IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
CONSERVATION OF NEXTLEVEL)	No. 2020 CH 4431
HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.)	

ORDER

This cause coming before the Court on June 27, 2022, for presentment of the motion of Intervenor, Dr. Jaqueline Stevens (the "Intervenor"), For Ruling On Relief Sought Pursuant To The Motion To Declare Public Records In The Public Record, (the "Motion to Declare"), the Intervenor, and counsel for the Conservator, the Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance, and for NextLevel Health Partners, Inc. ("NextLevel," and, collectively, the "Parties") all being present, the Court having reviewed Intervenor's Motion to Declare, together with NextLevel's response and Intervenor's reply, and having heard from the Parties thereon, and the Court being otherwise fully informed in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND ORDERED:

- There being no objection from the Parties, the Court heard from the Parties on the Motion to Declare, and Intervenor's *Motion For Release To Intervenor Of Court* Communications With Opposing Counsel And Tolling Of Briefing Schedule (the "Motion for Release") noticed for presentment on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 9:30a.m.;
- 2. Email communications between counsel and the Court's chambers prior to the entry of the Court's December 6, 2021, order granting Intervenor's petition for intervention are not "ex parte communications" to the extent Intervenor was not included on any such communications;
- 3. In furtherance of his representations to the Court during the hearing on the Motion for Release, counsel for NextLevel, Mr. Stephen Schwab, shall file an affidavit with the Court stating, *inter alia*, that, from December 6, 2021, forward, he has no record of communications with the court that did not include Intervenor and other counsel of record regarding the lifting of sequestration in these proceedings, and the filing of

replacement copies of those documents ordered to be maintained under seal or redacted in the Court's order of November 29, 2021 (the "November 29, 2021 Order"). In addition, because NextLevel's counsel has filed a copy of an email to the court staff dated December 1, 2021, Mr. Schwab shall include in his affidavit any information about responses to his December 1, 2021 email;

- 4. This cause is set for further hearing on July 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at which time the Court will
 - a. Issue its ruling on the Motion to Declare;
 - b. Issue its ruling on the Motion to Release; and
 - c. Enter a revised briefing schedule on Intervenor's motion for sanctions; and,
- 5. At the July 15, 2022, hearing, the Court will provide the Parties with an update as to the status of the court docket, as maintained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the availability to the public of those documents ordered to be maintained under seal or redacted in the November 29, 2021 Order.

Dated: June 29, 2022

Judge Pamela McLean Meyerson ENTERED:

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Judge Presiding

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