

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
MEDICAL RECORDS RE: MOTIONS) **STANDING ORDER**
FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE)

Section XII(A) of the Administrative Policy Governing Electronic Filing and Service provides that “Parties must obtain leave of court to file a sealed document or a sealed motion.” Since the enactment of the First Step Act, the parties filing a motion to reduce sentence on compassionate release grounds and the parties responding to such motions often seek to file an inmate’s medical records. The Court finds that an inmate’s medical records assist in the resolution of such motions and that an inmate’s medical records are not amenable to redaction. Accordingly, the Court grants leave of Court to file the medical records of an inmate seeking compassionate release under seal. The Court directs the parties to file inmate medical records as “sealed documents.”

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.

/s/ Peter D. Welte
Peter D. Welte, Chief Judge
United States District Court