

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

Helen Pitts, Kenneth Roman, Denise Hodges, and Rickii Ainey, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs,	*	
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	*	C.A. No. 3:10-cv-00635-JJB-SCR
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v.	*	Judge James J. Brady
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Bruce Greenstein, in his official capacity as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Defendants,	*	Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Riedlinger
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	*	CLASS ACTION
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ORDER

On the _____ day of _____, 2010, came on for hearing Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification in the above-named and numbered cause. It appears to the Court that the requirements of F.R.Civ.Pro. 23 are met in this action, and that it is appropriate for this action to be maintained as a class action. It is therefore

ORDERED that this action may be maintained as a class action under F.R.Civ.Pro. 23(b)(2), on behalf of the class described as follows:

Louisiana residents with disabilities who are recipients or prospective recipients of Medicaid-funded services through the LT-PCS program; who desire to continue to reside in the community instead of in a nursing facility; who can reside in the community with appropriate Medicaid-funded LT-PCS services; and who are at risk of being forced to enter a nursing home because Defendants plan to reduce the level of community-based services.

It is further ordered that Nell Hahn, Stephen F. Gold, Kenneth Zeller, and Bruce Vignery shall serve as class counsel.

SIGNED in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____
_____, 201__.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE