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Articles of Organization Limited Liability Company

Pursuant to KRS 14A and KRS 275, the undersigned applies to qualify and for that purpose submits the following statements:

Article I: The name of the limited liability company is

ASCEND SMC LLC

Article II: The name of the initial registered agent is

Samuel E. Crockett

and the street address of the entity's initial registered office in Kentucky is

5204 Moccasin Trail, Louisville, KY 40207

Article III: The mailing address of the entity's principal office is

5204 Moccasin Trail, Louisville, KY 40207

Article IV: This entity is managed by Managers.

This filing will be effective on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

l declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kentucky that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of individual signing on behalf of Organizer: Samuel E. Crockett

l, **Samuel E. Crockett**, consent to serve as the Registered Agent on behalf of this entity on Thursday, September 12, 2024.