UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

NOVO NORDISK INC., et.al.,

Plaintiffs,

-v-

Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-00806-FLW-LHG

NORRIS COCHRAN, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO INTERVENE BY AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, 340B HEALTH, AMERICA'S ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS

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American Hospital Association, 340B Health, America's Essential Hospitals, Association of American Medical Colleges, National Association of Children's Hospitals d/b/a Children's Hospital Association, and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (collectively the "Proposed Intervenors") move this Court, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a) or in the alternative pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b), for an Order granting their Motion to Intervene in this lawsuit regarding the 340B Drug Discount Program.

The 340B Program, established by section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 256b, requires, as a condition of participating in Medicaid and Medicare Part B, that pharmaceutical manufacturers sell outpatient drugs at a discounted price (no more than the 340B ceiling price) to certain public and not-for-profit hospitals, community health centers, and other federally funded clinics that serve communities with a large numbers of low income patients ("340B providers" (described in the statute as "covered entities")) in order to increase the funding these entities have available to meet the needs of their patients.

Since the beginning of the program, 340B providers have dispensed covered outpatient drugs to their patients through in-house pharmacies and through community pharmacies that have entered into written contracts with hospitals and other providers ("contract pharmacies"). Under the latter arrangements, the 340B provider orders and pays for the 340B drugs, which are then shipped to the contract

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