

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

TERRENCE FOREHAND, Individually)
and as a Personal Representative of the)
Estate of VALERIE J. BATEMAN) C.A. No.: N25C-05-056 FJJ
MCCANTS, Decedent,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.) TRIAL BY JURY OF
) TWELVE DEMANDED
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KENTMERE REHABILITATION)
AND SKILLED NURSING, INC.)
d/b/a KENTMERE NURSING CARE)
CENTER,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER REGARDING AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT

This 9th day of June, 2025, at the request of Defendant Kentmere Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing, Inc. d/b/a Kentmere Nursing Care Center (“Defendant”), the Court has reviewed *in camera* Plaintiff’s affidavit of merit pursuant to 18 *Del. C.* §§ 6853(a)(1) and 6853(c). Having done so, the Court finds the following:

1. The expert witness has signed the Affidavit of Merit.
2. The Affidavit is accompanied by a current *curriculum vitae* of the expert witness.
3. The expert witness who signed the Affidavit is Board-Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases by the American Board of Internal Medicine.
4. The Affidavit and/or the accompanying CV indicates the expert witness has been engaged in the treatment of patients and/or in the academic side of the fields of

long-term care and infectious diseases for at least three years preceding the acts alleged in the Complaint.

5. The Affidavit includes an opinion that Defendants breached the applicable standard of care in this case and that this breach was the proximate cause of the injury alleged in the Complaint.
6. The Affidavit complies with the requirements of 18 *Del. C.* §6853.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Francis J. Jones, Jr.
Francis J. Jones Jr., Judge

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