UNITED STATES OF AMERICA U.S. DISTRICT COURT -- EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

MICHIGAN URGENT & PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS, P.C.,

Plaintiff,

-VS-

ATTAIN MED,, INC., and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

<u>COMPLAINT - CLASS ACTION</u>

Plaintiff is not aware of any related cases.

- 1. Plaintiff, Michigan Urgent Care & Primary Care Physicians, P.C., brings this action to secure redress for the actions of Defendant Attain Med, Inc. ("Attain"), in sending or causing the sending of unsolicited advertisements to telephone facsimile machines in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 ("TCPA").
- 2. The TCPA expressly prohibits unsolicited fax advertising. Unsolicited fax advertising damages the recipients. The recipient is deprived of its paper and ink or toner and the use of its fax machine. The recipient also wastes valuable time it would have spent on something else. Unsolicited faxes prevent fax machines from receiving and sending authorized faxes, cause wear and tear on fax machines, and require labor to attempt to identify the source and purpose of the unsolicited faxes.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Michigan Urgent Care & Primary Care Physicians, P.C. ("Michigan Urgent"), is a professional corporation with offices at 37595 7 Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, where it maintains telephone facsimile equipment.
- 4. Defendant Attain Med, Inc. is a Georgia corporation with principal offices at 58253 Glenridge Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30328. Its registered agent is Incorp Services, Inc. located at 2285 South Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, 48827.
- 5. Defendants John Does 1-10 are other natural or artificial persons that were involved in the sending of the facsimile advertisement described below. Plaintiff does not know who they are.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1367. *Mims v. Arrow Financial Services, LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740, 751-53 (2012).
- 7. Personal jurisdiction is proper because Defendant has committed tortious acts in this District by causing the transmission of unlawful communications into the District.
- 8. Venue in this District is proper for the same reason.

FACTS

- 9. Some time in September 2017, Michigan Urgent received the unsolicited fax advertisement attached as Exhibit A on its facsimile machine.
- 10. Discovery may reveal the transmission of additional faxes as well.
- 11. Attain is responsible for sending or causing the sending of the fax.
- 12. Attain as the entity whose products or services were advertised in the fax, derived economic benefit from the sending of the fax.

- 13. Attain either negligently or wilfully violated the rights of Plaintiff and other recipients in sending the fax.
- 14. Plaintiff had no prior relationship with Defendant and had not authorized the sending of fax advertisements to Plaintiff.
- 15. On information and belief, the fax attached hereto was sent as part of a mass broadcasting of faxes.
- 16. On information and belief, Defendant has transmitted similar unsolicited fax advertisements to at least 40 other persons in Michigan.
- 17. There is no reasonable means for Plaintiff or other recipients of Defendant's unsolicited advertising fax to avoid receiving illegal faxes. Fax machines must be left on and ready to receive the urgent communications authorized by their owners.

COUNT I – TCPA

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates ¶¶ 1-17.
- 19. The TCPA makes unlawful the "use of any telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send an unsolicited advertisement to a telephone facsimile machine ..." 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(C).
- 20. The TCPA, 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3), provides:

Private right of action.

A person or entity may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a State, bring in an appropriate court of that State–

- (A) an action based on a violation of this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection to enjoin such violation,
- (B) an action to recover for actual monetary loss from such a violation, or

to receive \$500 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater, or (C) both such actions.

If the Court finds that the defendant willfully or knowingly violated this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection, the court may, in its discretion, increase the amount of the award to an amount equal to not more than 3 times the amount available under the subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

- 21. Plaintiff and each class member suffered damages as a result of receipt of the unsolicited faxes, in the form of paper and ink or toner consumed as a result. Furthermore, Plaintiff's statutory right of privacy was invaded.
- 22. Plaintiff and each class member is entitled to statutory damages.
- 23. Defendant violated the TCPA even if its actions were only negligent.
- 24. Defendant should be enjoined from committing similar violations in the future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 25. Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a) and (b)(3), Plaintiff brings this claim on behalf of a class, consisting of (a) all persons (b) who, on or after a date four years prior to the filing of this action (28 U.S.C. §1658), (c) were sent faxes by or on behalf of Attain Med, Inc., promoting its goods or services for sale.
- 26. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that there are more than 40 members of the class.
- 27. There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members. The predominant common questions include:
 - a. Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;
 - b. The manner in which Defendant compiled or obtained its list of fax numbers;

- c. Whether Defendant thereby violated the TCPA.
- 28. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 29. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 30. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against Defendant is small because it is not economically feasible to bring individual actions.
- 31. Several courts have certified class actions under the TCPA. American Copper & Brass, Inc. v. Lake City Indus. Products, Inc., 757 F.3d 540, 544 (6th Cir. 2014); In re Sandusky Wellness Center, LLC, 570 Fed.Appx. 437, 437 (6th Cir. 2014); Sandusky Wellness Center, LLC v. Medtox Scientific, Inc., 821 F.3d 992, 998 (8th Cir. 2016); Holtzman v. Turza, No. 08 C 2014, 2009 WL 3334909 (N.D.III. Oct. 14, 2009), aff'd in part, rev'd in part, vacated in part. 728 F.3d 682 (7th Cir. 2013); Ballard RN Center, Inc. v. Kohll's Pharmacy and Homecare, Inc. 2015 IL 118644, 48 N.E.3d1060; Sadowski v. Medl Online, LLC, 07 C 2973, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41766 (N.D.III., May 27, 2008); CE Design Ltd. v Cy's Crabhouse North, Inc., 259 F.R.D. 135 (N.D.III. 2009); Targin Sign Sys. v Preferred Chiropractic Ctr., Ltd., 679 F. Supp. 2d 894 (N.D.III. 2010); Garrett v. Ragle Dental Lab, Inc., 10 C 1315, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 108339, 2010 WL 4074379 (N.D.III., Oct. 12,

2010); Hinman v. M & M Rental Ctr., 545 F.Supp. 2d 802 (N.D.III. 2008); Clearbrook v. Rooflifters, LLC, 08 C 3276, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 72902 (N.D. III. July 20, 2010) (Cox, M.J.); G.M. Sign, Inc. v. Group C Communs., Inc., 08 C 4521, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17843 (N.D. III. Feb. 25, 2010); Kavu, Inc. v. Omnipak Corp., 246 F.R.D. 642 (W.D.Wash. 2007); Display South, Inc. v. Express Computer Supply, Inc., 961 So.2d 451, 455 (La. App. 1st Cir. 2007); Display South, Inc. v. Graphics House Sports Promotions, Inc., 992 So. 2d 510 (La. App. 1st Cir. 2008); Lampkin v. GGH, Inc., 146 P.3d 847 (Ok. App. 2006); ESI Ergonomic Solutions, LLC v. United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc., 203 Ariz. (App.) 94, 50 P.3d 844 (2002); Core Funding Group, LLC v. Young, 792 N.E.2d 547 (Ind.App. 2003); Critchfield Physical Therapy v. Taranto Group, Inc., 293 Kan. 285; 263 P.3d 767 (2011); Karen S. Little, L.L.C. v. Drury Inns. Inc., 306 S.W.3d 577 (Mo. App. 2010).

32. Management of this class action is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties that those presented in many class actions, e.g. for securities fraud.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and the class and against Defendant for:

- a. Statutory damages;
- b. An injunction against the further transmission of unsolicited fax advertising;
- c. Costs of suit;
- d. Such other or further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

Please be advised that all rights relating to attorney's fees have been assigned to counsel.

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EXHIBIT A

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August 21st - August 25th 2017

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AZITHROMYCIN	PLIVA	500 mg	3x3 BP	\$3.89				
CLINDAMYCIN HYDROCHLORIDE	RANBAXY	150 MG	100 CT	\$7.73	· ···			
DOXEPIN HCL 5% CREAM	RENAISSANCE	5%	45 GM	\$329.00				
DOXYCYCLINE HYCLATE TABS	LPIC PHARMA	100 MG	500 CT	\$52.50	•	-m		
ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM DR CAPS	CAMBER	20 MG	90 CT	\$15.49				
IBUPROFEN	ASCEND	800 MG	100 CT	\$4.83				
OLANZAPINE TABS	AUROBINDO	2,5 MG	30 CT	\$0,99				
OLANZAPINE TABS	AUROBINDO	7.5 MG	30 CT	\$0.99				
QUETIAPINE FUMARATE ER TABS	MALLINCKRODT	150 MG	60 CT	\$84.99				
QUETIAPINE FUMARATE ER TABS	MALLINCKRODT	200 MG	60 CT	\$92.99				
SILDENAFIL TABS	VENSUN	20 MG	90 CT	\$9.00				
VALSARTAN TABS	AUROBINDO	80 MG	90 CT	\$8.99				

Testosterone Cypionate 200mg/ml Westward 10ml SCECIAL PRICE \$27.95

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You may make a request to Attain Med, Inc. not to send future advertisements to this facsimile # or any other facsimile #, Your request may be faxed to 888-958-6980. Please include in your request facsimile # to which request relates. If you subsequently provide permission to Attain Med, Inc. altowing add'l facsimile advertisements, the request will no longer apply. It is unlawful for Attain Med, Inc. to fail to comply within 30 days of your request.

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