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Certificate of Authority

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 14A.9 - 030 the undersigned hereby applies for authority to transact business in Kentucky on behalf of the entity named below and, for that purpose, submits the following statements:

- 1. The entity is a profit corporation.
- 2. The name of the entity is

ESSENCE HEALTHCARE PPO, INC.

- 3. The state or country under whose law the entity is organized is Missouri.
- 4. The date of organization is 2/15/2022 and the period of duration is perpetual.
- 5. The mailing address of the entity's principal office is

13900 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

6. The street address of the entity's registered office in Kentucky is

306 West Main Street, Suite 512, Frankfort, KY 40601

and the name of the registered agent at that office is C T Corporation System.

7. The names and business addresses of the entity's representatives:

Secretary Gail Halterman 13900 Riverport Maryland Heights MO 63043 Drive

8. This application will be effective on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

As the Authorized Representative, I, **Gail Halterman**, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kentucky that the foregoing is true and correct. Title: **Secretary**

I, **Denise Bell**, consent to sign for **C T Corporation System** who serves as the **Registered Agent** on behalf of this profit corporation company.

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