

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

NORTH STAR HEALTH ALLIANCE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-60099

Main Case

Jointly Administered

Case No. 26-30078

Case No. 26-30079

Case No. 26-60100

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE, *Pro Hac Vice*,
FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY MICHAEL I. BAIRD**

I, Michael I. Baird, a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia request admission, *pro hac vice*, before the Honorable Wendy A. Kinsella, to represent the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“PBGC”), a creditor in the above referenced case.

The PBGC is a United States Government corporation that administers and enforces the pension plan termination program established under Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, *as amended*, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1461 (2018 & Supp. V 2024), and an agency of the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 451.

Under the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York, “[a] member in good standing of the bar of any state or of any United States District Court may be permitted to practice on motion in this Court for a limited purpose only in a particular case, adversary proceeding, contested matter, or action.” LBR 2014-2(b)(1). The Certificate of Good Standing annexed hereto is a copy of a digital original Certificate of Good Standing.

My mailing address is: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Office of the General

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number are: Carthage Area Hospital, Inc. (2079); North Star Health Alliance, Inc. (9491); Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, Inc. (9686); and Meadowbrook Terrace, Inc. (2458).

Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

My e-mail address is: baird.michael@pbgc.gov and efile@pbgc.gov. My telephone number is (202) 229-6222.

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is a U.S. Government corporation and is, therefore, exempt from filing fees.

Dated: February 13, 2026
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael I. Baird

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL I. BAIRD IN SUPPORT
OF MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE *PRO HAC VICE***

I, Michael I. Baird, make the following sworn declaration:

1. I am an attorney with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (a U.S. Government Agency) which is located at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. I reside at 8013 Glenbrook Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of my motion for admission to practice *pro hac vice* in the above captioned matter.
3. As shown in the Certificate of Good Standing annexed hereto I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the District of Columbia. I was admitted on November 1, 2002.
4. I have not been held in contempt of court, censured, suspended, or disbarred by any court.
5. I have not been convicted of a crime, either a felony or misdemeanor.
6. I am familiar with the provisions of the Judicial Code, which pertain to the jurisdiction of, and practice in, the United States Bankruptcy Courts; the Bankruptcy Code; the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure; the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York; and the New York Rules of Professional Conduct. I will adhere faithfully to these rules and responsibilities.

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7. Wherefore the affiant respectfully submits that he be permitted to appear as counsel and advocate *pro hac vice* in this case for Creditor Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Dated: February 13, 2026
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael I. Baird

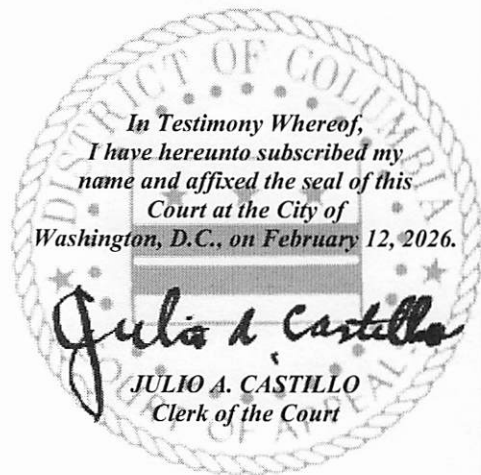
Michael I. Baird
Attorney



*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

Michael Iain Baird

*was duly qualified and admitted on November 1, 2002 as an attorney and counselor entitled to
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good
standing of this Bar.*



Issued By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Chu".

David Chu - Director, Membership
District of Columbia Bar Membership

*For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email
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**ORDER ADMITTING UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY
MICHAEL I. BAIRD TO PRACTICE PRO HAC VICE**

ORDERED, that Michael I. Baird is admitted to practice, *pro hac vice*, in the above-referenced cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York.

Mr. Baird represents the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, a U.S. Government agency, and is therefore exempt from filing fees.



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February 13, 2026

VIA UPS

United States Bankruptcy Court
James T. Foley United States Courthouse
445 Broadway, Suite 330
Albany, New York 12207

Re: In re: North Star Health Alliance, Inc., *et al.*, Case No.: 26-60099

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") is a wholly-owned United States government corporation created by Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), *as amended*, 29.U.S.C. §§ 1301-1461 (2018 & Supp. V 2024), as an agency of the United States government under 28 U.S.C. § 451, **thus we are exempt from filing fees.**

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned bankruptcy action, please find the originals of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's:

1. Motion for Admission To Practice, *Pro Hac Vice* for Attorney Michael I. Baird
2. Affidavit of Michael I. Baird
3. Certificate of Good Standing
4. Proposed Order

If you have any questions please contact me at chatman.joselle@pbgc.gov or Michael Baird at baird.michael@pbgc.gov.

Very truly yours,

Joselle M. Chatman

Joselle M. Chatman
Supervisory Paralegal Specialist
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Enclosures