

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**IN RE:
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD
ANTITRUST LITIGATION
(MDL NO. 2406)**

Master File No. 2:13-CV-20000-RDP

**This Document Relates to
Provider Track Cases**

**PROVIDER PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED CLASS SETTLEMENT**

The Provider Class Representatives¹ (on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class) (“Provider Plaintiffs”) move this Court for a Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, and making other rulings as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Law and Proposed Order.

In support of this Motion, Provider Plaintiffs submit herewith a Memorandum of Law, along with the exhibits thereto; a list of facially valid opt-out notices; and a Proposed Order.

For the reasons set forth in these materials, the Provider Plaintiffs’ Motion should be granted, and the Court should enter a Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal in the form proposed.

Respectfully submitted this the 23rd day of April, 2025.

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