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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

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JODI-ANN A. PUSEY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

INDEX NO.: 21668/17

NOTICE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTION

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.,

Defendant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above action for medical malpractice was commenced by purchase of an index number and filing of the Summons and Verified Complaint on March 1, 2017.

Defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., was served on April 13, 2017, 2017. Issue was joined thereon by May 25, 2017 and that the action has not been dismissed, settled or otherwise terminated.

1. Full name, address and age of each plaintiff:

JODI-ANN A. PUSEY 90-35 Van Wyck Expressway, Apt. 405 Jamaica, New York 11435 Date of Birth: 9/19/1987

2. Full name, address and alleged medical specialty of each defendant:

Name	Address	Specialty
Planned Parenthood of New York	123 William Street	Medical and
City, Inc.	New York, New York 10038	Gynecological Clinic

3. <u>Claim is for</u>: Medical Malpractice.

4. **Date and place claim arose**: This claim arose during the period of time that plaintiff, JODI-ANN A. PUSEY, was under the care, treatment and management of the defendants herein, which period commenced on or about April 26, 2016.

5. <u>Substance of claim</u>: In performing surgery in a negligent manner; in negligently perforating the uterus; in negligently lacerating, traumatizing and injuring the left uterine artery; and in negligently causing massive hemorrhage and shock.

6. Following items must be check:

- a. [X]Proof is attached that authorizations to obtain medical and hospital records have been served upon the defendants in the action; or
 - []Demand has not been made for such authorizations.
- b. [X]Copies of summons, notice of appearance, all pleadings, certificate of merit, if required, and the bill of particulars, if served, are attached.
- c. []Copy of any demand for arbitration, election of arbitration or concession of liability is attached here to or

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- d. []All information required by C.P.L.R. 3101(d)(1)(i) is attached or
 [] a request for such information has not been made or
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 - [X] such information is not available.
- 7. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of counsel for all parties:

JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6400 New York, New York 10118 (212) 736-0979

McALOON & FRIEDMAN, P.C. Attorneys for Defendant. 123 William Avenue New York, New York 10038 (212) 732-8700

Dated: New York, New York July 19, 2017

> JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

MERYL SCHWARTZ 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6400 New York, New York 10118 (212) 736-0979

TO: McALOON & FRIEDMAN, P.C.
Attorneys for Defendant, DAVID H. LEE, M.D.
123 William Avenue
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Plaintiff,

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SUMMONS

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M.,

Defendants.

To the above named defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiffs' Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Plaintiffs designate BRONX County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is Plaintiff's residence. Plaintiff resides at 1030 Boynton Avenue, Bronx, New York 10472.

JQNATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC By:

JØNATHAN C. REITER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiffs 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6400 New York, New York 10118 (212) 736-0979

Defendants' addresses PLANNED PARENTHOOD NEW YORK CITY, INC. 123 William Street New York, New York 10038

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC. 123 William Street New York, New York 10038

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SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. Margaret Sanger Center 26 Bleecker Street New York, New York 10012

BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M. Margaret Sanger Center 26 Bleecker Street New York, New York 10012

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

JODI-ANN A. PUSEY,

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Against

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC, PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D., and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M.,

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

Plaintiff, by her attorneys, the JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC,

complaining of the defendants respectfully alleges as follows:

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1. Plaintiff is a resident of the County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

2. Upon information and belief, the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF

NEW YORK CITY, INC., is a domestic not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York with its principal place of business at 123 William Street, New York, New York 10038.

3. Upon information and belief, the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD

FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., is a domestic not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York with its principal place of business at 123 William Street, New York, New York 10038 (PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., and PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., hereinafter collectively referred to as "PLANNED PARENTHOOD"). 4. Upon information and belief, PLANNED PARENTHOOD owns, operates, staffs, maintains and controls a medical and gynecological clinic called the Margaret Sanger Center at 26 Bleecker Street, New York, New York 10012. (hereinafter "the CLINIC").

5. Upon information and belief, the defendant, SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D., is a physician and specialist in obstetrics and gynecology licensed to practice in the State of New York having her principal office at the CLINIC.

6. Upon information and belief, the defendant, BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M., is a certified nurse midwife licensed to practice in the State of New York having her principal office at the CLINIC.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

7. That heretofore and on or about April 20, 2016, and prior thereto, the defendant PLANNED PARENTHOOD had undertaken to render certain medical and gynecological diagnosis, treatment, advice, care, services and surgery to the plaintiff.

8. That on or about April 26, 2016, the plaintiff underwent surgery for a termination of pregnancy and insertion of an intra-uterine device at the CLINIC.

9. Upon information and belief, the aforesaid surgery for termination of pregnancy and insertion of an intra-uterine device was principally performed by defendant BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M.

10. Alternatively, upon information and belief, the aforesaid surgery for termination of pregnancy and insertion of an intra-uterine device was principally performed by defendant SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D.

11. Upon information and belief, the defendants, BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M. and SONDRA DANTZIC, M.D. performed the aforesaid surgery for termination of pregnancy and insertion of an intra-uterine device.

12. That in rendering medical, surgical and gynecological care to the plaintiff, the defendant BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M. was acting on her own behalf, and as an agent, servant and/or employee of the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, acting within the course and scope of her employment and/or agency, express, implied and/or apparent.

13. That in rendering medical, surgical and gynecological care to the plaintiff, the defendant SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D., was acting on her own behalf, and as an agent, servant and/or employee of the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, acting within the course and scope of her employment and/or agency, express, implied and/or apparent.

14. That the medical, gynecological and surgical care and treatment rendered by the defendants to the plaintiff was done negligently, and departed from accepted standards of care proximately resulting in injury to the plaintiff.

15. That the defendants PLANNED PARENTHOOD, SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D., and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M., their agents, servants and employees, were negligent and committed malpractice in performing surgery in a negligent manner; in negligently perforating the uterus; in negligently lacerating, traumatizing and injuring the left uterine artery; in negligently causing massive hemorrhage and shock; in rendering negligent post-operative monitoring, care and treatment; in failing to exercise proper supervision; in being responsible under the doctrine of *respondeat superior* for the negligent acts and omissions of agents, servants and employees, including but not limited

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to the named individual defendants and in otherwise being negligent and committing malpractice.

16. That by reason of the foregoing, the plaintiff was proximately caused to sustain severe and permanent personal injuries, pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, mental anguish, cosmetic disfigurement, economic and pecuniary damages.

17. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff demands all damages permitted by law.

Wherefore, plaintiff JODI-ANN A. PUSEY demands judgment against the defendants, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D., and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M., and each of them in an amount that exceeds the jurisdiction of all lower courts, together with interest, costs and disbursements.

JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC

By:

JONATHAN C. REITER Attorneys for Plaintiff(s) 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6400 New York, New York 10118 212-736-0979

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JODI-ANN A. PUSEY,

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Plaintiff,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

- against -PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M.,

Defendants.

JONATHAN C. REITER, an attorney duly admitted to practice in the State of New York, certifies the following pursuant to section 3012-a of the CPLR:

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I have reviewed the facts of this case and have consulted with at least one physician who is licensed to practice in this State or any other State whom I reasonably believe is knowledgeable in the relevant issues involved in this particular action and that I have concluded on the basis of such review and consultation that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action.

Dated: New York, New York February 27, 2017

JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC

JONATHAN C. REITER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6400 New York, New York 10118 (212) 736-0979

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VERIFICATION

JONATHAN C. REITER, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of this State, affirms under the penalties of perjury that:

I am a member of the JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC, attorneys for the plaintiff in the above-entitled action. That I has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the plaintiff is that the plaintiff herein is not within the County where plaintiffs' attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of this belief are records, communications, papers, reports and investigations contained in the file.

Dated New York, New York February 27, 2017

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

JODI-ANN A. PUSEY,

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M.,

Defendants.

JONATHAN C. REITER, an attorney duly admitted to practice in the State of New

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York, certifies the following pursuant to section 3012-a of the CPLR:

I have reviewed the facts of this case and have consulted with at least one physician who is licensed to practice in this State or any other State whom I reasonably believe is knowledgeable in the relevant issues involved in this particular action and that I have concluded on the basis of such review and consultation that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action.

Dated: New York, New York February 27, 2017

JONATHAN C. REITER LAW FIRM, PLLC

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

JODI-ANN A. PUSEY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATON OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. and BERNADETE G. KANE, C.N.M., DISCONTINUANCE AND TO AMEND CAPTION

STIPULATION OF

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Defendants.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, attorneys for the respective parties, that the above-entitled action is hereby discontinued with prejudice against the defendants, PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATON OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. and BERNADETE G. KANE, C.N.M., without costs, interests, or disbursements.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, that the action is severed and continues against the remaining defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., only.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, that the caption of this matter is hereby amended to read as follows:

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	Plaintiff,	
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	PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CIT	Y, INC.,
	Defendant.	
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	April 20, 2017	
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	JONATHAN REITER, ESQ.	KENNETH FOX, ESQ.
		ttorneys for Defendants
		CITY, INC., PLANNED PARENTHOOD
	F	EDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.,
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Plaintiff,

VERIFIED ANSWER

-against-

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.,

Defendants.

Defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., by its attorneys, McALOON & FRIEDMAN, P.C., answering the plaintiff's complaint, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "1" of the complaint.

2. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "2" of the complaint except admits that the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., is a not for profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York with its principal place of business located at 26 Bleecker Street, New York, New York.

3. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "3" of the complaint except admits that Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. is no longer a defendant in this action.

4. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "4" of the complaint except admits that the defendant,

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., operates a reproductive health care clinic known as the Margaret Sanger Center located at 26 Bleecker Street, New York, New York with that degree of care, skill, and diligence used and provided by such clinics generally in the same or similar communities, and otherwise begs leave to refer all questions of law to the Court.

5. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "5" of the complaint except admits that Sondra Dantzic, M.D. is no longer a defendant in this action, that she is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and a member of the medical staff of the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., and otherwise begs leave to refer all questions of law to the Court.

6. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "6" of the complaint except admits that Bernadette Kane, C.N.M. is no longer a defendant in this action, that she is a certified nurse midwife licensed to practice in the State of New York and a member of the medical staff of the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., and otherwise begs leave to refer all questions of law to the Court.

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7. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "7" of the complaint except admits that medical treatment was rendered to one Jodiann A. Pusey on various occasions from February 17, 2010 to April 20, 2016, and otherwise begs leave to refer all questions of law to the Court.

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8. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraph "8" of the complaint except admits that medical treatment was rendered to one Jodi A. Pusey on April 26, 2016 at the Margaret Sanger Center.

9. Denies each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs "9", "12", "14",

"15", "16", and "17" of the complaint.

10. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs "10", "11", and "13" of the complaint except admits that the medical treatment on April 26, 2016 was rendered by Sondra Dantzic, M.D., and otherwise beg leave to refer all questions of law to the Court.

AS AND FOR A FIRST, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

11. The defendant's liability, if any, is limited pursuant to CPLR 1600, et seq.

AS AND FOR A SECOND, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

12. Any verdict or judgment should be reduced by the amounts of past or

future collateral source reimbursements of alleged special damage pursuant to CPLR 4545(c).

AS AND FOR A THIRD, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

13. Plaintiff's causes of action, if any, are barred pursuant to §2805-d of the

Public Health Law.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

14. Plaintiff's causes of action, if any, are barred by the doctrine of

Assumption of the Risk.

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WHEREFORE, the defendant, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK

CITY, INC., demands judgment dismissing plaintiff's complaint together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Yours, etc.

McALOON & FRIEDMAN, P.C.

By

STEPHEN S. XORK, ESQ: Attorneys for Defendant PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC Office and P.O. Address 123 William Street - 25th Floor New York, NY 10038-3804 Tel. No. (212) 732-8700

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Elizabeth J. Kahn, being duly sworn, says: I am the Associate Vice President of Clinical Services of PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., a not-for-profit corporation and a party in the within action; I have read the foregoing ANSWER and know the contents thereof; and the same is true to my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true. This verification is made by me because the above party is a corporation and I am an officer thereof.

Duly sworn to before me this Pay of May, 2017

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Plaintiff,

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.,

Defendants.

	VERIFIED ANSWER
<u> </u>	McAloon & Friedman, P.C. Attorneys for Defendants Office and Post Office Address, Telephone 123 William Street New York, New York 10038-3804 (212) 732-8700 (212) 227-2903
Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1, the certifies that, upon information and document are not frivolous. Dated: May 25, 2017	he undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, d belief and reasonable inquiry, the contentions contained in the annexed Signature: Print Signer's Name: Stephen S. York, Esq
To Attorney(s) for	
Service of a copy of the within Dated,	is hereby admitted. Attorney(s) for
Sir: - Please take notice [] Notice of Entry	that the within is a <i>(certified)</i> true copy of a duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on20
[] Notice of Settlement	that an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON on of the judges of the within named court, at on 20
Dated,	at Yours, etc. McAloon & Friedman, P.C. Attorneys for Office and Post Office Address, Telephone 123 William Street New York, New York 10038-3804

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

To Execute HIPAA Medical Record Authorization Forms Pursuant to NY Public Health Law §18(1)(G) as Amended 10/26/04, Ex-Parte Interview Forms and any and all forms required by Medicare/Medicaid, any government agency or any private insurance carrier.

I, JODI-ANN PUSEY, residing at 1030 Boynton Avenue, Apt. 6E, Bronx, New York 10472

do hereby appoint: Meryl I. Schwartz and/or Jonathan C. Reiter with offices at 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6400, New York, New York, my attorneys-in-act (each agent may act separately) in my name, place and stead in any way which I my self could not do, if I were personally present to execute HIPAA medical records authorization forms pursuant to NY Public Health Law §18(1)(G) as amended 10/26/04 and/or all ex-parte interview authorizations pursuant to the holding of <u>Arons v. Jutkowitz</u> and/or all authorization forms required by Medicare/Medicaid, any government agency or any private insurance carrier. This Power of Attorney may be revoked by me at any time. This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incompetence.

To induce any third party to act hereunder, I hereby agree that any third party receiving a duly executed copy or facsimile of this instrument may act hereunder, and that revocation or termination hereof shall be ineffective as to such third party unless and until actual notice or knowledge of such revocation or termination shall have been received by such third party, and I for myself and for my heirs, executors, legal representatives and assigns, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless any such third party from and against any and all claims that may arise against such third party by reason of such third party having relied on the provisions of this instrument.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto signed my name this <u>2nd</u> day of May, 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

On this <u>2ND</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2016 before me the undersigned, personally appeared <u>JODI-ANN</u> <u>PUSEY</u>, personally known to be or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person who acted on behalf of the individual, executed the instrument and that such individual made such appearance before the undersigned at New York, New York.

Notary Public MARIEL REITER Notary Public, State of New York No. 01RE6226090 Qualified in New York County D.(33 Commission Expires August 2, 20, 33

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PURSUANT TO HIPAA

[This form has been approved by the New York State Department of Health]							
		Social Security Number					
JODI-ANN PUSEY Patient Address	09/19/1997						
90-35 Van Wyck Expressway, Apt. 405, Jamaica, New York 11							
I, or my authorized representative, request that health information regarding my on this form:	care and treatm	ent be released as set forth					
In accordance with New York State Law and the Privacy Rule of the Health Inst	urance Portabilit	y and Accountability Act of					
1996 (HIPAA), I understand that:							
1. This authorization may include disclosure of information relating to ALCOHOL and DRUG ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, except psychotherapy notes, and CONFIDENTIAL HIV* RELATED INFORMATION only if I place my initials on the							
appropriate line in Item 9(a), I specifically authorize release of such information to the person(s) indicated in Item 8.							
2. If I am authorizing the release of HIV-related, alcohol or drug treatment, or mental health treatment information, the recipient is prohibited from redisclosing such information without my authorization unless permitted to do so under federal or state law.							
understand that I have the right to request a list of people who may receive or use my H	IV-related information	ation without authorization. If I					
experience discrimination because of the release or disclosure of HIV-related information, I may contact the New York State Division of Human Rights at (212) 480-2493 or the New York City Commission of Human Rights at (212) 306-7450. These agencies are							
responsible for protecting my rights.		_					
3. I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by writing to the health care revoke this authorization except to the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent that action has already been taken based of the extent taken based of taken ba							
4. I understand that signing this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment, enr							
will not be conditioned upon my authorization of this disclosure.							
Information disclosed under this authorization might be redisclosed by the recipier redisclosure may no longer be protected by federal or state law.	nt (except as note	a above in item 2), and this					
6. THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE YOU TO DISCUSS MY HEALT		OR MEDICAL CARE WITH					
ANYONE OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SPECIFIE 7. Name and address of health provider or entity to release this information:	ED IN ITEM 9(b).						
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL CENTER							
462 First Avenue New York, New York 10016							
	n will be sent						
8. Name and address of person(s) or category of person to whom this informatio McALOON & FRIEDMAN, P.C.	in will be sent.						
Attorneys For Defendant							
123 William Street							
9(a). Specific information to be released:							
Medical Record from (insert date) to to		-					
Entire Medical Record including patient histories, office notes (except psy studies, films, referrals, consults, billing records, insurance records, and providers.							
Other: Include (Indicate by	Initialing)						
MS Alcohol/Drug							
Mental Health	Information						
MS HIV-Related Information							
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	Eastchester Road
Bronx, Ne 8. Name and address of person(s) or category of person to	whom this information will be sent:
McALOON 8	FRIEDMAN, P.C.
	For Defendant
	illiam Street New York 10038
9(a). Specific information to be released:	
└┘ Medical Record from (insert date)	to -
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*Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes AIDS. The New York State Public Health Law protects information which reasonably could identify someone as having HIV symptoms or infection and information regarding a person's contacts.

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JODI-ANN PUSEY		/1997	Social Security Number			
Patient Address 90-35 Van Wyck Expressway, Apt. 405, Jamaica, New York 11435 I, or my authorized representative, request that health information regarding my care and treatment be released as set forth on this form:						
In accordance with New York State Law and the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), I understand that: 1. This authorization may include disclosure of information relating to ALCOHOL and DRUG ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, except psychotherapy notes, and CONFIDENTIAL HIV* RELATED INFORMATION only if I place my initials on the appropriate line in Item 9(a), I specifically authorize release of such information to the person(s) indicated in Item 8. 2. If I am authorizing the release of HIV-related, alcohol or drug treatment, or mental health treatment information, the recipient is prohibited from redisclosing such information without my authorization unless permitted to do so under federal or state law. I understand that I have the right to request a list of people who may receive or use my HIV-related information without authorization. If I experience discrimination because of the release or disclosure of HIV-related information, I may contact the New York State Division of Human Rights at (212) 480-2493 or the New York City Commission of Human Rights at (212) 306-7450. These agencies are responsible for protecting my rights. 3. I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by writing to the health care provider listed below. I understand that I may revoke this authorization except to the extent that action has already been taken based on this authorization. 4. I understand that signing this authorization of this disclosure. 5. Information disclosed under this authorization of this disclosure. 5. Information disclosed under this authorization of this disclosure. 5. Information disclosed under this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned upon my authorization is of the redisclosed by the recipient (except as noted above in Item 2), and this redisclosure may no longer be protected by federal or state law.						
6. THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE YOU TO DISCUSS MY HEALTH INFORMATION OR MEDICAL CARE WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SPECIFIED IN ITEM 9(b). 7. Name and address of health provider or entity to release this information: HEALTHFIRST 100 Church Street New York, New York 10007						
8. Name and address of person(s) or category of person to wh	om this information will be	sent:				
McALOON & Ff Attorneys Fo 123 Willia New York, New	r Defendant m Street					
9(a). Specific information to be released:						
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Other: <u>Complete itemized billing records for</u>	Include (Indicate by Init	ialing)				
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STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.:

I, DEBRA L. NORWOOD, being sworn, say: I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside at Brooklyn, New York.

On July 19, 2017 served the within **RJI and NOTICE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTION**, depositing a true copy thereof enclosed in a postpaid wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within New York State, addressed to each of the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name:

McALOON & FRIEDMAN, P.C. Attorneys for Defendant 123 William Avenue New York, New York 10038 (212) 732-8700

DEBRA L. WOOL

Sworn to before me this 19th day of July 2017.

NOTARY PUB

MARIEL REITER Notary Public, State of New York No. 01RE6226090 Qualified in New York County Commission Expires August 2,

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

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JODI-ANN A. PUSEY,

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Plaintiff,

-against-

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., SONDRA B. DANTZIC, M.D. and BERNADETTE G. KANE, C.N.M.,

Defendants.

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RJI and NOTICE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTION

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