

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE, SC.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COURT

NO. 2025-02

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Whereas, medical depositions and/or testimony of court impartial physicians and other healthcare providers is essential to the function of the Workers' Compensation System;

Whereas, the time for healthcare providers to be deposed or to testify in court is becoming extremely limited;

Whereas, the Workers' Compensation Court has equipped one or more courtrooms with ***CourtCall***, a remote appearance platform which will allow healthcare providers to testify from their office while the case is being heard before the court;

Therefore, the testimony of healthcare providers remotely will be allowed via the use of ***CourtCall***.

The healthcare provider will be allowed to testify remotely while the case is being heard live before the court. The healthcare provider will be sworn in by the court stenographer on ***CourtCall*** with the attorneys of record and the Judge present. Questioning will take place, before the court, while the healthcare provider testifies remotely via ***CourtCall***. The attorney who presents the healthcare provider as an expert witness shall request copies of the healthcare provider's file prior to the court date. Said records shall be numbered (Bates numbering preferred) and copies given to attorneys of record and the healthcare provider. A status conference shall be scheduled one week prior to the date the healthcare provider will testify to ensure that records have been produced, numbered, and exchanged. Questioning of the healthcare provider relative to said records shall be done by referencing page numbers. Any records and/or reports may be offered as exhibits as if the healthcare provider was present in court. A stipulation shall be signed by

attorneys of record assenting to the use of *CourtCall* and remote healthcare provider testimony.

The use of *CourtCall* and remote healthcare provider testimony shall be permitted on and after October 10, 2025.

Entered as an Order of this Court, this 1st day of **October 2025**.

ENTER:

/s/

Robert M. Ferrieri
Chief Judge

PER ORDER:

/s/

Nicholas DiFilippo
Administrator