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## STANDING ORDER REGARDING HIPAA, THE TEXAS MEDICAL PRIVACY ACT, AND DRUG TESTING RECORDS

On their own motion, the district judges issue this standing order, which shall apply to every suit filed under the Texas Family Code.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Drug Test Records" shall include all information and records relating to drug testing, and any protected health information of any person contained therein, including but not limited to: drug testing administered on a party, drug testing administered in connection with the litigation, drug test results, drug testing procedures completed or attempted, interpretation or explanation of test results, the complete files of the drug testing facility and laboratory, photographs taken in connection with drug testing, and medical information provided to a drug testing facility, laboratory, or Medical Review Officer (MRO).
- 1.2 "Litigation Participants" shall include the following people associated with the litigation: parties, counsel of record, other attorneys and staff within their firms, drug testing facilities, drug testing laboratories, copy services, other litigation support services, testifying experts, consulting experts, custody evaluators, psychological evaluators, parenting facilitators, parenting coordinators, mental health professionals, witnesses, mediators, arbitrators, and courts.

## 2. COURT ORDER REGARDING DRUG TEST PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

2.1 IT IS ORDERED that all Litigation Participants are authorized to disclose, receive, and use Drug Test Records in connection with the pending litigation, without need for further authorization or court order under HIPAA, the Texas Medical Privacy Act, or other law.

This court order does not authorize any person to disclose, receive, or use protected health information for any purpose other than the pending litigation.

NOTICE: ANY PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THIS COURT ORDER IS SUBJECT TO ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE.

SIGNED FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.



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