

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

LISA WELLS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 3:21-cv-00865
)	
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS,)	
INC., et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Lisa Wells (“Wells”) has filed a motion to sever certain Opt-in Plaintiffs into separate cases and transfer those cases to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(b) (Doc. No. 155). Community Health Systems, Inc., Clarksville Health System, G.P., Knoxville HMA Holdings, LLC, Jefferson County HMA, LLC, Campbell County, HMA, LLC, Cocke County HMA, LLC, Metro Knoxville HMA, LLC, and Cleveland Tennessee Hospital Company, LLC (collectively, “CHS”) do not oppose the motion. The Court finds the motion is justified under Rule 42(b) and **GRANTS** the motion.

Accordingly, the Opt-in Plaintiffs will be severed into seven groupings as separate cases based upon Plaintiffs’ residences, as follows: 1) Clarksville, (2) Cleveland, (3) Jefferson City, (4) North Knoxville, (5) Newport, (6) LaFollette, and (7) Turkey Creek.

The Clarksville case will remain in the Middle District of Tennessee and retain the above-captioned case number (3:21-cv-00865).

The remaining six cases will be assigned separate case numbers and transferred to the Eastern District of Tennessee, by separate order, as follows:

- a. The Turkey Creek, North Knoxville, LaFollette, and Jefferson City groupings will be transferred to the Eastern District of Tennessee, Northern (Knoxville) Division.

- b. The Cleveland grouping will be transferred to the Eastern District of Tennessee, Southern (Chattanooga) Division.
- c. The Newport grouping will be transferred to the Eastern District of Tennessee, Northeastern (Greeneville) Division.

The Parties shall have 30 days from the date of this Order to prepare and file amended and supplemental pleadings for each of the seven of cases, where Plaintiffs shall identify suitable named plaintiffs for each separate group.

Following the filing of the amended/supplemental pleadings, a subsequent order will be entered directing the Clerk to transfer the six groupings to the Eastern District of Tennessee.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE