

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

IN RE:)
LIMITED CONSENT TO) **Administrative Order No. 416**
MAGISTRATE JUDGE JURISDICTION.)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Centurion. As outlined in the attached MOU, Centurion has granted limited consent to the exercise of magistrate judge jurisdiction in certain civil cases that require preliminary screening by the District Court. This MOU is consistent with MOUs memorialized in Administrative Order 259 with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and Wexford Health Sources, Inc. The attached MOU is effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 17, 2025



NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL
Chief U.S. District Judge

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

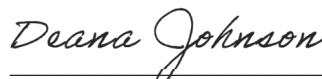
Limited Consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois and Centurion.
2. This MOU pertains exclusively to civil cases against any provider working pursuant to Centurion's contract with the Illinois Department of Corrections who is sued by a private plaintiff who is either (1) incarcerated and asserting a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 that must be initially screened by the District Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A; or (2) not incarcerated but requests in forma pauperis status, a request that must be initially screened by the District Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a) and 1915(e)(2). This MOU does not pertain to civil cases against any Centurion official or employee that seek immediate injunctive relief without notice to the defendants; those cases will remain with the assigned District Judge for resolution of the claim for injunctive relief.
3. In cases described in paragraph 2, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73, Centurion enters a limited consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge to: (1) conduct the initial screen described in 28 U.S.C. § 1915A and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a) & 1915(e)(2), including but not limited to, dismissal of the complaint or any portion of the complaint; (2) deny a motion for injunctive relief in the initial screen; and (3) involuntarily dismiss an action before the initial screen.
4. If any part of the case survives initial screening, the limited consent described in paragraph 3 will be deemed withdrawn, and the surviving portion of the case will proceed like all other screened cases, including: (1) either the delivery of a copy of the complaint and requests for waiver of service of summons on the individual defendants, or the issuance and service of summons and a copy of the complaint on the individual defendants; (2) the requirement for the individual defendants to request representation by Centurion; and (3) a restarting of the process under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73 to allow the parties to decide whether to consent to the continued exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge.
5. As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73(b)(2), and on the Court's consent forms, any party is free to withhold consent without adverse consequences.
6. This MOU may be terminated by either party on 60 days' written notice.

DATED: September 17, 2025



NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL, Chief Judge
United States District Court
for the Southern District of Illinois



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