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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SOUND SHORE MEDICAL CENTER OF WESTCHESTER, et al.,

Chapter 11

Case No.: 13-22840 (RDD)

Debtors.

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PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S THIRTEENTH OBJECTION TO ALLOWANCE OF CERTAIN PROOFS OF CLAIM

(Secured and Priority: "Duplicate Claims")

Monica Terrano, as Plan Administrator (the "Plan Administrator") for the estates of Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester, and its affiliated debtors (collectively, the "Estate"), by and through her counsel, hereby submits this application (the "Application") for entry of an Order pursuant to 11 USC § 502 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 disallowing and expunging certain proofs of claim identified on Exhibit A which are duplicative of other filed proofs of claim. In support of the Application, the Plan Administrator represents as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On May 29, 2013 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester, and its affiliates (each a "<u>Debtor</u>" and together the "<u>Debtors</u>,"), each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New

York (the "<u>Court</u>"). Pursuant to Sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors continued to administer their affairs as debtors-in-possession.

- 2. On June 10, 2013, the United States Trustee appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"). [Docket No. 67]. The Committee retained Alston Bird, LLP as its counsel. No Trustee or examiner was appointed in the cases.
- 3. On June 3, 2013, this Court granted an order to employ GCG, Inc. ("GCG"), as the Debtors' Claims and Noticing agent [Docket No. 41].
- 4. On June 28, 2013, the Debtors filed their respective schedule of assets and liabilities and statement of financial affairs (the "Schedules") [Docket Nos. 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137].
- 5. By order of this Court dated July 25, 2013 (the "Bar Date Order"). [Docket No. 194], with certain exceptions, the general deadline for the filing of proofs of claim against the Debtors was established as September 16, 2013 (the "Bar Date") and the deadline for governmental units to file claims against the Debtors was established as November 25, 2013. On August 9, 2013, the Debtors caused written notice of the Bar Date to be mailed to the Debtors' known and potential creditors [Docket No. 265]. In addition, on August 15, 2013, the Debtors caused notice of the Bar Date to be published in the The New York Times [Docket No. 299].
- 6. Thereafter, on December 13, 2013, an order was entered establishing January 31, 2014 (the "Administrative Bar Date") as the deadline for the filing of all administrative proofs of claim against the Debtor (the "Administrative Bar Date Order") [Docket No. 490]. On December 19, 2013, the Debtors caused written notice of the Administrative Bar Date to be

mailed to the Debtor's known and potential creditors [Docket No. 516]. Additionally, on December 26, 2013, the Debtors caused notice of the Administrative Bar Date to be published in The New York Times Local Edition [Docket No. 622].

- 7. On November 6, 2014, the Court entered an Order (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the Debtors' First Amended Plan of Liquidation Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code of Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester, *et al.* (the "Plan") [Docket No. 908]. Pursuant to the Confirmation Order, Monica Terrano has been appointed as Plan Administrator. Pursuant to the Plan, the Plan Administrator has the authority, among other things, to object to claims on behalf of the Estates.
- 8. On December 9, 2014, the Debtors filed their Notice of (I) Entry of Order Confirming Debtors' First Amended Plan of Liquidation; (II) Occurrence of Effective Date of Plan; (III) Supplemental Administrative Claims Bar Date; (IV) Professional Fee Claims Bar Date; and (V) Bar Date for Proofs of Claim Relating to Executory Contracts Rejected Pursuant to Plan declaring the Plan to be "effective" [Docket No. 940].

JURISDICTION

9. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B). The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 3001 and 3002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

RELIEF REQUESTED

10. Since the passing of the Bar Date and the Administrative Bar Date, the Plan Administrator, together with her counsel and advisors, has reviewed the Debtors' books and

records to identify objectionable claims. As a result of this review, certain objectionable claims have been uncovered which are addressed by this Thirteenth Objection.

- 11. The claims that are the subject of this Thirteenth Objection are those claims which were duplicative of other filed claims, and should be disallowed and expunged in their entirety.
- 12. Upon examining the proofs of claim identified on Exhibit A, the Plan Administrator determined that each such claim is duplicative of another filed claim (the "Duplicative Claims"). As such, the Duplicative Claims must be disallowed and expunged.
- 13. The Debtors thus seek entry of an order or orders pursuant to Section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 3001 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure disallowing and expunging the Duplicative Claims on Exhibit A.

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

- 14. Section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows:
 - (a) A claim or interest, proof of which is filed, under section 501 of this title, is deemed allowed, unless a party in interest, including a creditor of a general partner in a partnership, that is a debtor in a case under chapter 7 of this title, objects.
- 11 U.S.C. § 502(a).
- 15. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f), a properly executed and filed proof of claim constitutes *prima facie* evidence of the validity and the amount of the underlying claim under section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3001(f). To receive the benefit of *prima facie* validity, however, "the proof of claim must 'set forth facts necessary to support the claim.". *In re Chain*, 255 B.R. 278, 280 (Bankr. D.Conn. 2000) (quoting *In re Marino*, 90 B.R. 25, 28 (Bankr. D. Conn. 1988)).

16. As set forth herein, the Plan Administrator has diligently and carefully reviewed and scrutinized each of the proofs of claim filed in this case and has determined that the claims set forth on Exhibit A hereto are duplicative of other filed claims and should be disallowed and expunged. The Plan Administrator thus seeks to disallow and expunge each of the objectionable claims identified on Exhibit A.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

17. The Plan Administrator reserves all rights to object to any surviving claims asserted against the Debtors, as identified on the annexed exhibits, whether asserted or unasserted by any of the claimants affected by the Application against the Debtors. Should one or more of the objections addressed herein be denied or dismissed, the Plan Administrator reserves her rights to further object to the disputed claim on any other grounds, discovered by the Plan Administrator during the pendency of this case.

NOTICE

18. Notice of this Thirteenth Objection will be given by mailing a copy of this Thirteenth Objection and the proposed order to (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for this district, (ii) counsel for the Committee, (iii) each of the claimants listed on Exhibit A, at their respective addresses as set forth on such exhibit, and (iv) each of the entities who have filed a notice of appearance in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and all other parties required to be notified under the Case Management Order. In addition, as required under the Order Approving Omnibus Claim Objection Procedures [Docket No. 1036], each claimant whose claim is subject to this Thirteenth Objection has received, in such claimant's respective notice packet, a separate individualized notice informing the claimant that its claim is covered by this Thirteenth

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Objection and that the failure to timely oppose the objection, as set forth in the notice, may result in the grant of the relief requested by this Thirteenth Objection.

WHEREFORE, the Plan Administrator respectfully requests that the relief requested herein be granted and this Court enter an order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit B, and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: Great Neck, New York February 12, 2016

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In re:		
Debtors	(Jointly Administered)	

DECLARATION OF MONICA TERRANO IN SUPPORT OF THIRTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

STATE OF NEW YORK)

) ss.: COUNTY OF NASSAU)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Monica Terrano, hereby declare:

1. I am the Plan Administrator ("<u>PA</u>") for the Estate of Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester, and its debtor affiliates (the "<u>Estate</u>"). In my capacity as the PA, I am authorized to submit this declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the Estate's Thirteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims (the "<u>Thirteenth Objection</u>")².

The debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each debtor's federal tax identification number include: Sound Shore Health System, Inc. (1398), Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester (0117), The Mount Vernon Hospital (0115), Howe Avenue Nursing Home, Inc., d/b/a Helen and Michael Schaffer Extended Care Center (0781), NRHMC Services Corporation (9137), The M.V.H. Corporation (1514) and New Rochelle Sound Shore Housing, LLC (0117). There are certain additional affiliates of the Debtors who are not debtors and have not sought relief under Chapter 11.

² Capitalized terms, unless herein defined, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Omnibus Objection.

- 2. Except as otherwise indicated, all facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon: (a) my personal knowledge; (b) my review of relevant documents, including Proofs of Claim, (as defined below); (c) my experience and knowledge of the Estate's prior operations, books and records and personnel; and (d) as to matters involving United States bankruptcy law or rules or other applicable laws, my reliance on the advice of counsel or other advisors to the Estate. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify to the facts set forth herein on that basis.
- 3. I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 17 years of experience in the healthcare industry. Over the past seven years, I have worked primarily on Chapter 11 cases relating to hospital restructurings and/or liquidations. During this time, I have specialized in all aspects of bankruptcy case administration, including claims review and reconciliation, and the preparation of related statements and required schedules and have been focusing primarily on bankrupt hospitals.

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION PROCESS

4. Since the expiration of the General Bar Date and Governmental Bar Date, considerable time and effort has been expended by the Estate and its professionals and advisors in connection with the claims administration process to ensure a high level of diligence in reviewing and reconciling hundreds of proofs of claim (the "Proofs of Claim") filed in connection with these Chapter 11 cases. Working directly with the Estates' professionals and advisors, I personally reviewed, analyzed and considered the merits of each Proof of Claim and determined that the claims covered by the Thirteenth Objection were subject to objection. Throughout the process, I regularly interfaced with the Estate's professionals and advisors to address potential legal issues impacting the claims.

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THE DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS

5. I am generally familiar with the information contained in the Thirteenth

Objection. Based on my review of the Proofs of Claim, I assisted the Estate's bankruptcy

counsel in the preparation of the Thirteenth Objection and related schedules by identifying all

duplicative claims (the "Duplicative Claims").

In evaluating the Duplicative Claims, the Debtors and its advisors reviewed each

of the filed proofs of claim (including supporting documentation) and ultimately determined that

each Duplicative Claim was identical to another filed claim. Therefore, I believe that the

disallowance and expungement of the Duplicative Claims, for the reasons set forth in the

Thirteenth Objection, is appropriate.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the

foregoing is true and correct.

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Dated: February 12, 2016

Great Neck, New York

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EXHIBIT B

PROPOSED ORDER

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SOUND SHORE MEDICAL CENTER OF WESTCHESTER, et al.

Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No. 13-22840 (RDD)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING THIRTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the motion of the Plan Administrator appointed in these cases (the "Motion") for entry of an order pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502 and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy expunging, and/or disallowing each of the proofs of claim listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, on the basis that they were duplicative of another filed claim; the Court having reviewed the Thirteenth Objection; and notice having been provided (i) to the claimants listed on Exhibit A at the addresses set forth on the claimants' respective proofs of claim, (ii) counsel for the Committee, and (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee; and no response having been filed thereto; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Thirteenth Objection; and the Thirteenth Objection having come before the Court for a hearing held on March 16, 2016 (the "Hearing"); and upon the record made before the Court on that date; and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Thirteenth Objection is in the best interest of the Debtors' estate, creditors and other parties in interest; and it appearing that sufficient notice of the Thirteenth Objection has been given, and the Court having determined that the legal and factual basis set forth in the Thirteenth Objection establish cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and consideration of the

¹ Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion

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Motion having been had; and it appearing that good and sufficient cause exists for granting the

Thirteenth Objection, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the relief requested in the Thirteenth Objection is GRANTED to the

extent set forth below and upon the terms and conditions set forth herein; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Claims listed on Exhibit A, as attached hereto, are hereby expunged

and disallowed; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Garden City Group, LLC., and

the Clerk of this Court are authorized to take any and all actions that are necessary or appropriate

to give effect to this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all issues arising from

or related to the implementation and interpretation of this Order.

Dated: March _____, 2016

White Plains, New York

HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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Hearing Date: March 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) Objection Deadline: March 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)

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In re:

SOUND SHORE MEDICAL CENTER OF WESTCHESTER, et al¹.,

Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case

No. 13-22840 (RDD) (Jointly Administered)

THE OMNIBUS CLAIMS OBJECTION LISTED BELOW SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN FILED PROOFS OF CLAIM. YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE YOUR CLAIM IS COVERED BY THE THIRTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION. YOUR FAILURE TO TIMELY OPPOSE THE RELIEF SOUGHT HEREIN MAY RESULT IN THE GRANTING OF THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THIS OBJECTION.

NOTICE OF PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S THIRTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO SECURED AND PRIORITY CLAIMS THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a hearing on the annexed Thirteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims, dated February 12, 2016 (the "Thirteenth Omnibus Objection"), of the Post Confirmation Estate of Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester, et al. (the "Estate"), will be

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held before the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York, on the 16th day of March 2016 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard seeking the relief set forth on Exhibit A to the Thirteenth Omnibus Objection.

ALL PARTIES RECEIVING THIS NOTICE SHOULD REVIEW THE THIRTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE IF A RESPONSE IS REQUIRED. THE FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A RESPONSE OR OTHERWISE OPPOSE THE OBJECTION MAY RESULT IN THE GRANTING OF THE RELIEF.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that responses if any, to the proposed Thirteenth Omnibus Objection (the "Responses") shall be made in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules for the Southern District of New York, shall state with particularity the grounds upon with such Response is based, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, in electronic format in accordance with General Order M-399, by utilizing the Court's electronic case filing system at www.nysb.uscourts.gov, or if the same cannot be filed electronically, by manually filing same with the Clerk of the Court together with a cd-rom containing same in Word, Wordperfect or PDF format, with a hard copy provided to the Clerk's Office at the Bankruptcy Court for delivery to the Chambers of the Honorable Robert D. Drain and served on (i) Garfunkel Wild, P.C., 111 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, New York 11021, Attention: Burton S. Weston, Esq., Adam T. Berkowitz, Esq., and Phillip Khezri, Esq., counsel to the Plan Administrator; (ii) Alston & Bird LLP, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016 Attention: Martin G. Bunin, Esq. and Craig E. Freeman, Esq., counsel to the Committee;

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and (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for this district so as to be received by all such

parties no later than 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on March 9, 2016.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no Responses are timely filed and served

with respect to the Thirteenth Omnibus Objection, the Estate may, on or after the Objection

Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed

order annexed to the Thirteenth Omnibus Objection, which order may be entered with no further

notice or opportunity to be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE you may obtain copies of a proof of claim from

the website maintained by the Debtors' noticing and claims agent, Garden City Group, LLC

("GCG") at http://www.gcginc.com/cases/soundshore. You can search for the desired proof of

claim using the Claimant's name or the claim number. If you do not have access to the Internet,

you can request a copy of any proof of claim, pleading or service list from GCG by calling the

Sound Shore Medical Center's Information line at 866-300-1288.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing on the Thirteenth Omnibus

Objection may be adjourned without further notice except as announced in open court on the

Hearing Date, or at any adjourned hearing.

Dated: Great Neck, New York

February 12, 2016

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