



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN**

Minute Order

Date: August 28, 2026 Time: 8:30 AM Location: Department 17

Case Number: BCV24103918

**VALENTIN ET AL VS AVITA DRUGS, LLC, A LOUISIANA LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Judicial Officer: Thomas S. Clark

Clerk: Linda Hall

Court Reporter: None

Finalized by: Linda Hall

Nature of Proceedings: Final Approval on Class Action Settlement

Case called at: 08:41 AM

Appearances:

Counsel Ryan Slinger appeared remotely on behalf of Plaintiff(s).

Counsel Sweta Patel appeared remotely on behalf of Defendant.

No opposition filed.

The Court reaches the following decision: .

Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval on Class Action Settlement - GRANTED.

Order signed as modified and endorsed copy emailed to counsel by clerk.

Order to Show Cause RE: Dismissal set for 10/20/2026, vacated.

Status Conference is set on 08/28/2028 at 8:15 AM in Department 17. RE: DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Counsel to file declaration regarding funds being distributed, if all funds have been distributed Court to vacate status hearing.

Further notice is waived.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN**

MARIA VALENTIN, individually, and on
behalf of other members of the general public
similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

AVITA DRUGS, LLC, a Louisiana limited
liability company; and DOES 1 through 100,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. BCV-24-103918

Honorable Thomas S. Clark
Department 17

CLASS ACTION

**[PROPOSED] FINAL APPROVAL
ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

Date: August 28, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Department: 17

Complaint Filed: November 13, 2024
Trial Date: None Set

1 This matter has come before the Honorable Thomas S. Clark, in Department 17 of the
2 above-entitled Court, located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, 93301, on
3 August 28, 2026 at 8:30 a.m., on Plaintiff Maria Valentin's ("Plaintiff") Motion for Final
4 Approval of Class Action Settlement, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and Enhancement Award
5 ("Motion for Final Approval"). Lawyers for Justice, PC, appeared on behalf of Plaintiff and the
6 Class, and Potomac Law LLP appeared on behalf of Defendant Avita Drugs, LLC
7 ("Defendant").

8 On February 27, 2026, the Court entered the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of
9 Class Action Settlement ("Preliminary Approval Order"), thereby preliminarily approving the
10 settlement of the above-entitled action ("Action") in accordance with the Joint Stipulation of
11 Class Action Settlement and Release ("Settlement," "Agreement," or "Settlement Agreement"),
12 which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto set forth the terms and conditions for
13 settlement of the Action.

14 Having reviewed the Settlement Agreement and duly considered the parties' papers and
15 oral argument, and good cause appearing,

16 **THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES AS FOLLOWS:**

- 17 1. The Motion for Final Approval is granted in its entirety.
- 18 2. This Final Approval Order and Judgment incorporates by reference the
19 definitions in the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order, and all capitalized
20 terms used, but not defined, herein shall have the same meanings as in the Settlement
21 Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order.
- 22 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the Class Members as it pertains to the Action
23 and the claims asserted in the Action, the Court also has jurisdiction over all parties to the
24 Action as it pertains to the Action and the claims asserted in the Action.
- 25 4. The Court finds that the applicable requirements of California Code of Civil
26 Procedure section 382 and California Rule of Court 3.769, *et seq.* have been satisfied, with
27 respect to the Class and the Settlement. The Court hereby makes final its earlier provisional
28 certification of the Class for settlement purposes, as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.

1 The Class is hereby defined to include: all current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt
2 employees of Defendant in California, excluding those employees who signed Separation and
3 General Release Agreements, who worked during the Class Release Period ("Class" or "Class
4 Members").

5 5. The Court finds that the Court-approved Notice of Class Action Settlement
6 ("Class Notice") that was provided to the Class Members, fully and accurately informed the
7 Class Members of all material elements of the Settlement, of their opportunity to participate in
8 the Settlement, object to or comment on the Class Settlement, or to seek exclusion from the
9 Class Settlement; the Class Notice was the best notice practicable under the circumstances; was
10 valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Class Members; and complied fully with the laws of the
11 State of California, the United States Constitution, due process and other applicable law. The
12 Class Notice fairly and adequately described the Settlement and provided the Class Members
13 with adequate instructions and a variety of means to obtain additional information.

14 6. Pursuant to California law, the Court hereby grants final approval to the
15 Settlement and finds that it is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the
16 Class as a whole. More specifically, the Court finds that the Settlement was reached following
17 meaningful informal discovery and investigation conducted by Lawyers for Justice, PC ("Class
18 Counsel"), and that the Settlement is the result of serious, informed, adversarial, and arms-
19 length negotiations between the parties. In so finding, the Court has considered all of the
20 evidence presented, including evidence regarding the strength of Plaintiff's claims; the risk,
21 expense, and complexity of pursuing the claims presented; the likely duration of further
22 litigation; the amount offered in the Settlement; the extent of investigation and discovery
23 completed; and the experience and views of Class Counsel. The Court finds that the Settlement,
24 including the monetary allocations and payments, appear within the range of reasonableness,
25 and that the monetary recovery to the Class is fair, adequate, and reasonable when balanced
26 against the probable outcome of further litigation relating to certification, liability, and damages
27 issues. The Court has further considered the absence of any objections by the Class Members to
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1 the Class Settlement. Accordingly, the Court hereby directs that the Settlement be affected in
2 accordance with the Settlement Agreement and the following terms and conditions.

3 7. A full opportunity has been afforded to the Class Members to participate in the
4 Final Approval Hearing, and all Class Members and other persons wishing to be heard have
5 been heard. The Class Members also have had a full and fair opportunity to exclude themselves
6 from the Settlement. Accordingly, the Court determines that Plaintiff and all Class Members
7 who did not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion from the Settlement
8 ("Participating Class Members"), individually and on behalf of their respective successors,
9 assigns, agents, attorneys, executors, heirs and personal representatives, are bound by the Class
10 Settlement and by this Final Approval Order and Judgment, and thereby, as of the Effective
11 Date and full funding of the Total Settlement Amount, shall fully, finally, and forever release
12 and discharge the Released Parties, and each of them, from the Released Class Claims.

13 8. The Court hereby directs that the Settlement be affected in accordance with the
14 Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, and the terms and conditions set forth
15 herein.

16 9. The Court finds that payment of Settlement Administration Costs in the amount
17 of \$6,650.00 to ILYM Group, Inc. ("Settlement Administrator"), is appropriate for the services
18 performed and costs incurred and to be incurred for the notice and settlement administration
19 process, and is hereby approved. It is hereby ordered that the Settlement Administrator shall
20 issue payment to itself in the amount of \$6,650.00, in accordance with the terms and
21 methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

22 10. The Court finds that the Enhancement Award in the amount of \$7,500.00 to
23 Plaintiff is fair and reasonable, and hereby approved. It is hereby ordered that the Settlement
24 Administrator issue payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Plaintiff for her Enhancement
25 Award according to the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

26 11. The Court finds that attorneys' fees in the amount of \$192,500.00 to Class
27 Counsel falls within the range of reasonableness and that the results achieved justify the award
28 sought, and is hereby approved. It is hereby ordered that the Settlement Administrator issue

1 payment in the amount of \$192,500.00 to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, in accordance with
2 the terms and methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

3 12. The Court finds that reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses in the
4 amount of \$14,690.63 to Class Counsel is reasonable, and hereby approved. It is hereby ordered
5 that the Settlement Administrator issue payment in the amount of \$14,690.63 to Class Counsel
6 for reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses, in accordance with the terms and
7 methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

8 13. It is hereby ordered that within sixty (60) calendar days after the Effective Date,
9 Defendant shall deposit the Total Settlement Amount of \$550,000.00 and the employer's share
10 of payroll taxes and contributions with respect to the wage portion of Individual Settlement
11 Shares into an account established by the Settlement Administrator, in accordance with the
12 terms and methodology set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

13 14. It is hereby ordered that within seven (7) calendar days following the funding of
14 the Total Settlement Amount, the Settlement Administrator will issue payments due under the
15 Settlement and approved by the Court as follows: (a) Individual Settlement Payments to
16 Participating Class Members, (b) Enhancement Award to Plaintiff, (c) Attorneys' Fees and
17 Costs to Class Counsel, and (d) Settlement Administration Costs to the Settlement
18 Administrator, in accordance with terms and methodology set forth in the Settlement
19 Agreement.

20 15. Each check issued to a Participating Class Member for their Individual
21 Settlement Payment shall be valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from
22 the date of issuance of the check, and after this time period, the check(s) shall be cancelled. The
23 leftover funds associated with checks issued to Participating Class Members, after the checks
24 have been canceled, shall be transmitted to the State of California's Controller's Office
25 Unclaimed Property Division, in the name of the Participating Class Member and in the amount
26 of his or her respective Individual Settlement Payment pursuant to California Code of Civil
27 Procedure Section 384. All Participating Class Members shall be bound by the terms and
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1 conditions of the Class Settlement regardless of whether or not they cash or otherwise negotiate
2 their Individual Settlement Payment checks.

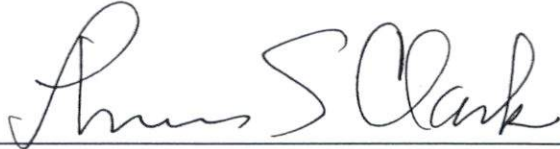
3 16. After entry of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, pursuant to California
4 Rules of Court, Rule 3.769(h), the Court shall retain jurisdiction to construe, interpret,
5 implement, and enforce the Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, and this Final
6 Approval Order and Judgment, to hear and resolve any contested challenge to a claim for
7 settlement benefits, and to supervise and adjudicate any dispute arising from or in connection
8 with the distribution of settlement benefits.

9 17. Individualized notice of this Final Approval Order and Judgment is not required.
10 The Settlement Administrator shall post a copy of the Final Approval Order and Judgment on
11 the Settlement Administrator's website for a period of at least sixty (60) calendar days after the
12 date of entry of this Final Approval Order and Judgment.

13 18. A Final Compliance Hearing is set for 8-28-28 at 8:30 a.m./p.m. in
14 Department 17. Class Counsel shall submit the Settlement Administrator's accounting report
15 regarding the status of the funding and disbursement of the Settlement at least five (5) court days
16 prior to the Final Compliance Hearing.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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19 DATE: 8-28-26


The Honorable Thomas S. Clark
Judge of the Kern County Superior Court of
California