UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY CAMDEN VICINAGE

IN RE: VALSARTAN, LOSARTAN, AND IRBESARTAN PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

This Document Relates to:

All Cases

Hon. Renée Marie Bumb Chief Judge U.S. District Court

No. 1:19-md-2875-RMB-SAK

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 38 ESTABLISHING MANUFACTURER DEFENDANT PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SHOW CAUSE PROCESS

For individual personal injury matters in which a Requesting Manufacturer Defendant entity is named in the operative Complaint but there is no documentary evidence identifying Plaintiff product usage attributable to the Requesting Manufacturer Defendant(s)' manufacture and/or sale of any at issue product, Requesting Manufacturer Defendants shall serve notice of the deficiency via MDL Centrality to the individual Plaintiff.¹ The notice shall state the basis for the request, and all named Requesting Manufacturer Defendants seeking dismissal on this basis.

If the dispute is not resolved within 30 days of the notice by way of either withdrawal of the deficiency or voluntary dismissal of the Requesting Manufacturer Defendant, Defendants shall put the dispute on the agenda for the next case management conference. If a case appears on the agenda for two case management conferences, the Defendants may request that an Order to Show Cause be entered as to the delinquent party. That Order to Show Cause shall be returnable at the next case management conference and require the delinquent party to show cause why the Complaint should not be dismissed with prejudice as to the Requesting Manufacturer Defendant(s).

The parties will also hold a monthly global meet and confer prior to the monthly case management conferences to address any ongoing disputes before bringing them to the Court's attention. A deficiency list shall be served by Defendants on Plaintiff leadership no later than five days prior to the meet and confer.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of March, 2025.

HON. RENÉE MARIE BUMB

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ A Defendant's decision not to seek dismissal under this CMO shall not constitute evidence that any specific claims are properly brought and/or supported by sufficient evidence, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of a Defendant's right to subsequently move for dismissal and/or summary judgment on any grounds.