### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

SC HEALTHCARE HOLDING, LLC et al.,

Debtors.1

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-10443 (TMH)

Jointly Administered

<u>Hearing Date:</u> July 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) Objection Deadline: June 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

# DEBTORS' MOTION FOR AN ORDER, PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULES 9006 AND 9027, EXTENDING THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE DEBTORS MAY REMOVE ACTIONS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1452

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (each, a "<u>Debtor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") hereby submit this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>") seeking entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Proposed Order</u>"), pursuant to Rules 9006 and 9027 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), extending the period within which the Debtors may remove actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 by ninety (90) days, through and including September 16, 2024. In support of this Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated as of

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February 29, 2012 (the "Amended Standing Order"). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court with respect to this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

- 2. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper in the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 3. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested herein are section 1452 of title 28 of the United States Code and Bankruptcy Rules 9006 and 9027.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 4. On March 20, 2024 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors each commenced with the Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). The Debtors, with the exception of some inactive entities, are authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5. As of the date of this Motion, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases. On or about April 9, 2024, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>"). *See* Docket No. 131.
- 6. As detailed in the Debtors' Motion for Entry of (A) An Order (I) Scheduling a Hearing on the Approval of the Sale of All or Substantially All of the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Encumbrances Other than Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances, and the

Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, (II) Approving Certain Bidding Procedures and Assumption and Assignment Procedures, and the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (III) Authorizing the Debtors to Enter into the Stalking Horse Purchase Agreement, and (IV) Granting Related Relief; and (B) An Order (I) Approving Asset Purchase Agreement, (II) Authorizing the Sale of All or Substantially All of the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Encumbrances Other than Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 264], the Debtors are currently implementing a marketing and sales process through which the Debtors seek to consummate a value-maximizing transaction (or transactions) for their assets. A hearing to consider the proposed sale of the Debtors' assets is currently scheduled for July 10, 2024. See Docket No. 349.

7. The factual background regarding the Debtors, including their business operations, capital and debt structure, and the events leading to the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases, is set forth in more detail in the *Declaration of David R. Campbell in Support of the Debtors' Chapter* 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings [Docket No. 44]. (the "First Day Declaration").<sup>2</sup>

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

8. By this Motion, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 9006(b) and 9027, the Debtors request entry of the Proposed Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, extending the period within which the Debtors may file notices of removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 with respect to any civil actions pending as of the Petition Date absent entry of an order terminating a stay (if applicable), from the current deadline of June 18, 2024 (the "Current"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

Removal Deadline") to September 16, 2024 (approximately ninety (90) days later), without prejudice to the Debtors' right to seek further extensions of such deadline.<sup>3</sup>

#### **BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED**

9. Bankruptcy Rule 9027 and 28 U.S.C. § 1452 govern the removal of pending civil actions. Specifically, 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a) provides that:

[a] party may remove any claim or cause of action in a civil action other than a proceeding before the United States Tax Court or a civil action by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power, to the district court for the district where such civil action is pending, if such district court has jurisdiction of such claim or cause of action under section 1334 of this title.

28 U.S.C. § 1452(a). Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a)(2) further provides, in pertinent part, that:

[i]f the claim or cause of action in a civil action is pending when a case under the [Bankruptcy] Code is commenced, a notice of removal may be filed in the bankruptcy court only within the longest of (A) 90 days after the order for relief in the case under the Code, (B) 30 days after entry of an order terminating a stay, if the claim or cause of action in a civil action has been stayed under § 362 of the Code, or (C) 30 days after a trustee qualifies in a chapter 11 reorganization case but not later than 180 days after the order for relief.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027(a)(2).

10. Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) provides that the Court may extend unexpired time periods, such as the Debtors' removal period, without notice:

[W]hen an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified period by [the Bankruptcy Rules] or by a notice given thereunder or by order of court, the court for cause shown may at any time in its discretion ... with or without motion or notice order the period enlarged if the request therefor is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order.

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Pursuant to Local Rule 9006-2, the filing of this Motion prior to the expiration of the Current Removal Deadline shall automatically extend the Current Removal Deadline until the Court acts on this Motion without the necessity for entry of a bridge order.

- Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b)(1). Accordingly, the Court is authorized to grant the relief requested herein. *See Raff v. Gordon*, 58 B.R. 988, 991 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1986) (stating that the period in which to file a motion to remove may be expanded pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006); *Jandous Elec. Constr. Corp. v. City of New York (In re Jandous Elec. Constr. Corp.*), 106 B.R. 48, 50 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989) (same); *see also Doan v. Loomis (In re Fort Dodge Creamery Co.*), 117 B.R. 438, 442–43 (Bankr. N.D. Iowa 1990) (implying that the time period in which a removal motion may be filed may be extended pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006); *In re Boyer*, 108 B.R. 19, 26 (Bankr. N.D.N.Y. 1988) (same).
- 11. The Debtors are parties to various actions currently pending in other courts (collectively, the "Actions"), and believe that it is prudent to seek an extension of the time established by Bankruptcy Rule 9027 to protect the rights of the Debtors and their estates to remove any such Actions.
- 12. Since the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors have worked diligently to preserve and maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. To that end, the Debtors have, among other things: (a) negotiated and obtained debtor in possession financing [Docket No. 313]; (b) prepared and filed their Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Financial Affairs [Docket Nos. 380–393 & 395–505] and their Bankruptcy Rule 2015.3 report [Docket No. 371]; (c) obtained entry of an order establishing certain bid procedures which are being implemented in connection with the ongoing sale process; (e) responded to various information requests from the U.S. Trustee, the Debtors' secured lenders and various interested parties; (f) retained professionals; (g) established various bar dates and provided notice to all parties [Docket No. 339 & 344]; and (h) handled other necessary tasks related to the administration of the Debtors' estates and these Chapter 11 Cases.

- 13. As a result of the foregoing efforts and various others, the Debtors have not had sufficient time to determine if any Action should be removed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a). Accordingly, the Debtors submit that extending the Current Removal Deadline is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors. The extension sought will afford the Debtors an opportunity to make more fully informed decisions concerning the removal of any Action and will assure that the Debtors and their estates do not forfeit the valuable rights afforded to them under 28 U.S.C. § 1452. Furthermore, the Debtors submit that granting the extension requested herein will not prejudice the rights of any other parties to the Actions because such parties may not prosecute them absent relief from the automatic stay. In addition, nothing herein will prejudice any party to an Action that the Debtors may ultimately attempt to remove from seeking the remand of such action under 28 U.S.C § 1452(b) at the appropriate time.
- 14. For the reasons set forth above, the Debtors submit that extending the Current Removal Deadline, through and including September 16, 2024, is necessary, prudent, and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors.

### **NOTICE**

15. Notice of this Motion has been provided to the following parties or, in lieu thereof, to their counsel, if known: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) counsel to the Committee; (c) the office of the attorney general for each of the states in which the Debtors operate; (d) United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (e) Prepetition Lenders; (f) the DIP Lender; (g) counsel to the Patient Care Ombudsman; and (i) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

Dated: June 14, 2024 Wilmington, Delaware Respectfully submitted,

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### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, on June 13, 2024, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *Debtors' Motion for an Order, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 9006 and 9027, Extending the Period Within Which the Debtors May Remove Actions Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 (the "<u>Motion</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>").* 

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any objections to the Motion must be filed on or before June 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Objection Deadline") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. At the same time, you must serve a copy of the objection upon the proposed undersigned counsel to the Debtors so as to be received on or before the Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING TO CONSIDER THE MOTION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 30, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. (ET) BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS M. HORAN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 N. MARKET STREET, 5TH FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 6, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR A HEARING.

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### EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Order** 

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# ORDER, PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULES 9006 AND 9027, EXTENDING THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE DEBTORS MAY REMOVE ACTIONS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1452

Upon the motion (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of the Debtors for the entry of an order, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 9006 and 9027, extending the period within which the Debtors may remove actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 through and including September 16, 2024; and this Court having reviewed the Motion; and upon the record of these chapter 11 cases; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been given; and it appearing that no other or further notice of the Motion is required; and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order; and it appearing that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and it appearing that venue of this proceeding and the Motion is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having determined that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States

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Constitution; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested in the Motion at a hearing before this Court, if any; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion and provided for herein is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. The time period provided by Bankruptcy Rule 9027 within which the Debtors and their estates may file notices of removal of claims and causes of action is hereby enlarged and extended through and including September 16, 2024 (the "Removal Deadline").
- 3. This Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Debtors and their estates to seek further extensions of the Removal Deadline.
- 4. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.