

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION)	CASE NO. 1:17-MD-2804
OPIATE LITIGATION)	
)	JUDGE POLSTER
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	
<i>"NAS Cases"</i>)	
)	<u>ORDER REQUESTING</u>
)	<u>CMO PROPOSALS</u>
)	<u>FOR "NAS CASES"</u>

Earlier, the Court: (1) directed plaintiffs in all pending NAS cases to submit, on or before March 13, 2026, a plaintiff fact sheet ("PFS") for each child who allegedly suffered NAS; and (2) stated it would dismiss cases where the plaintiff failed to do so. *See* docket no. 6417-3. The process went forward and, according to the Court's records, there are now pending in the MDL only the NAS cases shown in the attached chart.¹

The Court would like to hear from the parties in these cases regarding how they believe the MDL Court should proceed. Options include, but are not limited to, the following, either individually or in combination: (1) choosing one or more bellwether cases for trial; (2) suggesting (to the MDL Panel) remand of some or all cases to appropriate non-MDL courts; (3) assessing whether certain defendants should be dismissed, voluntarily or through motion practice; and (4) individual or group mediation.

¹ The Court granted not-yet-expired extensions of time to file the PFS in two NAS cases not listed in the chart.

Accordingly, the Court asks counsel for the parties in the cases listed below to submit letter-proposals on how to proceed with all NAS cases pending in the MDL. Submissions should be no more than three single-spaced pages. To the extent possible, counsel for all plaintiffs should submit joint proposals, and counsel for all defendants should submit joint proposals. Submissions should be e-mailed to David@SpecialMaster.law and [Carrie Roush@ohnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Carrie_Roush@ohnd.uscourts.gov) by **noon on April 22, 2026.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Dan Aaron Polster

DAN AARON POLSTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 10, 2026

PLAINTIFF	MDL CASE NO.
Walter and Virginia Salmons, individually and as the next friend and guardian of Baby W.S.	1:18-op-45268
Tyler M. Roach, natural tutor on behalf of his minor child, Baby K.E.R. and as class representative for all Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome afflicted babies born in Louisiana	1:18-op-45662
W.E., by and through her guardian and next friend Pamela Osborne, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated	1:18-op-46347
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Jennifer Artz, legal guardian of Child I.A.A. and Melissa Barnwell, legal guardian of child C.G., and Roman and Jacqueline Ramirez, legal guardians of child R.R., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated legal guardians	1:19-op-45459
Jolene Manchen, Individually and as Next Friend and Guardian of Baby L.M.	1:20-op-45228
Shannon Lee Threadgill individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child K.R.T.	1:21-op-45118
Beth Vincent, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child S.J.S.	1:21-op-45119
Adam Matthew Rubin, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child C.A.R.	1:21-op-45121
Adam Matthew Rubin, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child C.M.R.	1:21-op-45122
Adam Matthew Rubin, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child C.J.R.	1:21-op-45123
Maryann Farrell, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child A.N.F.	1:21-op-45124
Christopher Michael Funston, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child C.C.F.	1:21-op-45125
Tiffany Nicole Burcham, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child L.R.K.	1:21-op-45126
Rachel Renee Moser, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child A.W.J.	1:21-op-45127
Marsha Marie Rowaihy, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child J.J.A.	1:21-op-45129
Vada Elizabeth Calkins, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child D.V.L.C.	1:21-op-45130
Holly Janelle Carpenter, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child C.M.C.	1:21-op-45131
Regina Marie Covington, individually and as next of friend and guardian of Child K.W.C.C.	1:21-op-45133
Robin Anderson Raville, Individually and as Next Friend and Guardian of Baby K.B.R.	1:24-op-45001
Darlene Mathieu, Individually and as Next of Friend and Guardian of Baby M.V.M.	1:24-op-45002
Terri Simone Smith, Individually and as Next of Friend and Guardian of Baby K.S.P.	1:24-op-45003
Kimberly D. Wright, Individually and as Next of Friend and Guardian of Baby L.J.W.	1:24-op-45004