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2515 1 Transaction # 8709853 : sacordad JOHN P. LAVERY, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 004665 L. MICHAEL FRIEND, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 011131 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH Electronically Filed Oct 27 2021 09:08 a.m. 2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 900, Box 28 Las Vegas, NV 89102 Elizabeth A. Brown 5 Phone: (702) 893-3383 Clerk of Supreme Court Fax: (702) 366-9563 Email: john.lavery@lewisbrisbois.com Email: michael.friend@lewisbrisbois.com Attorneys for Appellants CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM and GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. 8 9 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE 10 **COUNTY OF WASHOE** 11 12 CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM and CASE NO: CV21-00809 13 GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC., DEPT. NO.: VIII 14 Appellants, 15 VS. 16 STEPHEN YASMER, 17 Respondent. 18 NOTICE OF APPEAL 19 TO: STEPHEN YASMER, Respondent and, 20 TO: EVAN BEAVERS, ESQ., NEVADA ATTORNEY FOR INJURED WORKERS, 21 counsel of record for Respondent. 22 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Appellants, CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM and 23 GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC., (hereinafter referred to as "Appellants"), in the above-24 entitled action, hereby appeal to the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada from the attached "Order 25 Granting Motion to Dismiss Petition For Judicial Review entered in this action on September 20, 2021 26 27 28

which dismissed Appellants' Petition for Judicial Review and the "Notice of Entry of Order" filed on October 14, 2021. DATED this 21st day of October, 2021. Respectfully submitted, LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP Bv: /s/ L. Michael Friend JOHN P. LAVERY, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 004665 L. MICHAEL FRIEND, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 011131 2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 900, Box 28 Las Vegas, NV 89102 Phone: (702) 893-3383 Fax: (702) 366-9563 Attorneys for Appellants CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM and GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. 

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2 Exhibit 1 Notice of Entry of Order, CV21-00809

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 2 Pursuant to Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that, on the 21st day of 3 October, 2021, service of the foregoing **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was made this date by depositing a 4 true copy of the same for mailing, first class mail, as follows: 5 Stephen Yasmer Michelle L. Morgando, Esq., Sr. Appeals 2257 Carson River Road Officer Carson City, NV 89701 NEVADA DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION Appeals Division, Appeals Office 7 2200 South Rancho Drive, Suite 220 Evan Beavers, Esq. NEVADA ATTORNEY FOR INJURED Las Vegas, NV 89102 8 **WORKERS** 9 1000 E. William Street, Suite 208 Laura Freed, Director DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION Carson City, NV 89701 515 E. Musser Street, Suite 300 10 CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM Carson City, NV 89701 11 Attn: Risk Management 1600 Medical Pkwy. Aaron D. Ford, Nevada Attorney General Carson City, NV 89706 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 12 100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701 13 Yvette McCollum, Sr. Claims Adjuster GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. PO Box 2934 14 Clinton, IA 52733 15 Sheila Y. Moore, Esq., Appeals Officer **16** NEVADA DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION Appeals Division, Appeals Office 1050 E. William Street, Ste. 450 17 Carson City, NV 89701 18 19 20 21 22 An employee of LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP 23 24 25 26



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1	YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an <b>ORDER GRANTING</b>	
2	MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW was entered with the Clerk of	
3	the Court in the above-captioned matter on the 20th day of September, 2021. A copy of which is	
4	attached hereto and made a part hereof. <sup>1</sup>	
5	DATED this 14 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.	
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<sup>1</sup> <u>NOTICE</u>: Pursuant to NRCP Rule 4, should any party desire to appeal this final District Court Order, the notice of appeal must be filed with the clerk of the District Court after entry of a written judgment or order, and no later than thirty (30) days after the date that the written notice of entry of the judgment or order appealed from is served.



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Case No.

CV21-00809

Dept. No.

Petitioner,

STEPHEN YASMER; and APPEALS OFFICE of the DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,

Respondents.

## ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Before the Court are two motions: (1) Motion to Stay Pending Appeal ("Motion to Stay"), filed by Petitioner, CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM (hereinafter, "CTHS") and GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter, "Gallagher, Inc.") on May 3, 2021. Respondent, STEPHEN YASMER, filed his Opposition to Petitioner's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal ("Opposition"), on May 26, 2021. This matter was submitted to the Court on June 30, 2021; and

(2): a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review ("Motion to Dismiss") filed on August 2, 2021, by Respondent, STEPHEN YASMER. The Petitioners, CTHS and GALLAGHER, INC., filed their Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review ("Opposition") on August 12, 2021, to which the Respondent filed a Reply on

 August 17, 2021. On September 13, 2021, the Court entertained argument during a hearing on the *Motion to Stav* and the *Motion to Dismiss*, and took the matters under submission.

Having reviewed the pleadings, relevant authorities, and arguments of counsel, the Court **GRANTS** the Respondent's *Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review*, and finds as follows<sup>1</sup>:

#### I. BACKGROUND

According to the record, Stephen Yasmer (hereinafter "Respondent"), was employed at CTHS. Opp'n to Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal, 1: 26-27. While working, the Respondent was carrying a box of supplies down a stair case when he mis-stepped and fell. Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal, 3: 11-13. As a result of the fall, Respondent was diagnosed with a dislocation, and fracture of his left ankle. Id. 3: 8-9. The Respondent underwent surgery for his injury. Id. 3: 19.

Respondent filed a claim for workers' compensation benefits, which was denied by Gallagher, Inc. Opp'n to Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal, 3: 9-11. The Respondent appealed that determination, and the Hearing Officer affirmed the claim denial. Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal, 3: 22-25. The Respondent appealed this decision to an Appeals Officer who reversed the Petitioner Administrator's denial of liability for Respondent's claim. Id. 3: 27-29. As a result, Gallagher, Inc. was ordered to accept the Respondent's claim for benefits as a workers' compensation claim. Opp'n to Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal, 4: 16-20.

#### II. <u>LEGAL STANDARD</u>

In order to challenge a final decision and order issued by a Nevada Department of Administration appeals officer, a party must file a petition for judicial review. NRS 616C.370. When a party seeks judicial review of an administrative decision [in Nevada], strict compliance with the statutory requirements is a precondition to jurisdiction by the court of judicial review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In light of the Court's order granting the *Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review*, the *Motion for Stay Pending Appeal* is rendered moot.

Kame v. Employment Security Dep't., 105 Nev. 22, 25, 769 P.2d 66, 68 (1989) citing Teepe v. Review Board of Indiana Emp. Sec. Div., 136 Ind. App. 331, 200 N.E. 2d 538, 539 (1964). Requirements for judicial review petitions are contained in NRS 233B.130(2), which requires that petitions are filed:

"In the district court in and for Carson City, in and for the county in which the aggrieved party resides, or in and for the county where the agency proceeding occurred." NRS 233B.130(2)(b).

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that failure of a petitioner to strictly comply with the requirements set out in NRS 233B.130(2) results in a lack of jurisdiction for a district court to consider a petition for judicial review. *Washoe County v. Otto*, 128 Nev. 424, 434, 282 P.3d 719, 726 (2012).

### III. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

## A. The Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review Is Granted Because The Second Judicial District Court Lacks Jurisdiction.

In his *Motion to Dismiss*, the Respondent asserts the Second Judicial District Court does not have jurisdiction because the *Petition for Judicial Review* was not filed in the proper district court. Petitioner contends that jurisdiction is proper as to both CTHS and Gallagher, Inc.

In support, Petitioner first argues because CTHS has two locations in Reno and treats patients throughout northern Nevada, it can establish residency in Washoe County as a domestic corporation. Additionally, Petitioner attests that as an aggrieved party, Gallagher, Inc. has the capacity to select the forum. Pet'r Opp'n to Resp't Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for Judicial. Review, 4: 13-14.

NRS 233B.130(2)(b) requires a petition for judicial review be filed in one of three specific places. One location permitted by the statute is in the district court in and for Carson City. The instant *Petition for Judicial Review* was filed in the Second Judicial District Court in and for the County of Washoe. Under the statutory requirements, the Court does not have jurisdiction to review the *Petition* on this basis.

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Alternatively, the statute permits a petition for judicial review to be filed in and for the county in which the aggrieved party resides. For purposes of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b), a corporation's place of residence is that which is listed as the principal place of business in its articles of incorporation. *Liberty Mut. v. Thomasson*, 130 Nev. 28, 34, 317 P.3d 837, 836 (2012). Yet, a foreign corporation cannot have a fixed residence in any Nevada county for purposes of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b)'s residency requirement. *Id*.

The Petitioner argues that Gallagher, Inc. and CTHS are the aggrieved parties. Pet'r Opp'n to Respt's Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for Judicial Review, 4: 1-5. Gallagher, Inc. is a foreign corporation, that is licensed by the Nevada Department of Insurance to conduct business throughout Nevada. Id. 4: 11-13. The Nevada Supreme Court has determined that a foreign corporation, such as Gallagher, Inc., cannot have a fixed residence in any Nevada county for these jurisdictional purposes. Furthermore, Gallagher, Inc. has not alleged that its principal place of business is in Washoe County. Considering both binding precedent, and the lack of authority to support licensure by the Nevada Department of Insurance conferring any type of residency status, the Court cannot exercise jurisdiction over Gallagher, Inc. under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b).

CTHS has offices in Reno, Nevada. However, CTHS maintains over twenty locations statewide, with only two of those locations being in Reno. Pet'r Opp'n to Respt's Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for Judicial Review, 4: 2-3. Despite maintaining locations in Reno, CTHS has registered its officers and directors to an address in Carson City. Id. at Exhibit 8. CTHS has not alleged, nor has it proven that its principal place of business is in Washoe County. Therefore, CTHS has failed to establish that they meet the residency requirements delineated by Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b), making jurisdiction improper in Washoe County.

The statute finds one more location to be appropriate; a petition for judicial review can be filed in and for the county in which the agency proceeding occurred. In this case, the agency proceeding did not take place in Washoe County. The certificate of service for both the appeals officer's decision and order list an address in Carson City. Resp't Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for

Judicial Review, Exhibit 8. Since the agency proceeding occurred outside of Washoe County, this Court does not have jurisdiction.

Under Nevada law, "[a] district court is empowered to render a judgment either for or against a person or entity only if it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter." Young v. Nevada Title Company, 103 Nev. 436, 442, 744, P.2d 902, 905 (1987). The Court cannot find a viable basis under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b) to exercise jurisdiction. Therefore, the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review is GRANTED.

#### IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Based upon the foregoing, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review is **GRANTED** as set forth above. The Petition for Judicial Review is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 20 day of September, 2021.

BARRY L. BRESLOW DISTRICT JUDGE

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this <u>20</u> day of September, 2021, I electronically filed the following with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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Stephen Yasmer

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All attorneys identified above are licensed to practice law in Nevada.

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Appellants retained counsel in the District Court.

7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal:

Appellants are represented by retained counsel on appeal.

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Appellants were not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

1 9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date 2 complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed): 3 The Petition for Judicial Review of the Appeals Officer's Decision of April 15, 4 2021, was filed on May 3, 2021. 5 10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, 6 including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court: 7 Respondent Stephen Yasmer filed a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review 8 9 on August 2, 2021, due to lack of jurisdiction. The District Court issued an Order Granting Motion 10 to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review on September 20, 2021. 11 11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original 12 writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of 13 the prior proceeding: 14 No. 15 12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: 16 17 No. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 3 4830-0445-4911.1 / 26878-2777 26

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4 5/3/2021 - 2490 - Motion ...

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM and, GALLAGHER BASSET SERVICES, INC.,

Case No.

Dept. No. 8

CV21-00809

VS.

STEPHEN YASMER; and APPEALS OFFICE of the DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,

Respondents.

Petitioner.

### ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Before the Court are two motions: (1) Motion to Stay Pending Appeal ("Motion to Stay"), filed by Petitioner, CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM (hereinafter, "CTHS") and GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter, "Gallagher, Inc.") on May 3, 2021. Respondent, STEPHEN YASMER, filed his Opposition to Petitioner's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal ("Opposition"), on May 26, 2021. This matter was submitted to the Court on June 30, 2021; and

(2): a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review ("Motion to Dismiss") filed on August 2, 2021, by Respondent, STEPHEN YASMER. The Petitioners, CTHS and GALLAGHER, INC., filed their Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review ("Opposition") on August 12, 2021, to which the Respondent filed a Reply on

August 17, 2021. On September 13, 2021, the Court entertained argument during a hearing on the *Motion to Stay* and the *Motion to Dismiss*, and took the matters under submission.

Having reviewed the pleadings, relevant authorities, and arguments of counsel, the Court **GRANTS** the Respondent's *Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review*, and finds as follows<sup>1</sup>:

#### I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

According to the record, Stephen Yasmer (hereinafter "Respondent"), was employed at CTHS. *Opp'n to Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal*, 1: 26-27. While working, the Respondent was carrying a box of supplies down a stair case when he mis-stepped and fell. *Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal*, 3: 11-13. As a result of the fall, Respondent was diagnosed with a dislocation, and fracture of his left ankle. *Id.* 3: 8-9. The Respondent underwent surgery for his injury. *Id.* 3: 19.

Respondent filed a claim for workers' compensation benefits, which was denied by Gallagher, Inc. *Opp'n to Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal*, 3: 9-11. The Respondent appealed that determination, and the Hearing Officer affirmed the claim denial. *Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal*, 3: 22-25. The Respondent appealed this decision to an Appeals Officer who reversed the Petitioner Administrator's denial of liability for Respondent's claim. *Id.* 3: 27-29. As a result, Gallagher, Inc. was ordered to accept the Respondent's claim for benefits as a workers' compensation claim. *Opp'n to Pet'r Mot. For Stay Pending Appeal*, 4: 16-20.

### II. <u>LEGAL STANDARD</u>

In order to challenge a final decision and order issued by a Nevada Department of Administration appeals officer, a party must file a petition for judicial review. NRS 616C.370. When a party seeks judicial review of an administrative decision [in Nevada], strict compliance with the statutory requirements is a precondition to jurisdiction by the court of judicial review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In light of the Court's order granting the *Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review*, the *Motion for Stay Pending Appeal* is rendered moot.

 Kame v. Employment Security Dep't., 105 Nev. 22, 25, 769 P.2d 66, 68 (1989) citing Teepe v. Review Board of Indiana Emp. Sec. Div., 136 Ind. App. 331, 200 N.E. 2d 538, 539 (1964). Requirements for judicial review petitions are contained in NRS 233B.130(2), which requires that petitions are filed:

"In the district court in and for Carson City, in and for the county in which the aggrieved party resides, or in and for the county where the agency proceeding occurred." NRS 233B.130(2)(b).

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that failure of a petitioner to strictly comply with the requirements set out in NRS 233B.130(2) results in a lack of jurisdiction for a district court to consider a petition for judicial review. *Washoe County v. Otto*, 128 Nev. 424, 434, 282 P.3d 719, 726 (2012).

### III. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

## A. The Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review Is Granted Because The Second Judicial District Court Lacks Jurisdiction.

In his *Motion to Dismiss*, the Respondent asserts the Second Judicial District Court does not have jurisdiction because the *Petition for Judicial Review* was not filed in the proper district court. Petitioner contends that jurisdiction is proper as to both CTHS and Gallagher, Inc.

In support, Petitioner first argues because CTHS has two locations in Reno and treats patients throughout northern Nevada, it can establish residency in Washoe County as a domestic corporation. Additionally, Petitioner attests that as an aggrieved party, Gallagher, Inc. has the capacity to select the forum. *Pet'r Opp'n to Resp't Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for Judicial. Review*, 4: 13-14.

NRS 233B.130(2)(b) requires a petition for judicial review be filed in one of three specific places. One location permitted by the statute is in the district court in and for Carson City. The instant *Petition for Judicial Review* was filed in the Second Judicial District Court in and for the County of Washoe. Under the statutory requirements, the Court does not have jurisdiction to review the *Petition* on this basis.

Alternatively, the statute permits a petition for judicial review to be filed in and for the county in which the aggrieved party resides. For purposes of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b), a corporation's place of residence is that which is listed as the principal place of business in its articles of incorporation. *Liberty Mut. v. Thomasson*, 130 Nev. 28, 34, 317 P.3d 837, 836 (2012). Yet, a foreign corporation cannot have a fixed residence in any Nevada county for purposes of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b)'s residency requirement. *Id*.

The Petitioner argues that Gallagher, Inc. and CTHS are the aggrieved parties. *Pet'r Opp'n to Respt's Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for Judicial Review*, 4: 1-5. Gallagher, Inc. is a foreign corporation, that is licensed by the Nevada Department of Insurance to conduct business throughout Nevada. *Id.* 4: 11-13. The Nevada Supreme Court has determined that a foreign corporation, such as Gallagher, Inc., cannot have a fixed residence in any Nevada county for these jurisdictional purposes. Furthermore, Gallagher, Inc. has not alleged that its principal place of business is in Washoe County. Considering both binding precedent, and the lack of authority to support licensure by the Nevada Department of Insurance conferring any type of residency status, the Court cannot exercise jurisdiction over Gallagher, Inc. under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b).

CTHS has offices in Reno, Nevada. However, CTHS maintains over twenty locations statewide, with only two of those locations being in Reno. *Pet'r Opp'n to Respt's Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for Judicial Review*, 4: 2-3. Despite maintaining locations in Reno, CTHS has registered its officers and directors to an address in Carson City. *Id.* at Exhibit 8. CTHS has not alleged, nor has it proven that its principal place of business is in Washoe County. Therefore, CTHS has failed to establish that they meet the residency requirements delineated by Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b), making jurisdiction improper in Washoe County.

The statute finds one more location to be appropriate; a petition for judicial review can be filed in and for the county in which the agency proceeding occurred. In this case, the agency proceeding did not take place in Washoe County. The certificate of service for both the appeals officer's decision and order list an address in Carson City. *Resp't Mot. to Dismiss Pet. for* 

*Judicial Review,* Exhibit 8. Since the agency proceeding occurred outside of Washoe County, this Court does not have jurisdiction.

Under Nevada law, "[a] district court is empowered to render a judgment either for or against a person or entity only if it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter." *Young v. Nevada Title Company*, 103 Nev. 436, 442, 744, P.2d 902, 905 (1987). The Court cannot find a viable basis under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 233B.130(2)(b) to exercise jurisdiction. Therefore, the *Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review* is **GRANTED.** 

### IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Based upon the foregoing, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's *Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review* is **GRANTED** as set forth above. The *Petition for Judicial Review* is **DISMISSED.** 

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 20 day of September, 2021.

BARRY L. BRESLOW DISTRICT JUDGE

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this <u>20</u> day of September, 2021, I electronically filed the following with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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09/13/21 HONORABLE BARRY L. BRESLOW DEPT. NO. 8 M. Schuck (Clerk) I. Zihn (Reporter) None Present (Bailiff)

#### **HEARING ON MOTION TO STAY....**

Petitioner, Carson Tahoe Health System, without a representative present and represented by John Lavery, Esq.
Petitioner, Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., without a representative present and represented by John Lavery, Esq.
Respondent, State of Nevada Dept. of Administration, Appeals, without a representative present and represented by Stephen Eikelberger, Esq.

Respondent, Stephen Yasmer, not present and represented by Stephen Eikelberger, Esq.

This hearing was held remotely because of the closure of the courthouse at 75 Court Street in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada due to the National and Local emergency caused by COVID-19. The Court and all the participants appeared via simultaneous audiovisual transmission. The court was physically located in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada which was the site of the court session. Counsel acknowledged receipt of Notice that the hearing was taking place pursuant to Nevada Supreme Court Rules – Part 9 relating to simultaneous audiovisual transmissions and all counsel stated they had no objection to going forward in this manner.

Matter convened at 2:13 p.m.

Counsel Eikelberger indicated Counsel Lavery was attempting to sign onto the webinar.

Court noted technical difficulties as the reason for the lateness of Counsel.

Counsel Lavery placed his appearance on the record.

Counsel Eikelberger placed his appearance on the record.

Court referenced the Motion to Stay filed in the case. He noted Department Eight had several big trials and apologized for the delay in response on the Motion to Stay. He also noted a Motion to Dismiss had been filed.

Counsel Eikelberger referenced the appeals and referenced NRS 233.130. He presented his argument in support.

Counsel Lavery presented his argument to include the jurisdictional issue.

Counsel Eikelberger responded to Counsel Lavery's argument. He noted there was no waiver and jurisdiction was not invoked. Court questioned Counsel Lavery regarding the Motion to Stay. Counsel Lavery continued his argument in favor of his Motion to Stay.

Counsel Eikelberger responded to Counsel Lavery argument and noted there was technically a stay. He noted the client was not incurring any expenses at that time.

COURT ORDERED: Both Motions taken under advisement. He

**COURT ORDERED:** Both Motions taken under advisement. He indicated to Counsel his decision will be filed within one week. Matter concluded at 2:35 p.m.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SYSTEM and GALLAGHER BASSET SERVICES, INC.,

Petitioner,

VS.

STEPHEN YASMER; AND APPEALS OFFICE of the DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,

Respondents.

#### CERTIFICATE OF CLERK AND TRANSMITTAL - NOTICE OF APPEAL

I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on the 21st day of October, 2021, I electronically filed the Notice of Appeal in the above entitled matter to the Nevada Supreme Court.

I further certify that the transmitted record is a true and correct copy of the original pleadings on file with the Second Judicial District Court.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

Alicia L. Lerud
Clerk of the Court
By /s/ SHARI J ACORDAGOITIA

Deputy Clerk