

SO ORDERED



Thomas J. Catliota
THOMAS J. CATLIOTA
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In Re: *
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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROCEDURES * MISCELLANEOUS
* PROCEEDING NO. 20-90006
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-13 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FEES IN CHAPTER 13
CASES RELATED TO WORK NECESSITATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The COVID-19 pandemic and the corresponding health and economic challenges faced by the citizens of Maryland have led this Court to recognize and implement a number of substantive and procedural changes for parties involved in bankruptcy cases in this District. Among other things, this Court’s Administrative Order 20-10: (i) establishes interim procedures for motions to modify confirmed Chapter 13 plans under 11 U.S.C. § 1329(d) (§ 1113(b)(1)(C) of the CARES Act; such plan modifications are referred to herein as “CARES Act Plan Modification(s)”), and (ii) temporarily amended its procedures relating to Chapter 13 motions to suspend plan payments or temporarily vacate wage orders for up to four months (collectively, “Payment and Wage Motions”). In reviewing the various potential relief needed by debtors in Chapter 13 cases, the Court finds it appropriate and warranted to temporarily supplement Section 4 of Appendix F of this Court’s Local Rules.

Therefore, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, hereby ORDERED that Section 4 of Appendix F shall be supplemented as follows:

- E. A flat fee in the amounts and on the conditions as follows —
- (1) A flat fee, not to exceed \$500.00, for the filing of a motion to approve a CARES Act Plan Modification.
 - (2) A flat fee, not to exceed \$300.00 for an additional one year or \$600.00 for an additional two years (prorated for any portion of such additional period), for the attorney's additional work on behalf of the debtor during the extended period permitted by any Order approving a CARES Act Plan Modification in a case in which the attorney was engaged pursuant to the terms of Section 4(B) of Appendix F.
 - (3) For matters not covered by Sections 4(E)(1) and (2), a flat fee, not to exceed \$500.00 for any one filing or \$1,000.00 for all other eligible filings in any given case, relating to the preparation and filing of Payment and Wage Motions or any other paper that an attorney certifies relates to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the debtor.
 - (4) Any attorney entering into a fee arrangement or otherwise charging fees in reliance on this subsection shall file a supplement to the attorney's Rule 2016 disclosure explaining the amount and nature of the subject fee and, if required above, certifying the circumstances surrounding the subject fee, within 7 days of entering into such fee agreement or charging such fee.

Nothing in this Administrative Order prevents an attorney from seeking the approval of a different or additional fee in accordance with Section 7 of Appendix F of this Court's Local Rules.

This Administrative Order may be modified as necessary or terminated by further Order of this Court.

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