UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE SUBOXONE (BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE) FILM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	)	Case No. 1:24-md-3092
	)	MDL No. 3092
	)	Judge J. Philip Calabrese
This Document Applies to All Cases	)	

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 20
CENSUS PROTOCOL FOR CASES FILED AFTER OCTOBER 7, 2024

I. Scope of Order

On November 4, 2024, the Court implemented a Census Protocol for cases filed on or before October 7, 2024. (Case Management Order No. 12 (ECF No. 158 as modified by ECF No. 236).) In furtherance of the effective and efficient management of this complex litigation, this Case Management Order establishes census deadlines for cases filed after October 7, 2024 ("Census Round 2").

II. Obligation to Complete Census Round 2

Plaintiffs who filed their claims after October 7, 2024, either individually or as part of a Joinder Complaint, are ordered to complete the Census Form and medical authorizations in Case Management Order No. 12 by the deadlines below:

II.A. Cases filed from October 8, 2024 to September 30, 2025

For Plaintiffs who filed complaints from October 8, 2024 through September 30, 2025, the deadline will be on or before June 1, 2026.

II.B. Cases filed from October 1, 2025 forward

For Plaintiffs who file complaints on or after October 1, 2025, the deadline will be within 60 days of the filing of their action.

III. Additional Obligations of Plaintiffs in Joinder Complaints

At the time they submit their Census Form and authorizations, Joinder Plaintiffs will upload to Crosslink for service to Defendants (1) all medical and/or dental records in their counsel's possession, including records provided to or collected by their counsel, and (2) all dental records and all relevant medical records (as defined in Case Management Order No. 15 as to the core discovery group pursuant to Section IV.G (ECF No. 228, PageID #6460–61)) in possession of the Plaintiff. This requirement does not create an obligation to collect records that have not already been collected.

IV. Applicable Census Provisions

The provisions of Case Management Order No. 12, Paragraphs II (Approval of Census Form and Authorizations), II.A (Establishing a Crosslink Account), II.B (Rubris to Maintain Secure Database), II.F (Documents for Defendants to Submit to Crosslink), II.G (Deficiency Process), II.H (Sharing of Crosslink Costs), and II.I (Dismissal of Plaintiffs for Non-Compliance with This Protocol), and Exhibit 3 to Case Management Order No. 12 (ECF No. 236), apply in Census Round 2.

The deadlines in Case Management Order No. 12, Paragraph II.B (Dual Representation of Plaintiffs) do not apply in Census Round 2. Rubris is directed to

continue to identify for resolution potential dual representations within 90 days of the date of this Order for cases filed as of July 1, 2025.

Case Management Order No. 12, Paragraph II.E (Documents for Plaintiffs to Submit and Related Deadlines) applies with the exception of the deadline, which is governed by Paragraph II of this Order.

V. Extension of Deadline to Serve Deficiencies for Census Round 1

As to Census Forms and authorizations served pursuant to Case Management Order No. 12 for cases filed before October 7, 2024 ("Census Round 1"), Defendants shall serve any deficiencies on or before December 31, 2025 as provided for in Case Management Order No. 12, Paragraph II.G (Deficiency Process) and the Census Appendix on Deficiency Process.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 8, 2025

J. Philip Calabrese
United States District Judge
Northern District of Ohio