

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	1:09-CV-119-CAP
THE STATE OF GEORGIA, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65, the United States moves the Court for immediate relief based on the imminent and serious threat of harm to the life, health, and safety of individuals in Georgia’s State Hospitals in violation of the Constitution and federal statutory law. The State of Georgia continues to fail to serve individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs, and preventable deaths, suicides, and assaults continue to occur with alarming frequency in the Hospitals.

As more fully set forth in the attached Memorandum of Law, there is a substantial likelihood that the United States will prevail on the merits, irreparable harm is being inflicted upon individuals in Georgia’s State Hospitals, the balance

of equities favors granting the relief, and the public interest would be advanced by the relief. A proposed order also is attached.

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