

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI**

In re  
NATCHEZ REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
Debtor,

Chapter 9  
Case No. 14-01048-NPO  
Hon. Neil P. Olack

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASE UNDER  
CHAPTER 9, NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC STAY AND  
PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 9, AND NOTICE OF  
DEADLINE AND PROCEDURES FOR FILING  
OBJECTIONS TO THE CHAPTER 9 PETITION**

TO ALL CREDITORS OF NATCHEZ REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND TO OTHER  
PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

**Commencement of Chapter 9 Case**

1. On March 26, 2014, Natchez Regional Medical Center (“NRMC”) commenced a case (the “Chapter 9 Case”) under chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. NRMC’s Chapter 9 Case was commenced pursuant to House Bill No. 1449, signed by Governor Phil Bryant on March 4, 2014 (the “Authorizing Act”). The Chapter 9 Case is pending before the Honorable Neil P. Olack, United States Bankruptcy Judge.

**Automatic Stay**

2. Pursuant to sections 362 and 922 of the Bankruptcy Code, the filing of NRMC’s Chapter 9 petition (the “Chapter 9 Petition”) operates as an automatic stay of actions against NRMC, including, among other things: (a) the enforcement of any judgment; (b) any act to obtain property from NRMC; (c) any act to create, perfect or enforce any lien against property of NRMC; (d) an act to collect, assess or recover a claim against NRMC; and (e) the

commencement or continuation of any judicial, administrative or any other action or proceeding against NRMC, the Board of Trustees of NRMC (the “Board”), the Hospital CEO or any other officer or inhabitant of NRMC that seeks to enforce a claim against NRMC (the “Chapter 9 Stay”).

**Purpose of the Chapter 9 Filing**

3. Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code provides a means for a municipality (such as NRMC, which is a special purpose government entity) that has encountered financial difficulty to work with its creditors to adjust its debts. The primary purpose of chapter 9 is to allow NRMC to continue its operations and its provision of services while it adjusts or restructures creditor obligations. In a chapter 9 case, the jurisdiction and powers of the Bankruptcy Court are limited such that it may not interfere with any of the political or governmental powers of the Board and NRMC or NRMC’s use or enjoyment of any income-producing property. During this Chapter 9 Case, the County Board of Supervisors of Adams County, Mississippi and the Board will continue to manage the affairs of NRMC pursuant § 41-13-15 *et. seq.* of MS Code Ann. (1972).

4. NRMC intends to propose a plan for the adjustment of its debts. Future notice concerning any such plan will be provided to all known creditors.

**Deadline for Objections to Chapter 9 Petition and Entry of an Order for Relief**

5. NRMC has filed a copy of the Authorizing Act (Dkt. 105) in support of its eligibility to be a debtor under chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code.<sup>1</sup> Objections to NRMC’s Chapter 9 Petition (the “Eligibility Objection(s)”) must be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (“Clerk of the Court”), Post

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<sup>1</sup> NRMC reserves the right to file additional papers in support of its eligibility of Chapter 9 relief and in opposition to any objections thereto.

Office Box 2448, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2448, by no later than **May 27, 2014** (the “Eligibility Objection Deadline”). Any such Eligibility Objection (i) shall state the basis of the objection and, with respect to any objection asserted under 11 U.S.C. §109(c)(5), 11 U.S.C. §921(c), or any other statutory provision relied upon by an objecting party, shall state with specificity the facts and legal authorities in support of the objection; (ii) shall comply with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court, and (iii) shall be served on the attorneys for NRMC by mailing a copy of same to: (a) Eileen N. Shaffer, Post Office Box 1177, Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1177 or electronically to [enslaw@bellsouth.net](mailto:enslaw@bellsouth.net), and (b) J. Walter Brown, Jr., Post Office Box 963, Natchez, Mississippi 39121-0963 or electronically to [wlawfirm@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlawfirm@bellsouth.net).

6. If any objections to NRMC’s Chapter 9 Petition are filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before the Eligibility Objection Deadline in accordance with the Order, the Court shall set a final, evidentiary hearing (the “Eligibility Hearing”) on such objections to take place in the United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 109 South Pearl Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Natchez, Mississippi.

7. If no timely and proper Eligibility Objections are filed and served in accordance with this Order, no Eligibility Hearing will be conducted and the filing of NRMC’s Chapter 9 Petition shall be deemed an order for relief under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code and this Notice shall be deemed notice of such order for relief.

8. If any timely and proper Eligibility Objections are filed and overruled by the Court or resolved, the Court shall order relief and the date of entry of such order shall be the date of the order for relief in the Chapter 9 Case.

9. Proceedings in the Chapter 9 Case will not be stayed pending the Court's adjudication of any Eligibility Objections and entry of an order for relief.

Notice and Case Information

9. NRMC may request the Bankruptcy Court to enter an Order limiting notice of certain filings in NRMC's case to certain creditors and interested parties. Any creditor or party in interest that wishes to receive further notices in this case, are encouraged to appear formally in this Chapter 9 case and file with the Clerk of the Court a written request for service of papers pursuant to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

10. All documents filed in the Chapter 9 Case are available through a paid subscription basis, through the Bankruptcy Court's PACER system at <https://ecf.mssb.uscourts.gov>.

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