

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Manuel de Jesus Ortega Melendres, on
behalf of himself and all others similarly
situated; et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

Joseph M. Arpaio, in his individual and
official capacity as Sheriff of Maricopa
County, AZ; et al.

Defendants.

No. CV-07-2513-PHX-GMS

ORDER

The Court is in receipt of a document not filed in this action but submitted to the Court in camera and under seal by Katherine E. Baker, as attorney for Maricopa County billing review and Sandi Wilson. The document is dated May 28, 2015 and appears to address the alternate billing review procedure suggested by the Court to the Parties in the status hearing of May 8, 2015, at which all parties participated. The alternate billing review procedure was necessary in light of the Court's concerns, registered in its order of May 5, 2015 related to the re-entry of Maricopa County as an official party to this action (Doc. 1048), and its subsequent amended order filed on May 8 (Doc. 1065). There appears to the Court to be no intended impropriety in the May 28 filing; Ms. Baker was following the procedure mandated by the Court in its original Order (Doc. 696) detailing the procedure by which Ms. Baker and Ms. Wilson would conduct the confidential billing review. Nevertheless, the Court intended to cancel the procedure set forth in Doc. 696 by

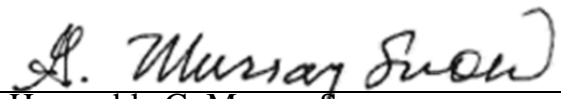
1 entering its order at Doc. 1048.

2 On or about May 7, 2015, Ms. Baker also submitted Ms. Wilson's objections to
3 the Court's order (*see* Doc. 1048), separate from the objections filed on that same topic
4 by the County (*see* Doc. 1054). The Court assumed that Ms. Wilson's objections were
5 publicly filed. As a result, the next day the Court discussed Ms. Wilson's objections
6 together with the County's objections in open court. However, a subsequent review of the
7 docket reveals that Ms. Wilson's separate objections have not been docketed on the CM-
8 ECF database.

9 For the reasons set forth in its May 5 order (Doc. 1048), and in its subsequently
10 amended order, (Doc. 1065), the Court believes it is no longer appropriate to have any
11 ex-parte communications with Ms. Wilson after the County was readmitted as a Party to
12 this litigation. It therefore directs that Ms. Wilson electronically file her May 7 objections
13 and May 28 submission in accordance with the procedures utilized in the District of
14 Arizona, so that all parties may have access thereto. If Ms. Wilson objects to the
15 documents being filed publicly, she is directed to lodge the filings under seal along with
16 any objections **within five days**. The Court directs that, absent good reason to the
17 contrary, all future communications with the Court regarding the selection of an alternate
18 billing review procedure will be through counsel for Maricopa County.

19 Ms. Wilson and Ms. Baker otherwise remain under the confidentiality obligations
20 set forth in Doc. 696 for those billing reviews they have conducted to date.

21 Dated this 5th day of June, 2015.

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24 Honorable G. Murray Snow
25 United States District Judge
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