RECEIVED FRESHO CONTY SUPERIOR COURT 2014 OCT 32 PH 12: 57 JOSEPH M. BARRETT, ESQ. (SBN: 143974) IBIERE N. SECK, ESQ. (SBN: 256198) THE COCHRAN FIRM - CALIFORNIA 4929 Wilshire Blvd., Suite #1010 Los Angeles, CA 90010 Tel: (323)435-8205 NOV 0 1 20/3 Fax: (323)282-5280 ibarrett@cochranfirm.com FRESNO COLORY SUPERIOR COURT 6 BENJAMIN P. TYRK, ESQ. (SBN: 253299) DEPUTY LAW OFFICES OF BENJAMIN P. TRYK 7161 North Howard Street, Suite #204 Fresno, CA 93720 Phone: (559) 840-3240 Fax: (888) 528-5570 ben@tryklaw.com 10 11 Attorneys for Plaintiff, DESIREE ABARCA, individually, and as successor 12 in interest to the Estate of Jayla Sanchez 13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 14 FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO 15 DESIREE ABARCA, individually, and as) 16 13 CE CG 0351n Case No. successor in interest to decedent Jayla Sanchez 17 **COMPLAINT FOR:** 18 Plaintiff, 1. Negligence 19 2. Medical Negligence 20 KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, THE PERMANENTE **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL MEDICAL** INC... GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION WCE183904 | #435.00 HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS, an) individual, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, 23 Defendants. 25 26 COMES NOW Plaintiff DESIREE ABARCA, individually, and as successor in interest 27 to decedent Jayla Sanchez, brings this Complaint, alleging against Defendants, KAISER COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

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FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff DESIREE ABARCA (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is and was at all times pertinent an individual residing in the State of California, County of Fresno and was within the jurisdiction of the County of Fresno.
- On November 3, 2012, Plaintiff was the biological and natural mother (decedent, Jayla Sanchez, who passed away on November 3, 2012 ("SANCHEZ" or the "Decedent"). Plaintiff is a successor in interest to the Estate of SANCHEZ as provided in California Code of Civil Procedure section 377.60. Plaintiff makes this claim for on behalf of Decedent, who died in the County of Fresno.
- Plaintiff is the surviving parent of, and successor in interest to, Decedent Jayla 3. Sanchez. Plaintiff is entitled to bring the causes of action herein alleged as successor in interest to Decedent Jayla Sanchez pursuant to Section 377,30 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. (Attached herein as "Exhibit A" is a declaration designating Plaintiff as the successor in interest to Decedent Jayla Sanchez, and attached herein is a true and correct copy of the Death Certificate of Jayla Sanchez)
- KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE 4. Defendants. PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES 1 through 90, were at all times herein mentioned duly organized California corporation, clinics or hospitals existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California; that said Defendant corporations, hospitals, or clinics and the remaining Defendants, and each of them, owned operated, managed and controlled a general hospital, facility or clinic within the County of Fresno, State of California, held out to the public at large and to the Plaintiffs herein, as properly equipped, fully accredited, competently staffed by qualified and prudent personnel and operating in compliance with the standard of due care maintained in other properly equipped, efficiently operated and

administered, accredited hospitals in said community commonly. Each of the Defendants are the agents, ostensible agents, servants, and employees of the other Defendants.

- Defendant, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS is and was at all times pertinent an individual residing in the State of California, County of Fresno and was within the jurisdiction of the County of Fresno.
- 6. The true names and capacities of the Defendant, DOES 1 through 100, whether individual, corporate, associates or otherwise, are unknown to Plaintiff at the time of filing this Complaint and Plaintiff, therefore, sues said Defendants by such fictitious names and will ask leave of court to amend this Complaint to show their true names or capacities when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges that each of the DOE Defendants is, in some manner, responsible for the events and happenings herein set forth and proximately caused injury and damages to the Plaintiff as herein alleged.
- 7. At all times herein mentioned Defendant DOES through 20, inclusive, and every DOE in between, were and now are physicians and surgions, duly licensed to practice their profession in the State of California and engaged in the practice of their said profession in the County of Fresno, State of California.
- 8. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants and DOES 21 through 40, inclusive, were, and now are, registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, practical nurses, certified nurse midwives, aids, technicians, attendants, students or other paramedical personnel, holding themselves out as duly able to practice their profession under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California and were, and now are, engaged in the practice of their profession in the State of California and acting as agents, ostensible agents, employees and servants of some or all of the other Defendants within the course and scope of said agency or employment.
- 9. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants and DOES 41 through 60, inclusive, were corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, or other entities organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with their principal place of business situated in the State of California.
- 10. At all times herein mentioned Defendant DOES 71 through 80 were doing business as a district hospital or a medical facility, open to the public rendering medical, surgical,

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hospital, diagnostic, nursing and other care to the general public for compensation. All of the acts complained of herein by Plaintiff against said Defendants were done and performed by said Defendants by and through their duly authorized agents, servants and employees, each of whom and all of whom were at all times mentioned herein acting within the course, purpose, and scope of their said agency, service and employment, and whose conduct was ratified by all Defendants, and each of them. Further, each Defendant ratified and affirmed the conduct of each other Defendant. Each of the Defendants are the agents, ostensible agents, servants, and employees of the other Defendants.

- Defendants KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., 11. PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES 81 through 90, inclusive, at all times herein mentioned were institutions or controlled institutions, duly accredited by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation, and assumed and held themselves out to the public as in compliance with the minimum standards required by said Joint Commission for such accreditation.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and upon such information and belief alleges that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants and other Defendants named fictitiously, were the agent, ostensible agent, servant, employee, joint-venturers, and copartners of their said co-Defendants and, as such, were acting within the course and scope of such agency, service, partnership, venture, and employment at all times herein mentioned; that each and every Defendant, as aforesaid, when acting as a principal, was negligent in the selection and hiring of each and every other Defendant, as its agent, servant, employee, joint-venturer and partner. Further, each and every Defendant ratified the conduct of the other Defendants.
- All of the facts, acts, events and circumstances herein mentioned and described occurred in the County of Fresno, State of California, and all Defendants are residents of the County of Fresno, State of California, doing business in said County, State of California and therefore jurisdiction is proper.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that at the time of judgment they will be entitled to prejudgment interest because the Defendants will have rejected an offer pursuant to the terms of Code of Civil Procedure section 998 and will have failed to obtain a more favorable judgment.

 15. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 14, inclusive, of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

- 16. On or about November 3, 2012, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was a patient at KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES 1 through 100, where Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS, was placed in and remained under the sole and exclusive care and control of Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, and DOES through 90, and each of them, for the purpose of receiving medical, surgical, hospital, diagnostic, and nursing and other care.
- 17. While Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was a patient at KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES I through 100, Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was administered two powerful and significantly mind-altering drugs known as Oxycontin and Dilaudid, known to render a person heavily intoxicated and unable to make sound decisions or responsibly conduct themselves, including but not limited to, the ability to safely control and navigate an automobile.
- 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that Defendants KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS administered the aforementioned narcotics to Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS during her surgical procedure.
- 19. After administering the narcotics described herein, Defendants KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS discharged Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS.
- 20. At or about the same time on November 3, 2012, Decedent's father Jorge Perez Jr. was lawfully, properly and in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable driving his 2003

- 21. As a result of the acts and omissions of Defendants KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS, while under the influence of two powerful narcotics, drove her vehicle southbound on State Route 43, in the City and County of Fresno, State of California.
- 22. As a result of the level of intoxication, Defendant LINDA SUE FARBANKS traveled across the solid double yellow lines and entered the northbound lane of State Route 43, thereby colliding head on with the vehicle that Decedent Jayla Sanchez was a passenger in, resulting in fatal injuries to Decedent Jayla Sanchez, thereby legally causing the injuries and damages to Plaintiff described herein. Decedent Jayla Sanchez initially survived the collision, with severe and catasprophic injuries, but subsequently succumbed to her injuries and died at the age of 4.
- 23. As a result of the death of Jayla Sanchez, Plaintiff has suffered damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court, including funeral and burial expenses, loss of love, companionship, care, affection, solace, society, and moral support of decedent Jayla Sanchez, and has suffered general damages therefrom in an amount to be determined at trial.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENCE AGAINST DEFENDANTS KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100

- 24. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 15 through 23, inclusive, of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.
- 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was either administered two powerful and significantly mind-altering drugs known as Oxycontin and Dilaudid, known to render a person heavily intoxicated and unable to

make sound decisions or responsibly conduct themselves, including but not limited to, the ability to safely control and navigate an automobile or was already under the influence of one of the powerful drugs, Oxycontin, and this was known or should have been known to Defendants KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES 1 through 100, when their employees, agents, doctors and/or nurses administered the second powerful and significantly mind-altering drug Dilaudid.

- Defendant KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; AND DOES I through 100, were aware of the fact that Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was on two such powerful and significantly mind-altering drugs or just one, in any event they had knowledge of the effects of such medically administered drug or drugs on a person and thus had a duty to ensure that Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was not allowed to leave the property on her own and find her motor vehicle and drive it off of their property.
- 27. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that these Defendants and each of them had a duty to ensure that Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was safely monitored at their facility and was either kept until she could safely leave or to ensure that she had person or persons who would be able to ensure her safe exit from the hospital under the influence of such drug(s) so that she would not be a danger to herself or others, such as Decedent Jayla Sanchez, who could foreseeably be endangered by Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS if she was in fact allowed to leave the hospital in such a seriously intoxicated condition and attempt to drive her motor vehicle.
- 28. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that on or about November 3, 2012, Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 91 through 100, inclusive, had a duty to exercise reasonable and ordinary care in the ownership, supervision and/or operation of her 2006 Isuzu SUV vehicle so as not to create an unreasonable risk of harm to other motorists and

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pedestrians on the roadway. Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS owed a duty to all foreseeable persons to drive in a reasonably safe manner on the public roadway.

- 29. Notwithstanding these duties, Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 91 through 100, so negligently managed, maintained, operated, drove, controlled and supervised the operation of the subject 2006 Isuzu SUV vehicle so as to directly and proximately cause said vehicle to collide into Jorge Perez Jr.'s vehicle, thereby proximately causing the severe injuries and damages to Plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.
- As a direct and proximate result of the negligence, carelessness, and readlessness of the Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDASUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 1 through 100, and each of them, and the resulting death, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has sustained severe and serious injury to her person, all to Plaintiff's damage in a sum within the jurisdiction of this Court and to be shown according to proof.
- 31. As a proximate and legal result of the conduct of Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 1 through 100, Plaintiff has been injured in an amount not presently ascertained. Such damages include loss of comfort and companionship, loss of services, loss of affection, economic damages, future costs and expenses incurred, physical pain and injury, emotional pain, distress and suffering, and other costs, expenses, and general damages not presently ascertained. At such time as Plaintiff is able to ascertain the damages, they will amend the complaint to include the damages.
- As a proximate result of each and all of the aforesaid acts and omissions of these Defendants, Plaintiff was emotionally injured. As a result of said injuries, Plaintiff has had, and in the future will have, mental and emotional pain, suffering, worry and anxiety. By reason of said injuries and consequences, Plaintiff has sustained general damages in an amount to be proven at trial. By reason of said injuries, Plaintiff has incurred, and will probably continue to incur damages in the future, including but not limited to psychological services.

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- 33. As discussed herein, Plaintiff is entitled under Sections 377 of the California Code of Civil Procedure to bring action on behalf of Decedent for the injuries and damages Decedent sustained prior to her death as a result of the above described acts or omissions of Defendants.
- 34. Plaintiff is also entitled to recover reasonable and customary medical bills for services rendered in an effort to save Decedent's life as well as reasonable and customary bills for Decedent' funeral and burial.
- Plaintiff is informed and believe that the aforesaid acts directed towards the Plaintiff were carried out with a conscious disregard of Plaintiff's right to be free from such tortious behavior, such as to constitute oppression, malice or despicable conduct pursuant to California <u>Civil Code</u> Section 3294, entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish and set an example of said Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 1 through 100.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE AGAINST DEFENDANTS KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC. AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100

- 36. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 24 through 35, inclusive, of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- On or about November 3, 2012, and at all times mentioned herein, Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was placed in and remained under the sole and exclusive care and control of Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, AND DOES 1 through 90, and each of them, for the purpose of receiving medical, surgical, hospital, diagnostic, and nursing and other care.
- 38. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was a patient at KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE

PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES 1 through 100, where Defendants and each of them, among other things, undertook the guidance, supervision, counseling and rehabilitation of Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS.

- 39. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that Defendants routinely failed to exercise appropriate and necessary supervision and control over their patients, including Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS.
- 40. While Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was under the sole and exclusive care and control of Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, and each of them, as aforesaid, negligently, carelessly, and unskillfully examined, diagnosed, treated, operated upon, cared for, administered to, and otherwise handled and controlled Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and negligently failed to possess and exercise that degree of skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed and exercised by other physicians and surgeons, hospitals, nurses, technicians, attendants and the like engaged in said professions in the same locality as Defendants, and each of them.
- 41. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and carelessness of Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, and each of them, Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS, was either administered two powerful and significantly mind-altering drugs known as Oxycontin and Dilaudid, commonly known to render a person heavily intoxicated and unable to make sound decisions or responsibly conduct themselves, including but not limited to, the ability to safely control and navigate an automobile or was already under the influence of one of the powerful drugs, Oxycontin, and this was known or should have been known to Defendants KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS; and DOES 1 through 100, when their employees, agents, doctors and/or nurses administered the second powerful and significantly mind-altering drug Dilaudid.

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- each of them had a duty to ensure that Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS was safely monitored at their facility and was either kept until she could safely leave or to ensure that she had person or persons who would be able to ensure her safe exit from the hospital under the influence of such drug(s) so that she would not be a danger to herself or others, such as Decedent Jayla Sanchez, who could foreseeably be endangered by Defendant LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS if she was in fact allowed to leave the hospital in such a seriously intoxicated condition and attempt to drive her motor vehicle.
- 44. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence, carelessness, and recklessness of the Defendants, and each of them, and the resulting death, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has sustained severe and serious injury to her person, all to Plaintiff's damage in a sum within the jurisdiction of this Court and to be shown according to proof.
- FOUNDATION HEADTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 1 through 100, Plaintiff has been injured in an amount not presently ascertained. Such damages include loss of comfort and companionship, loss of services, loss of affection, economic damages, future costs and expenses incurred, physical pain and injury, emotional pain, distress and suffering, and other costs, expenses, and general damages not presently ascertained. At such time as Plaintiff is able to ascertain the damages, they will amend the complaint to include the damages.

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- As a proximate result of each and all of the aforesaid acts and omissions of these Defendants, Plaintiff was emotionally injured. As a result of said injuries, Plaintiff has had, and in the future will have, mental and emotional pain, suffering, worry and anxiety. By reason of said injuries and consequences, Plaintiff has sustained general damages in an amount to be proven at trial. By reason of said injuries, Plaintiff has incurred, and will probably continue to incur damages in the future, including but not limited to psychological services.
- 47. As discussed herein, Plaintiff is entitled under Sections 377 of the California Code of Civil Procedure to bring action on behalf of Decedent for the injuries and damages Decedent sustained prior to her death as a result of the above described acts or omissions of Decedents.
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- Plaintiff is informed and believe that the aforesaid acts directed towards the Plaintiff were carried out with a conscious disregard of Plaintiff's right to be free from such tortious behavior, such as to constitute oppression, malice or despicable conduct pursuant to California <u>Civil Code</u> Section 3294, entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish and set an example of said Defendants, KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS, LINDA SUE FAIRBANKS and DOES 1 through 100.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- For economic damages in an amount according to proof; and in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this court;
- 2. For non-economic damages in an amount according to proof:
- 3. For costs of suit incurred herein:

4. For interest on such judgment as allowed by law;	
5. And for such oth	er and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.
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