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7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

9 In re: ASTRIA HEALTH,  
 10 Debtor.

Case No. 19-01189 (Administratively  
 Consolidated)

**DECLARATION OF BRUCE EPPS IN  
 SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR  
 ALLOWANCE OF AN  
 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM  
 FOR BRUCE EPPS PURSUANT TO  
 CODE § 503(b)(1)(A) AND NOTICE**

15 I, Bruce Epps, am the plant manager for Astria Health, and prior to that plant manager for Astria  
 16 Regional Medical Center. The following statements are based upon my personal knowledge, and  
 17 if called upon to testify, could competently do so with regard to the following:

18 1. I started working for Astria since November of 2017. I in fact returned to the  
 19 Regional facility after two years away at the request of Rich Robinson, the CEO of Regional at  
 20 that time. He has continued to be employed as direct of plant services at the Regional facility  
 21 since that time, and has continued to be employed by the Debtor through its bankruptcy process..

22 2. I gave 30 day notice to the Debtor of my intent to terminate my employment on July  
 23 3, 2020, and I will continue to be working for the Debtor for the next 30 days thereafter.

24 3. Attached as Exhibit "1" hereto and incorporated herein by reference is a true and  
 25 correct copy of an e-mail sent to me from Eric Davis, HR Director for Astria Health which sets  
 26 out the Debtor's internal records related to "Priority Claim Hrs" and "Admin. Claim Hrs" for me.  
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1           4. Debtor's records establish that I have accumulated 175.3756 in hours entitled to  
2 administrative claim treatment in the case.

3           5. Attached hereto as Exhibit "2) and incorporated herein by reference is a true and  
4 correct copy of my most recent paystub from Astria Health, which indicates that my current  
5 hourly rate is \$53.6746/hr.

6           6. Accordingly, based on time accrued and his current hourly rate, it would appear I  
7 have an administrative expense claim in the case to date in the amount of \$9,413.22.

8           7. All my time incurred which, forms the basis of my administrative claim, were actual  
9 and necessary cost for preserving significant assets of the bankruptcy estate – namely, the  
10 Regional facility and related facilities.

11           8. My job involved taking of all the boilers, air handlers, and all major equipment  
12 throughout the buildings, as I was charged with responsibility for medical center, the medical  
13 office building, and other clinics in the Yakima area.

14           9. My right to his vacation pay accrued during the post-petition period of the Debtor's  
15 continued operations are part of his overall compensation package, and have been earned by my  
16 continuing service during that time.

17           Executed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 at Yakima, Washington

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**bnjepps@aol.com**

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**From:** Bruce Epps <Bruce.Epps@astria.health>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 2, 2020 10:22 PM  
**To:** Me Cell  
**Subject:** FW: RE:

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** Eric Davis <Eric.Davis@astria.health>  
**Date:** 6/30/20 10:35 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** Bruce Epps <Bruce.Epps@astria.health>  
**Subject:** RE: RE:

Working backwards in time:

Admin Claim = Post Petition (after filing for bankruptcy)

Priority Claim = 180 day period before filing Petition

GUC – Generally Unsecured Claim = All time before the Priority Claim Period

Calculation as of today 06/30/20.

Employee Number	Employee Name	GUC Hrs	Priority Claim Hrs	Admin Claim Hrs	Balance
000604792	Epps, Bruce A.	62.15	0	175.3756	237.52

Eric B.Davis  
Human Resources Director  
Astria Health  
1000 E. Edison | Sunnyside | WA 98944  
Phone: (509) 454-6195 (P) | Fax: 509-837-1380  
[Eric.Davis@Astria.Health](mailto:Eric.Davis@Astria.Health)

**From:** Bruce Epps <Bruce.Epps@astria.health>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Eric Davis <Eric.Davis@astria.health>  
**Subject:** RE:

Yes please

98-703/1251

DATE

06/26/2020

Non-negotiable

PAY Non-negotiable

TO THE ORDER OF  
 BRUCE A EPPS  
 911 S 4TH ST  
 SUNNYSIDE WA 98944

Astria Health  
 Non-negotiable Non-negotiable

# VOID

EMPLOYEE NO. A000604792  
 EPPS, BRUCE A  
 Astria Health : Plant Operations

SHIFT  
 Default

PAY PERIOD  
 06/08/2020 - 06/21/2020

CHECK DATE  
 06/26/2020

CHECK NO.

Supervisor :

EARNINGS	Rate	Hr/Unt	Earnings	YTD
Regular Hours	\$53.6746	48.00	\$2,576.38	\$24,046.23

TAXES	F/S	Ex	D	Taxable Earnings	Additional	Tax Amount	YTD
FICA-SS		0		\$4,056.22		\$251.49	\$1,526.93
FICA-Med		0		\$4,056.22		\$58.81	\$357.10

DEDUCTIONS	Current	Arrears Bal.	YTD
Group Accident	\$10.16	\$0.00	\$50.80
WA Paid Family Leave	\$10.73	\$0.00	\$64.38
Vol Life	\$64.55	\$0.00	\$322.75
Critical Illness	\$28.30	\$0.00	\$141.50
STD	\$14.16	\$0.00	\$70.80
Ret Loan	\$47.11	\$0.00	\$235.55
Dental	\$42.72	\$0.00	\$213.60
Vision	\$4.32	\$0.00	\$21.60
Vol Dependent Life	\$17.93	\$0.00	\$89.65
Medical	\$233.33	\$0.00	\$1,166.65

P.T.O.	(Hrs)	Carry Ovr.	Earned	Taken	Available
Holiday		69.46	14.77	0.00	84.23
Sick		40.95	22.20	32.00	31.15
Vacation		134.83	18.46	0.00	153.30

CURRENT	Hours	Earnings	Taxes	Deductions	Net Pay
Worked Hours	80.00	\$4,293.97	\$315.20	\$473.31	\$3,505.46

EARNINGS	Rate	Hr/Unt	Earnings	YTD
Sick Pay	\$53.6746	32.00	\$1,717.59	\$1,717.59

TAXES	F/S	Ex	D	Taxable Earnings	Additional	Tax Amount	YTD
Fed W/H		M	99	\$4,056.22		\$0.00	\$0.00
WA Work Comp		0		\$4,293.97		\$4.90	\$29.40

BENEFITS	Current	YTD
Over 50K Life	\$52.78	\$316.68

BANK ACCOUNT	Deposit Amount
XXXXXXXX8420	\$1,153.46
XXXXXXXX6407	\$2,352.00

YTD	YTD Earnings	YTD Taxes	YTD Deductions	YTD Net Pay
	\$25,763.82	\$1,913.43	\$2,377.28	\$21,473.11