" standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and, therefore, respectfully request that the Court approve the relief requested in this Motion on an emergency basis.

NOTICE

14. The Debtors will provide notice of the Motion to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the Internal Revenue Service; (c) the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia;(d) the Attorney General for the State of Georgia; (e) the Georgia Department of Revenue; (f) the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; (g) the states attorneys general for states in which

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the Debtors conduct business; (h) the parties included on the Debtors' list of their 30 largest unsecured creditors; (i) counsel to the Debtors' prepetition lenders; (j) counsel to the proposed DIP Lenders; and (k) all parties entitled to notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that no other or further notice is required.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

15. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Proposed Order, substantially in the forms attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: Atlanta, Georgia June 2, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion was served by the Court's CM/ECF system on all counsel of record registered in these Chapter 11 Cases through CM/ECF. Subject to the Court's approval of their retention and access to filing privileges, the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, will be filing a supplemental certificate of service on the docket to reflect any additional service of the foregoing Motion.

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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Order

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(Jointly Administered)

Related to Docket No.

ORDER (I) EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the Debtors for entry of an order (this "Order")

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(a) extending the time period to file the Schedules and Statements until July 16, 2024, without

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prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions for cause shown and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and the matter being a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this District being proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court being able to issue a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and due and sufficient notice of the Motion having been given under the particular circumstances; and the Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that no other or further notice is necessary; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The Motion is GRANTED to the extent set forth herein.

2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 521 and Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b), the time within which the Debtors must file the Schedules and Statements is extended through and including July 16, 2024.

3. Entry of this Order shall be without prejudice to the Debtors' rights to seek further extensions of time within which to file the Schedules and Statements.

4. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

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5. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

6. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

END OF ORDER

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