

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**M.A.** by and through his parents MIGUEL AVILA, SR. and HERMINA AVILA,  
**F.L.** by and through his mother, JACQUETTA PEARSON, **Y.R.** by and through her mother CAROLINA BARRANCO, **H.S.** by and through his parents RICARDO SORIA and GEORGINA RIVERA, individually and on behalf of a class,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**PATRICIAL R. BELLOCK**, in her official capacity as Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services,

Defendant.

No. 15-cv-3116

Judge Joan H. Lefkow

Magistrate Judge Sheila M. Finnegan

**ORDER APPROVING FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION**

This matter having come before the Court on December 18, 2019, for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, and the Court having heard argument and considered the submissions presented to it, the Court makes the following findings:

1. This class action was commenced in April, 2015 (Dkt. # 1). This matter was vigorously prosecuted and vigorously defended on behalf of all parties.
2. The parties engaged in settlement discussions from 2016 thru the present. During the course of this litigation some individual class members received interim relief.
3. The parties in this class action filed a joint motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement and for dissemination of notice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1)(B)

(Dkt.# 148), and this Court granted preliminary approval as set forth in the Court's Order dated October 10, 2018 (Dkt. #153).

4. Due notice of the pendency of this litigation, the substance of the proposed Settlement, and the Fairness Hearing was ordered given in the form and manner approved and directed in the Court's Order (Dkt. 153).

5. Defendant has shown, and this Court finds, that the Class Notice was timely provided in accordance with the Court's Order. The dissemination of the Class Notice in this manner was the best notice to the Class practical under the circumstances and satisfies the requirements of due process and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

6. Pursuant to the Class Notice, all interested persons were given notice that the Court would hold a hearing on the joint motion for final approval on December 18, 2018 (the "Fairness Hearing").

7. On December 18, 2018, the Court conducted a Fairness Hearing pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2), affording the parties and all other interested persons the opportunity to be heard in support of and in opposition to the proposed settlement agreement. After reviewing and considering the papers filed in support of the settlement agreement, the evidence, argument, comments and objections submitted at the Fairness Hearing, the Court has made a finding that the settlement agreement is fair, reasonable and adequate to bind class members.

The Court having fully considered the matter and good cause appearing, hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND DECREES as follows:

1. Judgment is entered pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement incorporated herein and attached as Exhibit A to this Judgment.

2. This action is dismissed without prejudice in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. All prior orders for temporary or preliminary relief are hereby dissolved.

3. In accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

4. Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement settles all claims against the Defendant in this lawsuit.

5. The Court finds that no just reason exists for delay in entering this Judgment pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, the Clerk is hereby directed to enter this Final Judgment, dismissing the action without prejudice.

**ENTER:**



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**Honorable Joan H. Lefkow  
United States District Judge**

**Dated: 12/19/2018**