



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

**STANDING ORDER OF THE
SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT**

No. SSC-25-6

**ORDER RE: SEALING CONFIDENTIAL
MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION FILINGS**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, in any case where a Mental Health Diversion application has been filed pursuant to Penal Code §1001.36, the parties shall file all personal mental health and medical information presented on the petition in a separate sealed envelope attached to the application, opposition or other related filing. Personal information subject to the protection of this order includes, but is not limited to, the specific individualized diagnostic and treatment opinions required under Penal Code §1001.36, subdivision (b)(1) and (2), (c)(1), (c)(3), (f)(B), and (g)(4). The parties' general points and authorities in the public file may simply reference the sealed attachment where relevant as opposed to stating specific detailed personal data.

The Court finds that personal information subject to protection of this order is presumptively confidential, and as such: (1) There exists an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access to the record; (2) The overriding interest supports sealing the record; (3) A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed; (4) The proposed sealing

1 is narrowly tailored; and (5) No less restrictive means exist to achieve the overriding interest. (See,
2 HIPAA Title 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, title 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.512.; Civil Code §56, et seq.; Pen. Code
3 §1369.5; Wel. & Inst. Code §§ 5202, 5328, and 5540.)

4 Further, a party may also include in the sealed envelope state summary criminal history
5 information (Pen. Code §§11105, 11140), criminal offender record information (Pen. Code §13102) and
6 local summary criminal history information (Pen. Code §13300), if nondisclosure is required by law
7 (Pen. Code §§11144(c) and 13305(c).)

8 This order shall supersede all previous orders by the Court regarding these matters and shall
9 remain in effect until such time as it may be modified or revoked.

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11 DATED: April 30, 2025



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Presiding Judge of the Superior Court