UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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SAINT VINCENTS CATHOLIC MEDICAL	:	Case No. 10-11963 (CGM)
CENTERS OF NEW YORK, et al.,	:	
	:	Jointly Administered
Debtors.	:	2

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ORDER (I) APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEBTORS AND CERTAIN FORMER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS OF SAINT VINCENT'S HOSPITAL MANHATTAN PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019 AND (II) EXTENDING THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO THE FORMER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE <u>CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C §§ 105(a) AND 362</u>

Upon the Motion (the "<u>Motion</u>")¹ of Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York ("<u>SVCMC</u>") and certain of its affiliates, as Chapter 11 debtors and debtors in possession (each a "<u>Debtor</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>")² in the above-referenced Chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") for entry of an Order (I) Approving a Settlement Agreement Between the Debtors and Certain Former Medical Professionals of Saint Vincent's Hospital Manhattan Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and (II) Extending the Automatic Stay to the Former Medical Professionals for Certain Types of Medical Malpractice Claims Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 362, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and the Court having subject

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

² In addition to SVCMC, the Debtors are as follows: (i) 555 6th Avenue Apartment Operating Corporation; (ii) Bishop Francis J. Mugavero Center for Geriatric Care, Inc.; (iii) Chait Housing Development Corporation; (iv) Fort Place Housing Corporation; (v) Pax Christi Hospice, Inc.; (vi) Sisters of Charity Health Care System Nursing Home, Inc. d/b/a St. Elizabeth Ann's Health Care & Rehabilitation Center; (vii) St. Jerome's Health Services Corporation d/b/a Holy Family Home; and (viii) and SVCMC Professional Registry, Inc.

matter jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1334 and the Standing Order of Referral of Cases to Bankruptcy Court Judges of the District Court for the Southern District of New York, dated July 19, 1984 (Ward, Acting C.J.); the Motion being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 157(b); and venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1408 and 1409; and due to the substantial litigation costs and risk associated with the issues set forth in the Administrative Expense Motion, the relief requested in the Motion and the settlement of claims as set forth in the subject Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided; and the Court having reviewed the Motion, and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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

2. The Settlement Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is approved on the terms and conditions set forth therein.

3. Pursuant to sections 105 and 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, holders of Tail Claims are enjoined from prosecuting a judicial, administrative or other action against all Covered Staff³ and the Debtors related to the Tail Claims⁴ (the "<u>Temporary Stay Extension</u>");

³ <u>Covered Staff</u> are defined as former residents, interns, fellows, former employed attending physicians, as well as former nurses, nurse practitioners, medical technicians, and other medical staff that were employees of SVCMC and worked at SVCMC's Manhattan Hospital or its outpatient clinics and practices in New York City (including, but not limited to, the clinics listed on <u>Exhibit B</u>,) and that contribute to the Tail Fund as further described in the Settlement Agreement.

<u>however</u>, nothing contained in this order shall stay a holder of a Tail Claim from (i) commencing a judicial, administrative or other action or (ii) providing the Debtors with notice of their Tail Claims.

4. The Temporary Stay Extension will expire on the earlier of (a) July 31, 2011 or (b) the effective date of the Debtors' Chapter 11 plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"), subject to the Debtors' right to request a continuation of the Temporary Stay Extension if the effective date of a Plan does not occur on or before by July 31, 2011.

A status conference will take place on or before January 31, 2011 ("<u>Initial</u>
<u>Status Conference</u>") to provide the Bankruptcy Court with an update on the Settlement Agreement and the impact of the Temporary Stay Extension.

6. Further status conferences will be scheduled at least once every 120 days

from the date of the Initial Status Conference.

7. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, upon the entry of this Order, the

Movants' Administrative Claim Motion shall be deemed withdrawn without prejudice and upon

the entry of a subsequent Order approving confirmation of the Plan which includes the Plan

⁴ **Tail Claims** are defined as medical malpractice claims that arise from incidents that occurred on or before the last date patient services were provided by the Covered Staff (including incidents that occurred after the Petition Date) at SVCMC's Manhattan Hospital and outpatient clinics and practices located in New York City (including, but not limited to, the clinics listed on **Exhibit B**,) which claims are first asserted against SVCMC or a Covered Staff, as the case may be, after the last date that medical malpractice insurance coverage was in effect as to such party. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Tail Claims shall not include claims against SVCMC that arose prior to the Petition Date, but shall include claims against Covered Persons, to the extent asserted against the respective Covered Person(s), that arose prior to or after the Petition Date, assuming, however, that in all cases such claims are first asserted against any such Covered Person after the last date that medical malpractice insurance coverage was available to that Covered Person. Tail Claims do not include claims that have been commenced against a Covered Staff during the time period in which the SVCMC maintained its group and individual policies with MLMIC or the applicable individual policies with QNY.

Injunction (as defined in the Settlement Agreement), such withdrawal shall be deemed to be with prejudice.

8. Nothing about the Settlement Agreement and this Order shall impact the existing insurance coverage for all other asserted medical malpractice claims against the Covered Persons or the Debtors.

9. As part of any subsequent motion seeking to approve a Tail Bar Date the Debtors shall (i) specifically address the treatment of infant claimants and foreign-object claimants; and (ii) provide that, when set, notice of the Tail Bar Date shall be placed conspicuously on the Debtors' website.

10. The Debtors are authorized to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.

11. To the extent that there are any inconsistencies between the terms of this Order and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of this Order shall control.

12. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Debtors, the Settlement Agreement, and the Tail Claims with respect to any matters related to or arising from the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of the Settlement Agreement or this Order.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York October 29 2010

> <u>/s/ Cecelia Morris</u> THE HONORABLE CECELIA G. MORRIS UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit A

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG SAINT VINCENTS CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTERS OF NEW YORK AND THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS/SEIU AND CERTAIN PHYSICIANS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS

This Settlement Agreement (together with the annexes hereto, the "<u>Settlement</u> <u>Agreement</u>") is between SAINT VINCENTS CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTERS OF NEW YORK ("<u>SVCMC</u>"), the COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS/SEIU (the "<u>CIR</u>") on behalf of its members, CHARLES CARPATI, M.D., SUSAN MINKOWITZ, M.D., and ANDREW BOHMART, M.D. (the "<u>Professional Staff Committee</u>") on behalf of a group of 106 physicians and two nurse practitioners (the "<u>Professional Staff</u>) that are listed on <u>Annex 1</u>. Collectively, SVCMC, the CIR, the Professional Committee and the Professional Staff are referred to as the "<u>Parties</u>."

RECITALS

A. On April 14, 2010, SVCMC and certain of its affiliate debtors (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") each commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). The Debtors' chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Bankruptcy Cases</u>") have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>") (Case No. 10-11963 (CGM)). The Debtors 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.

B. On July 28, 2010, the CIR and the Professional Staff (the "Movants") filed a motion entitled, *Motion for the Allowance of Administrative Expenses Pursuant to 11* U.S.C. Sec. 503(b) and Directing Payment by the Debtor (the "Administrative Claim Motion"). In their Administrative Claim Motion, the Movants allege, *inter alia*, that SVCMC is obligated to provide the Movants with tail insurance coverage and that certain alleged indemnity claims of the Movants constitute administrative expenses in the Bankruptcy Cases. The Movants also assert that SVCMC lacked authority to cancel medical malpractice insurance coverage. SVCMC denies such allegations and asserts that, to the extent any indemnity claims exist, such indemnity claims would constitute general unsecured claims rather than administrative claims. SVCMC also asserts that it was authorized to cancel its medical malpractice insurance policies as part of the authorized closure of St. Vincent's Manhattan Hospital (together with any associated medical clinics or practices, the "Hospital") and that such action was in the ordinary course of SVCMC's business in winding down and closing the Hospital.

C. After due consideration of the factual and legal arguments regarding these issues, as well as the costs, risks, and delays associated with litigating these issues, the Parties have agreed to resolve all claims regarding such matters on the basis set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

D. As part of the Settlement Agreement the Debtors will seek to establish, as part of its confirmed Chapter 11 plan (the "<u>Plan</u>") a type of "self insurance fund" (the "<u>Tail</u> <u>Fund</u>") and claims resolution process for satisfying certain future medical malpractice claims

which are first asserted after the last date that medical malpractice insurance coverage was available to the Hospital and its former residents, interns and fellows (collectively, the "<u>House</u> <u>Staff Officers</u>"), former employed attending physicians ("<u>Attending Physicians</u>"), as well as its former nurses, nurse practitioners, medical technicians, and other medical staff (together with the House Staff Officers and Attending Physicians, the "<u>Covered Staff</u>") that were employed at the Hospital and that contribute to the Tail Fund as further described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, AND AGREED, AND DUE CONSIDERATION BEING PROVIDED by and among the Parties through their undersigned counsel, that:

1. <u>Temporary Extension of the Automatic Stay for Covered Staff</u>

- a. SVCMC agrees to move the Bankruptcy Court for a temporary extension of the automatic stay pursuant to sections 105 and 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to stay all holders of Tail Claims⁵ from continuing the prosecution of a judicial, administrative or other action against all Covered Staff and the Hospital related to the Tail Claims (the "<u>Temporary Stay Extension</u>").⁶
- b. The Temporary Stay Extension will expire on the earlier of (a) July 31, 2011 or (b) the effective date of the Debtors' Chapter 11 plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"). SVCMC agrees to schedule a status conference with the Bankruptcy Court within the first 90 days of the Order approving the Temporary Stay Extension at which time SVCMC will provide the Bankruptcy Court with an update on the Settlement Agreement and the impact of the Temporary Stay Extension. SVCMC also agrees to provide the Bankruptcy Court with further status updates at least once every 120 days from the initial status update provided. SVCMC agrees to request

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⁶ The Temporary Stay Extension will not prevent the commencement of a judicial, administrative or other action but will stay its prosecution.

a further extension of the Temporary Stay Extension if a Plan has not been confirmed by July 31, 2011.

- c. The Order approving the Temporary Stay Extension would provide that holders of Tail Claims will have their rights preserved to challenge the Temporary Stay Extension and may seek to have the stay modified or terminated after notice and a hearing upon a showing of cause.
- d. The Debtors agree to seek a permanent channeling injunction as well as a claims resolution process as part of their Plan (as further described below).

2. <u>Self-Insurance Fund for Settlement of Tail Claims</u>

- a. The Debtors agree to seek to establish as part of their Plan, a "self insurance fund" (the "<u>Tail Fund</u>") to satisfy and/or settle outstanding Tail Claims. As further described below, the Tail Fund will be funded by participating Covered Staff with a matching contribution by SVCMC. All Tail Claims against participating Covered Staff and SVCMC would be channeled to the Tail Fund. The proceeds of the Tail Fund would be used to settle or satisfy outstanding Tail Claims and pay for the administration of the Tail Fund and the claim resolution process.
- b. <u>Tail Coverage Limits</u>. The Tail Fund would be funded with up to \$3,100,000. Each Tail Claim would be capped at \$250,000 inclusive of legal fees and costs.
- c. Contributions to the Tail Fund
 - i. As set forth below, (a) SVCMC and (b) the House Staff Officers and Attending Physicians (that were employed by SVCMC) would equally contribute to the Tail Fund.
 - ii. <u>House Staff Officers and Attending Physician</u>. Subject to the provisions set forth herein, House Staff Officers and Attending Physicians would contribute up to \$1,550,000 in the aggregate to the Tail Fund. The Plan will provide that House Staff Officers and Attending Physicians will contribute proceeds of their allowed priority claims, including claims for severance, under 11 U.S.C. 507(a)(4) to the Tail Fund in the amounts set forth below:
 - 1. Individual Contribution Amounts:
 - a. The contribution amount for each <u>Attending Physician</u> will depend on that physician's specialty (risk). The specialties have been grouped into three risk categories (high, medium, and low). Higher risk categories are required to contribute a greater amount. If an individual Attending Physician does not have sufficient proceeds from his/her priority or severance claim distribution for such Attending Physician's required contribution to the Tail

Fund, then such Attending Physician must contribute the applicable difference in a cash payment in order to receive the benefit of the "Plan Injunction" as hereinafter defined.

- b. <u>House Staff Officers</u>. Each House Staff Officer will contribute up to \$1,000 of his/her priority claim distribution under 11 U.S.C. \$507(a)(4)) to the Tail Fund. By way of example, if an individual House Staff Officer has an allowed priority claim of \$400, then such House Staff Officer will contribute only \$400 to the Tail Fund. By way of further example, if an individual House Staff Officer has an allowed priority claim of \$1,600, such House Staff Officer will contribute only \$1,000 of his/her priority claim distributions to the Tail Fund and will still retain a priority claim of \$600.
- c. The projected contribution for each Attending Physician and House Staff Officer employed on or about the Petition Date will be listed on <u>Annex 2</u>. The Debtors reserve the right to modify the estimated allocation amounts listed on <u>Annex 2</u> if additional physicians (not listed on <u>Annex 2</u>) agree to contribute to the Tail Fund or if any individual listed on <u>Annex 2</u> opts-out of the Tail Fund. Any Attending Physician who disputes the assignment of his/her risk category may seek a review of such assignment by motion to the Bankruptcy Court.
- d. Opt In/Out Election
 - i. Election to Opt-Out by Attending Physicians in the Movants' Group. Each Attending Physician that is part of the Movants' group listed on Annex 1 will have the opportunity to opt-out of contributing to the Tail Fund by delivering to the undersigned counsel for SVCMC and the Movants (with a copy to the undersigned counsel for the Creditors' Committee) an original signed acknowledgment reflecting the intention to opt-out within 45 days from the date that such Attending Physician received notice of the opportunity to opt-out of the Settlement Agreement. The Parties agree to provide such Attending Physician with notice of the opportunity to opt-out within 10 business days from the entry of an order approving this Settlement Agreement. The estimated contribution amounts for each Attending Physician will be set forth on Annex 2. Those Movant-Attending Physicians that do not opt-out and will not have sufficient proceeds

from their anticipated allowed priority claim distribution, will be required to make a cash contribution to the Tail Fund (by certified check, bank check or money order) for the deficiency amount. All contribution amounts received will be placed into an escrow account with the undersigned counsel for the Movants⁷ and held in such account until the establishment of the Tail Fund as part of the Debtors' Plan.

- 1. If an Attending Physician elects to opt-out of contributing to the Tail Fund, then such individual will not be entitled to a channeling injunction and the Temporary Stay Extension will immediately terminate as to that individual. Such election, however, will not affect the right of such individual to receive an allowed distribution under the Plan, if any.
- ii. Election to Opt-In for Attending Physicians Not in the Movant's Group. All Attending Physicians that are not part of the Movants' group (but were employed at the Hospital since July 5, 2005) will be provided an opportunity to contribute to the Tail Fund and be bound by the Settlement Agreement. Such non-Movant Attending Physicians must elect to opt-in within 45 days of receiving notice of the opportunity to opt-in, by providing the undersigned counsel for SVCMC and the Movants (with a copy to the undersigned counsel for the Creditors' Committee) with original signed an acknowledgment to be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and contribute to the Tail Fund along with a certified check, bank check or money order in the amount of such Attending Physician's estimated Tail Fund contribution amount (after taking into account the projected proceeds of that individuals' allowed priority claim distribution, if any) will be set forth on Annex 2. All contribution amounts received will be placed into an escrow account with the undersigned

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counsel for the Movants⁸ and held in such account until the establishment of the Tail Fund as part of the Debtors' Plan. The Parties agree to provide each non-Movant Attending Physicians with notice of the opportunity to opt-in within 10 business days from the entry of an Order approving this Settlement Agreement.

- 1. If a non-movant Attending Physician (that is not part of the Movants' group listed on <u>Annex 2</u>) fails to contribute to the Tail Fund as set forth herein, then such individual will not be entitled to a channeling injunction and the Temporary Stay Extension will immediately terminate as to that individual. Such election, however, will not affect the right of such individual to receive an allowed distribution under the Plan, if any.
- 2. <u>Releases</u>. In addition to the contributions to the Tail Fund indicated above, both House Staff Officers and Attending Physicians would agree to waive: (a) all indemnification claims against the Debtors' estates related to any Tail Claims; and (b) any administrative claims for tail coverage; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such waiver does not extend to any other types of claims that they may hold including any remaining allowed priority or severance claims (after taking into account the required contribution to the tail fund).
- iii. <u>SVCMC's Contribution</u>. Subject to the conditions set forth in section 7 below, SVCMC would match the House Staff Officer/Attending Physician contributions to the Tail Fund up to \$1,550,000.
- iv. <u>Nurses, nurse practitioners, medical technicians and other medical</u> <u>staff</u> that were employed at the Hospital will be required to waive (i) all indemnification claims against the estates related to an asserted Tail Claim and (ii) all administrative claims against the estates related to any Tail Claim; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such waiver does not extend to any other types of claims that they may hold.
- v. The required monetary contributions from House Staff Officers and Attending Physicians and the waiver of indemnification claims and certain administrative claims of all other Covered Staff will provide consideration to support the Plan Injunction against third-party claimants.

⁸ Attending Physicians would be required to agree to be bound by the escrow agreement between the Parties and Weiss & Zarett, P.C. as Escrow Agent.

- d. <u>Tail Fund Refund</u>. If any funds remain in the Tail Fund after the payment of all Tail Claims and the fees and expenses of the administration of the Tail Fund, such remaining funds shall be refunded back to (i) the House Staff Officers and Attending Physician that contributed to the Tail Fund and (ii) SVCMC (or as otherwise provided under the Plan) in an equal proportion to the amount of each party's monetary contribution.
- e. <u>Refunds from QNY for Tail Coverage Premiums Already Paid</u>. Covered Staff that purchased tail coverage from QNY during the pendency of the Bankruptcy Cases will be provided with a refund of the premiums paid (the "<u>QNY Refund</u>") after the expiration of the opt-in/out period unless the Employed Physician opts out of contributing to the Tail Fund as set forth in paragraph 2(c)(ii)(1)(d) above. Prior to receiving the QNY Refund, each Covered Staff will be required to sign an acknowledgement that, upon receipt of the QNY refund, such Covered Person's tail insurance coverage provided by QNY will be immediately cancelled as of the date that such tail coverage was first purchased and that QNY shall be released from all obligations and liability related to the applicable insurance policy.
- 3. <u>Prepetition Claims Against SVCMC</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Tail Claims shall not include claims against SVCMC that arose prior to the Petition Date, but shall include claims against Covered Persons that arose prior to or after the Petition Date <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in all cases such claims are first asserted against any such Covered Person after the last date that medical malpractice insurance coverage was available to that Covered Person. Nothing about this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to modify in any way the rights and obligations of all holders of claims that arose prior to the Petition Date to comply with the terms of the Bankruptcy Court's *Order Establishing Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim and Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof* [Docket No. 773] (the "<u>Bar Date Order</u>") including, without limitation, parties obligation to file proofs claims against the Debtors. Additionally, all of the rights of the Debtors' and any other party pursuant to the Bar Date Order and otherwise are specifically preserved.
- 4. <u>Tail Bar Date</u>. As part of its Plan, SVCMC agrees to seek to establish December 31, 2011 (the "<u>Tail Bar Date</u>") as the date by which (i) all holders of a Tail Claim must file a proof of claim that asserts a claim against a participating Covered Staff and (ii) all holders of Tail Claims that arose after the Petition Date must file a proof of claim against SVCMC. Any holder of a Tail Claim that fails to file a proof of claim prior to the Tail Bar Date shall be forever barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting such claim against the participating Covered Person or the Hospital.

5. Tail Claim Resolution Process

- a. As part of the Plan, SVCMC agrees to seek to establish a claims resolution process (the "<u>Tail Claim Resolution Process</u>") to resolve all Tail Claims. The Parties' agree that the Tail Claim Resolution Process would be comprised of the following:
 - i. A claims administrator for the Tail Fund would be appointed.

- ii. SVCMC would retain special medical malpractice counsel to advise it in the resolution and estimation of medical malpractice claims.
- iii. Each claimant would be required to participate in a mandatory claims resolution process. An arbitrator and/or mediator would be appointed after consultation with special medical malpractice counsel and the Committee.
- iv. The arbitrator/mediator, in consultation with SVCMC, will set forth the procedures and timetable for the resolution of claims.
- v. SVCMC would serve as the primary defendant in the claims resolution process.
- vi. SVCMC will serve notice of the claim resolution sessions including the resolution procedures to all Tail Claimants. No discovery may be conducted prior to the initial session and any subsequent discovery will be allowed as determined by the arbitrator/mediator.
- vii. Counsel will not be a necessity to participate in claims resolution processhowever, the claimant and SVCMC must participate. Deadlines may be set to act upon proposed settlements.
- viii. Stipulations and orders must include releases by the claimant against the Debtors (and their related entities) and the applicable Covered Staff.
- ix. The arbitrator/mediator's fees and expenses shall be equally shared by SVCMC and the claimant, however, SVCMC's share shall be payable from the Tail Fund (and would be deducted from each claimant's per claim cap). Each party bears its own legal fees, provided however that SVCMC's legal fees shall also be payable from the Tail Fund.
- x. Estimation procedures under section 502(c) may be utilized if the parties are unable to liquidate or resolve a claim.
- b. <u>Preservation of Jury Trial Rights</u>. If, at the conclusion of mandatory claims resolution process, a claimant does not agree with the arbitrator/mediator's recommendations, that claimant will have the opportunity to liquidate his/her claims in a non-bankruptcy forum.
 - i. However, all non-bankruptcy judgments will continue to be channeled to the Tail Fund and will continue to be subject to the \$250,000 per claim cap (inclusive of legal fees and costs).

6. Channeling Injunction

a. <u>Channeling Injunction for Participating Covered Staff and SVCMC</u>. The Debtors agree to seek the approval of a Plan which will provide that all direct or indirect holders of Tail Claims shall be permanently enjoined from commencing, conducting or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any suit, action or

other proceeding of any kind against SVCMC and the Covered Staff that participate in the Tail Fund (including, but not limited to, claims against SVCMC for indemnification related to the Tail Claims). The Plan would provide that any and all recoveries on account of such Tail Claims (including any related indemnification claims against SVCMC) will be channeled to and solely paid from the Tail Fund. Together, such provisions shall be referred to as the "<u>Plan</u> <u>Injunction</u>."

- b. <u>Consideration for Plan Injunction</u>. In exchange for the Plan Injunction:
 - i. <u>House Staff Officers and Participating Attending Physicians</u> agree to (a) make the contributions to the Tail Fund in the amounts indicated in section 2 above (subject to the ability to "opt out" as also provided in section 2); (b) waive all indemnification claims against the Debtors' estates related to any Tail Claims; and (c) waive any administrative claims for tail coverage; provided, however, that such waiver does not extend to any other types of claims that they may hold including any remaining allowed priority claims and severance claims (after taking into account the required contribution to the Tail Fund).
 - ii. <u>Nurses, nurse practitioners, medical technicians and other medical staff</u> will be deemed to (a) waive all indemnification claims against the Debtors' estates related to any Tail Claims and (b) waive all other administrative claims against the Debtors related to any Tail Claim; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such waiver does not extend to any other types of claims that they may hold.
- 7. <u>Withdrawal of Administrative Claim Motion</u>. In exchange for the Debtors' agreement to seek the establishment of the Temporary Stay Extension, the Tail Fund, Tail Claim Resolution Process and the Plan Injunction, upon the entry of an Order creating the Temporary Stay Extension, the Movants' Administrative Claim Motion shall be deemed withdrawn without prejudice and upon the entry of a final order approving confirmation of the Plan which includes the Plan Injunction, such withdrawal shall be deemed to be with prejudice.

8. SVCMC's Obligation To Fund the Tail Fund

- a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Settlement Agreement, SVCMC's obligation to fund the Tail Fund (in the amount set forth above) is conditioned upon each of the following:
 - i. The entry of a Order (that has not been overturned on appeal or is subject to a stay pending appeal) approving the Settlement Agreement;
 - ii. The entry of an Order (that has not been overturned on appeal or is subject to a stay pending appeal) confirming a Plan which provides for each of the following:

- 1. the creation a Tail Fund as set forth herein;
- 2. the establishment of the Tail Bar Date;
- 3. contributions to the Tail Fund by applicable Covered Staff in the amounts set forth in section 2(c) and 6(b);
- 4. the Covered Staff releases and claim waivers as set forth in section 2(c) and 6(b);
- 5. the establishment of the Tail Claim Resolution Process; and
- 6. the approval of the Plan Injunction.
- iii. A confirmed Plan (containing the provisions listed in subsection ii. above) becoming effective and not subject to an Order staying such effectiveness.
- 9. <u>Movant's Legal Fees</u>. The Debtors agree that Movants would be able to recover their reasonable legal fees and costs from the Tail Fund in connection with the Administrative Claim Motion and the Settlement Agreement up to a cap of \$100,000 upon entry of an order approving such fees. Movants' counsel agrees to file an appropriate application with the Bankruptcy Court.
- 10. <u>Cooperation</u>. Each of the parties hereto shall do any and all acts and things, and shall execute and deliver any and all documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Settlement Agreement.
- 11. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Settlement Agreement is expressly conditioned upon approval of the Bankruptcy Court and is effective upon such approval.
- 12. <u>Integration</u>. The Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the matters set forth herein, and no representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any party concerning this Settlement Agreement, other than as set forth in this Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement supersedes any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, regarding the matters set forth in this Settlement Agreement.
- 13. <u>Assignment</u>. No party to this Settlement Agreement may assign any of its rights hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Parties. This Agreement shall be binding upon an inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors an assigns, including, and successor liquidation trusts established pursuant to the Plan
- 14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Settlement Agreement to be executed by themselves or their duly authorized attorneys on this 21st day of October, 2010.

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED

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Annex 2

Estimated Allocation Amounts

To be Mutually and Reasonably Agreed Upon

<u>Exhibit B</u>

List of SVCMC's Outpatient Clinics & Practices

Facility <u></u> <u>Type</u>	Clinic/Practice Name
Article 28	Senior Health & Senior Health House Calls
Article 28	Chinatown Clinic
Article 28	WIC Program (2 locations O'Toole and Chinatown)
Article 28	1 – HIV (Spellman Center or IDC)
Article 28	Community Medicine (O'Toole)
Article 28	Chelsea Village - Community Medicine (O'Toole)
Article 28	Multi-specialty Academic Clinic/O'Toole Outpatient Services
Article 28	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Clinic
School-based Clinic Satellites	Child Trauma and Wellness
Article 28	Adult Mental Health Clinic
Clinic Satellite	Trauma and Wellness

Facility <u></u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Clinic/Practice Name</u>
Article 28	Continuing Day Treatment Program (Manhattan)
Article 28	Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program
Clinic	Continuing Day Treatment Program (Brooklyn)
Article 28	Comprehensive Cancer Center
Emergency Room	St. Vincent's Emergency Services, P.C.
Article 28	PMNR – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Faculty Practice	Cardiothoracic Practice
Faculty Practice	OB Faculty Practice
Faculty Practice	Medical Associates and Pediatric Associates (14th st)
Faculty Practice	Cystic Fibrosis Center
Faculty Practice	Village Obstetrics (VOB)
Faculty Practice	Gianna - The Catholic Healthcare Center for Women

Facility <u></u> <u>Type</u>	Clinic/Practice Name
Faculty Practice	PM&R-Dr. Pak Martin Payne