

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

Abira Medical Laboratories, LLC v. CareSource, et al.

Abira Medical Laboratories · No. 3:24-cv-157 · Decided March 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio granted Abira Medical Laboratories, LLC’s unopposed motion to file exhibits attached to Alan Miller’s certification under seal. The court found a compelling interest in protecting third-party protected health information and personally identifiable information, determined that confidentiality outweighed the public’s access interest, and concluded that sealing the exhibits in their entirety was narrowly tailored because redaction was impracticable.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division at Dayton                                                                                                 |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Michael J. Newman                                                                                                                                                                          |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division at Dayton                                                                                                 |
| DECIDED               | March 2, 2026                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DOCKET                | 3:24-cv-157                                                                                                                                                                                |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Plaintiff moved unopposed to file exhibits attached to the certification of Alan Miller under seal.                                                                                        |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court applied the standard governing sealing judicial records, requiring a compelling interest that outweighs the public's interest in access and a narrowly tailored sealing request. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished district court order                                                                                                                                                           |
| PARTIES               | Abira Medical Laboratories, LLC v. CareSource, et al.                                                                                                                                      |

TOPICS

- medical records privacy
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation

## PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

health law

commercial litigation

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff's unopposed motion to file the exhibits attached to Alan Miller's certification under seal should be granted.
2. Whether sealing the exhibits in their entirety was justified because the exhibits contained pervasive protected health information and personally identifiable information.

## HOLDINGS

1. The court granted Plaintiff's unopposed motion to file the exhibits attached to Alan Miller's certification under seal.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“the interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the exhibits outweighs the public’s interest in accessing them”*

*“Plaintiff shall file the exhibits attached to the certification of Alan Miller UNDER SEAL in their entirety.”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff sought to seal exhibits attached to Alan Miller's certification. The exhibits contained protected health information and personally identifiable information belonging to third parties. The court found that the information was pervasive throughout the documents, making redaction impracticable.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In this federal civil action, Plaintiff moved to seal exhibits attached to a certification. The district court granted the unopposed motion and directed Plaintiff to file the exhibits under seal in their entirety.

## DISPOSITION

other

## CASES CITED

- Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mich., 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir. 2016)

## OPINION

CareSource

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

ABIRA MEDICAL LABORATORIES, LLC,

Plaintiff, Case No. 3:24-cv-157 vs. CARESOURCE, et al., District Judge Michael J. Newman  
Magistrate Judge Peter B. Silvain, Jr. Defendants.

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ORDER: GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO FILE EXHIBITS

UNDER SEAL (Doc. No. 51)

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This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff’s motion to file exhibits attached to the certification of Alan Miller under seal. Doc. No. 51. Pursuant to S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 5.2.1 and Shane Group, the Court finds that: (1) there is a compelling interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the exhibits attached to Alan Miller’s certification, including protecting the protected health information (“PHI”) and personally identifiable information (“PII”) of third parties; (2) the interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the exhibits outweighs the public’s interest in accessing them because the interest in the outcome of this matter is limited to the parties, and protecting the confidentiality of the exhibits will not prejudice the public’s right to guard against corruption and the public’s right to be on notice about what is, and what is not, a violation of law; and (3) Plaintiff’s request is narrowly tailored because PHI and PII are central components of this litigation, and such information is pervasive throughout the documents, such that redaction is impracticable. See *Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mich.*, 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir. 2016). Therefore, Plaintiff’s motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall file the exhibits attached to the certification of Alan Miller UNDER SEAL in their entirety. IT IS SO ORDERED. March 2, 2026 s/Michael J. Newman Hon. Michael J. Newman United States District Judge