

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

IN RE: DIET DRUG LITIGATION

**Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding
No. 4032**

**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

ALL ACTIONS**

**The Honorable Daniel S. Pratt, Presiding
Coordination Judge, LASC, Southeast
District Department D**

GENERAL ORDER # 22

**RE DEFAULT OF HEALTHCARE
PROVIDER DEFENDANTS AND
PHARMACY DEFENDANTS**

**TO PLAINTIFFS' LIAISON, MANUFACTURERS' LIAISON, AND COUNSEL FOR
PHYSICIAN DEFENDANTS:**

Until further order of this Court, any healthcare provider defendants and/or pharmacy defendants who have been served with a Summons and Complaint shall not be required to file an Answer or other pleading in response to Plaintiffs' Complaints, for all cases stayed pursuant to General Order No. 1. If the stay order is lifted on any case, the healthcare provider defendants and/or pharmacy defendants who have been served with the Complaint in that action shall have a period of 30 days to answer or otherwise plead following notice of the lifting of the stay order.

Until further order of this Court, no default shall be entered against any healthcare provider defendant and/or pharmacy defendant unless the Court first entertains an Order to Show Cause why default should be entered. Notice of this OSC must be given by plaintiff at least 28 days before the scheduled OSC to the following: the individual healthcare provider, any attorney who has acted on behalf of that healthcare provider, and all liaison counsel.

Counsel for healthcare provider defendants shall post a letter to individual DD case numbers on Verilaw notifying the court and interested counsel of the identity of counsel for such defendants.

DATED: 12-21-2004

S/P
THE HONORABLE DANIEL S. PRATT
Judge of the Superior Court