## SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF DAVID S. KUPETZ

I, David S. Kupetz, declare:

- 1. I am an attorney at law, duly qualified and licensed to practice before this Court. I am a partner of Locke Lord LLP ("Locke Lord"), special health care counsel for Howard M. Ehrenberg (the "Trustee"), the duly appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 11 trustee for the estates of the jointly administered debtors Beverly Community Hospital Association, dba Beverly Hospital, a nonprofit public benefit corporation ("Beverly Community"), Montebello Community Health Services, Inc. ("Montebello Health"), and Beverly Hospital Foundation ("Beverly Foundation") (collectively and interchangeably, the "Debtor" or "Debtors").
- 2. My declaration (my "<u>Prior Declaration</u>") was previously submitted with the Trustee's application to employ Locke Lord in the above-captioned cases (the "<u>Application</u>") [Dkt. No. 854] filed on November 1, 2023.
- 3. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Declaration, and if called to testify, I could and would testify that the facts stated in this Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information.
- 4. I am employed by Locke Lord and am one of the attorneys primarily responsible for the representation of the Trustee in this case. I am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Locke Lord.
- 5. This Declaration is submitted to confirm that the facts stated in my Prior Declaration continue to be true and correct and to supplement my Prior Declaration.
- 6. The Court's order (the "Order") granting the Application was entered on November 22, 2023 [Dkt. No. 886]. Pursuant to the Application and the Order, the Trustee has employed Locke Lord as his special health care counsel, effective as of October 9, 2023, to render services with regard to health care matters and related issues and bankruptcy law issues at the intersection of health care law and bankruptcy law, including, without limitation, claims and defenses of health care payors involving issues of recoupment and setoff, and evaluating and addressing proofs of claim of state and federal health care agencies, and with regard to other regulatory and health care matters.

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- 7. Locke Lord, its partners, counsel, and associates are experienced in health care matters and related issues and bankruptcy law issues at the intersection of health care law and bankruptcy law, including, without limitation, claims and defenses of health care payors involving issues of recoupment and setoff, and evaluating and addressing proofs of claim of state and federal health care agencies, and with regard to other regulatory and health care matters. Locke Lord has extensive experience representing creditors, creditors' committees, debtors, trustees, and others in cases under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 8. To my knowledge and information, neither I, Locke Lord, nor its partners, counsel, or associates represent or have any connection with the Debtors, any creditors, or other parties in interest in these jointly administered cases, their respective attorneys or accountants, the United States Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee.
- 9. Locke Lord has carefully reviewed its records and has determined that no conflict exists in connection with these estates and is a disinterested person with regard to these cases as that term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, Locke Lord has determined that it does not and has not represented anyone with any interests adverse to the estates. Locke Lord does represent U.S. Bank and some of its affiliates in various matters, but has engaged in no such representation with regard to these bankruptcy estates. Further, Locke Lord represents no creditor or other party in these chapter 11 cases and has no interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates.
- 10. Based on Locke Lord's investigation and review of its records, I determined that no potential or actual conflicts of interest exist and that Locke Lord does not represent any party or person holding a claim or adverse interest against the Debtors, and I have therefore concluded that Locke Lord is "disinterested" as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(14). Neither I, Locke Lord, nor its partners, counsel, or associates have any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates.
- 11. Neither I, Locke Lord, nor its partners, counsel, or associates have any pre-petition claim against the Debtors or their estates.
- 12. Neither I, Locke Lord, nor its partners, counsel, or associates were an investor of the Debtors or their estates.

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- 13. Locke Lord has not in the past represented, nor does Locke Lord in the future plan to represent, any related debtors or principals of the Debtors, unless so authorized by the Bankruptcy Court.
  - 14. Locke Lord has no connections with the Debtors or their estates.
- 15. Locke Lord is not and was not an equity security holder or an insider of the Debtors or their estates.
- 16. Locke Lord is not and was not, at any time, an investment banker for any security of the Debtors or their estates, or an attorney for any security of the Debtors or their estates.
- 17. Locke Lord has no interest materially adverse to the interests of the estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, for any reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors or their estates or an investment banker for any security of the Debtors, or for any other reason.
- 18. No partner, counsel, associate, of counsel attorney, or other employee of Locke Lord is a relative or employee of the United States Trustee or a United States Bankruptcy Judge.
  - 19. Locke Lord has received no retainer or other form of compensation in these cases.
- 20. I met Howard Ehrenberg, the Trustee in these cases, in 1986. I joined the law firm Sulmeyer, Kupetz, Baumann & Rothman ("SKB&R"), a professional corporation, in 1986, as an associate attorney, following my graduation from law school. Howard Ehrenberg also joined SKB&R, as an associate attorney in 1986, and that is how we met.
- 21. Subsequently, Howard Ehrenberg and I became members (the equivalent of partners) at SKB&R (a professional corporation). Thereafter, SKB&R changed its name to SulmeyerKupetz ("SK"), and continued to be a professional corporation.
  - 22. I left SK and joined Locke Lord as a partner in April 2022.
- 23. During my years at SKB&R and SK, I socialized with Howard Ehrenberg outside of professional activities on an occasional basis (on average, I would estimate generally once or twice per year).
- 24. Since leaving SK and joining Locke Lord, I have seen Howard Ehrenberg in person a few times at social and/or professional events. During that time, I have had multiple telephone or video

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conferences with Howard Ehrenberg, with the substantial majority of those conferences relating to the above-captioned cases.

25. As a result of working at the same law firm for many years, Howard Ehrenberg and I are well aware of each other's professional experience, expertise, and skills.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on March 31, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

David S. Kupetz

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## PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is 1875 Century Park East, Suite 1900, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): <u>SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF DAVID S. KUPETZ RE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE'S EMPLOYMENT OF LOCKE LORD LLP AS SPECIAL HEALTH CARE COUNSEL</u> will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) April 4, 2024 I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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