1 METINER G. KIMEL - State Bar No. 21280 Objections due by: August 12, 2019 Preliminary hearing date: 8/15/19 KIMEL LAW OFFICES 205 N 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 205 Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m. Yakima, WA 98902 Location: Telephonic (888)273-3658 3 Access Code: 5423885 4 Telephone: (509) 452-1115 Facsimile: (509) 965-5860 5 Counsel for Dr. David Becerril 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 9 In re: ASTRIA HEALTH, Case No. 19-01189 (Administratively Consolidated) 10 Debtor. MOTION TO SHORTEN NOTICE ON 11 MOTION FOR ANNULMENT AND RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC 12 13 14 TO THE HONORABLE FRANK L. KURTZ, THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES 15 TRUSTEE, , THE DEBTORS, AND COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS: 16 In accordance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001 and Local Bankruptcy 17 Rules 4001-1 and 4001-3, David Becerril, moves the Court for an order annulling the automatic 18 stay effective as of May 28, 2019, thereby giving effect to the exercise of his contractual right to 19 terminate his employment contract with the Debtor without cause on providing 90 days notice to 20 the Debtor, and to otherwise grant him relief from the stay so that he may commence providing 21 medical services to the underserved population of central Washington. 22 This Motion is made pursuant to Bankruptcy Code (the "Code") § 362(d)(2) that the 23 Debtor has no equity in the contractual rights that is the subject of stay and those contractual 24 rights are not necessary to an effective reorganization of the Debtor and 2) for cause, as a matter 25 of public policy that continued enforcement of the employment contract does nothing more than 26 27



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delay Dr. Becerril's departure from the Debtor's employment to the detriment of the public interest or medically underserved residents in central Washington.

## CAUSE EXISTS FOR SHORTENING THE NOTICE AND HEARING ON THE REQUESTED RELIEF

Cause exists because Dr. Becerril had been expecting in good faith that the Debtor would release him from the 90 day termination notice requirement contained in the Agreement. After failing to do so, the Debtors last communications with the Dr. Becerril were effectively that it would not release him at all, and that he would be compelled to obtain bankruptcy approval to effectuate the contractual termination provisions of his agreement.

As described in the Resignation Notice, he is not being fully utilized by the Debtor, and actions that delay his ability to go to work for Yakima Neighborhood health are to the detriment of all underserved patients utilizing this alternate medical services provider. The need to clarify Dr. Becerril's employment status as quickly as possible is sufficient cause to shorten the requested notice from the normal 17 day notice period

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, Dr Becerril respectfully requests that this Court enter an order:

- A. That the time for objections to be filed to the motion be shortened to August 12, 2019; and
- B. Granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate under the facts and circumstances of these cases.

DATED this 2nd day of August, 2019.

KIMEL LAW OFFICES By /s/ Metiner G Kimel WSBA No. 21280