

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE:

**PROCEDURE FOR ACCESS AND
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED
DOCUMENTS**

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STANDING ORDER

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WHEREAS cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts require the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents:** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures (<https://www.paed.uscourts.gov/redaction-requirements-and-sealed-documents>) but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means.
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF:** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will have to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The court will serve court issued documents.
3. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Additional copies of sealed documents will require a court order. Applicable copy fees (<https://www.paed.uscourts.gov/fees>) will be applied to such requests.

4. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs):** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures ([StandingOrder-HSD.pdf](#)).
5. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures:** Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the Clerk's Office at PAED_clerksoffice@paed.uscourts.gov or 215-597-7704.

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior District Court orders, CM/ECF procedure manuals, and local rules concerning the process for filing sealing documents.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 23rd day of September, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Wendy Beetlestone
WENDY BEETLESTONE, C.J.