

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	Chapter 11
VYAIRE MEDICAL, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	Case No. 24-11217 (BLS)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
	Objection Deadline: Jan. 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

**FIFTH MONTHLY APPLICATION OF BERKELEY RESEARCH GROUP, LLC FOR
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES INCURRED AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS DURING THE PERIOD
FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Berkeley Research Group LLC (“ <u>BRG</u> ”)
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (“the <u>Committee</u> ”)
Date of Retention:	July 30, 2024 effective as of June 28, 2024
Period for which Compensation and reimbursement is sought:	November 1, 2024 through November 14, 2024
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$79,974.80 (80% of \$99,968.50)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$0.00
This is an:	<u> X </u> monthly <u> </u> interim <u> </u> final application

The total time expended for fee application preparation is approximately 5.3 hours and the corresponding compensation requested is approximately \$1,457.50.

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Attachment A - Prior Applications Filed:

Application		Requested			Paid to Date		Total Unpaid
Dt Filed							
Dkt No	Period	Fees	Expenses	CNO/ Order	Fees	Expenses	Fees and Expenses
9/13/2024 Dkt No. 524	6/28/2024- 7/31/2024	\$ 572,627.00	\$ -	10/10/2024 Dkt No. 617	\$ 567,271.00	\$ -	\$ -
10/9/2024 Dkt No. 612	8/1/2024- 8/31/2024	363,126.00	-	11/4/24 Dkt No. 704	361,482.00	-	\$ -
10/16/2024 Dkt No. 633	First Interim	935,753.00	-	12/10/2024 Dkt No. 834	928,753.00	-	-
11/13/24 Dkt No. 735	9/1/2024- 9/30/2024	337,946.50	-	12/9/2024 Dkt No. 829	270,357.20	-	67,589.30
11/25/2024 Dkt No. 799	10/1/2024- 10/31/2024	367,016.00	-	TBD	-	-	367,016.00
Total		\$ 1,640,715.50	\$ -		\$ 1,199,110.20	\$ -	\$ 434,605.30

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Attachment B: Fees By Professional

Berkeley Research Group, LLC

For the Period 11/1/2024 through 11/14/2024

Professional	Title	Billing Rate	Hours	Fees
D. Galfus	Managing Director	\$1,325.00	18.6	\$24,645.00
R. Zaidman	Managing Director	\$1,095.00	48.2	\$52,779.00
R. Cohen	Senior Managing Consultant	\$850.00	14.8	\$12,580.00
A. Kashanirokh	Associate	\$420.00	14.6	\$6,132.00
J. Rogala	Associate	\$480.00	5.5	\$2,640.00
M. Haverkamp	Case Manager	\$375.00	1.1	\$412.50
E. Degnan	Case Assistant	\$195.00	4.0	\$780.00
Total			106.8	\$99,968.50
Blended Rate				\$936.03

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Attachment C: Fees By Task Code

Berkeley Research Group, LLC

For the Period 11/1/2024 through 11/14/2024

Task Code	Hours	Fees
01. Asset Acquisition/ Disposition	4.1	\$4,554.00
05. Professional Retention/ Fee Application Preparation	5.3	\$1,457.50
06. Attend Hearings/ Related Activities	0.5	\$547.50
08. Interaction/ Meetings with Creditors/ Counsel	2.8	\$3,319.00
11. Claim Analysis/ Accounting	1.4	\$1,533.00
14. Executory Contracts/ Leases	1.3	\$1,423.50
18. Operating and Other Reports	1.1	\$935.00
19. Cash Flow/Cash Management/ Liquidity	51.1	\$47,400.00
25. Litigation	9.6	\$4,362.00
27. Plan of Reorganization/ Disclosure Statement	29.6	\$34,437.00
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Berkeley Research Group, LLC (“BRG”) as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), hereby submits its fifth monthly fee application (the “Application”) for an order pursuant to sections 105(a), 330 and 331 chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court of the District of Delaware (the “Local Rules”), the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the “Interim Compensation Order”), [Dkt. No. 218] entered July 9, 2024, and the *United States Trustee’s Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330*, effective January 30, 1996 (the “U.S. Trustee Guidelines”) seeking (a) the allowance of reasonable compensation for

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professional services rendered by BRG to the Committee during the period November 1, 2024 through November 14, 2024 (the “Fee Period”)² and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary charges and disbursements incurred by BRG during the Fee Period in the rendition of required professional services on behalf of the Committee. In support of this Application, BRG represents as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) has jurisdiction over this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(A) and the Committee confirms their consent pursuant to Local Rule 9013-l(f) to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Application to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, and Local Rule 2016-2.

BACKGROUND

3. On June 9, 2024 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Cases”) with the Court. The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-

² This Application runs through the Confirmation Date (as defined below) pursuant to Article II.B.4 of the Plan (as defined below).

possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

4. The Cases are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) and the Court's *Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 84], entered on June 11, 2024.

5. On June 26, 2024 (the "Formation Date"), the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed the Committee. The Committee is presently comprised of the following members: (i) Sunmed Group Holdings, LLC (d/b/a AirLife); (ii) Zensar Technologies Inc.; (iii) Cognizant Worldwide Ltd.; (iv) Presido; (v) Vizient, Inc.; and (vi) David M. Lewis Company.³

6. On June 28, 2024, the Committee selected BRG to serve as its financial advisor. The Committee also selected McDermott Will & Emery LLP ("MWE" or "Counsel") to serve as its counsel. On July 30, 2024, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 332] approving BRG's retention effective as of June 28, 2024.

7. On September 11, 2024, the Debtors' filed the *Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Vyaire Medical, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates* [Docket No. 518] and the corresponding Disclosure Statement [Docket No. 519] (as amended the "Plan" and "Disclosure Statement" respectively). The Debtors filed amendments to the Plan and Disclosure Statement on September 30, 2024 and November 11, 2024. On November 14, 2024, the Court held a hearing regarding the approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan and entered the order confirming the Plan and approving the Disclosure Statement (the "Confirmation Date"). On November 27, 2024, the effective date of the Plan occurred (the "Effective Date").

³ Data Modul, Inc. resigned from the Committee effective November 11, 2024.

FEE PROCEDURES ORDER

8. On July 9, 2024, this Court signed the Interim Compensation Order. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, on or after the twenty first (21st) day of each month (the “Fee Filing Period”) following the month for which compensation and reimbursement is sought (the “Compensation Period”), each Professional seeking interim compensation may file with the Court a monthly application (each a “Monthly Fee Application”) pursuant to section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code for interim approval and allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses during the Compensation Period. Each Notice Party shall have twenty one (21) days after service of a Monthly Fee Application to review the Monthly Fee Application (the “Review Period”) and serve a written notice of objection (a “Notice of Objection”).

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

9. BRG is a global strategic advisory and expert consulting firm that provides independent expert testimony, litigation and regulatory support, authoritative studies, strategic advice, and document and data analytics to major law firms, Fortune 500 corporations, government agencies, and regulatory bodies around the world. BRG has a wealth of experience in providing financial consulting in distressed scenarios and enjoys an excellent reputation for services it has rendered in large and complex chapter 11 cases on behalf of debtors and creditors throughout the United States.

10. Since being retained by the Committee, BRG has rendered professional services to the Committee as requested and as necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the interests of the unsecured creditors of the Debtors’ estates. BRG respectfully submits that the professional services that it rendered on behalf of the Committee were necessary and have directly benefited the creditor constituents represented by the Committee and have contributed to the effective administration of these Cases.

11. BRG submits that the interim fees applied for herein for professional services rendered in performing services for the Committee in this proceeding are fair and reasonable in view of the time spent, the extent of work performed, the nature of the Debtors' capitalization structure and financial condition, the Debtors' financial accounting resources and the results obtained. BRG's fees typically are based on the actual hours charged at BRG's standard hourly rates, which are in effect when the services are rendered.

12. BRG expended an aggregate of 106.8 hours, all of which was expended by the professional staff of BRG. The work involved, and thus the time expended, was carefully assigned in light of the experience and expertise required for a particular task. Assigned staff was utilized to optimize efficiencies and avoid redundant efforts.

13. BRG's approach is to utilize senior, experienced personnel to create efficiencies in time spent reviewing and minimize total cost. In addition, BRG's hourly rates for professionals of comparable experience are at or below those of firms we consider our peers. We believe that the compensation in this Application is based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled professionals in cases other than cases under Title 11.

14. BRG believes that there has been no duplication of services between BRG and any other consultants or accountants to the bankruptcy estate.

15. No agreement or understanding exists between BRG and any other person for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in connection with the chapter 11 cases, except for internal agreements among employees of BRG regarding the sharing of revenue or compensation. Neither BRG nor any of its employees has entered into an agreement or understanding to share compensation with any entity as described in Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

16. BRG, in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, will be charging travel time at 50% of the time incurred. No travel time was incurred during the Fee Period.

17. BRG's time records for the Fee Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. These records include daily time logs describing the time spent by each BRG professional and administrative-level person in these Cases.

18. BRG also maintains records of all actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the rendition of its professional services. At this time BRG is not requesting reimbursement for any expenses incurred during the Fee Period but reserves the right to request reimbursement therefor in the future.

19. The general summary of the services rendered by BRG during the Fee Period, based on tasks and number of hours, is set forth below. Where more than one task code may apply to a particular entry, BRG endeavored to select the most applicable.

Asset Acquisition/Disposition – Task Code 01

20. Time charged to this task code relates to BRG's evaluation of the sales process. Specifically, BRG spent time reviewing funds flow and assumed contracts relating to sale transactions, reviewing the status of the sale of a non Debtor entity, analyzing sale related issues, and corresponding and meeting with the Debtors' professionals about the same.

21. BRG has expended 4.1 hours on this category for a fee of \$4,554.00.

Professional Retention/ Fee Application Preparation – Task Code 05

22. Time charged to this task code relates to time spent preparing BRG's September and October monthly fee applications.

23. BRG has expended 5.3 hours on this category for a fee of \$1,457.50.

Attend Hearings/Related Activities – Task Code 06

24. Time charged to this task code relates to BRG's attendance at the virtual Plan confirmation hearing.

25. BRG has expended 0.5 hours on this category for a fee of \$547.00.

Interaction/Meetings with Creditors/Creditors' Counsel – Task Code 08

26. Time charged to this task code relates to BRG's preparation for and participation in meetings and calls with the Committee and Counsel relating to case status and next steps on various matters. Topics discussed included the Plan confirmation, UCC meeting materials and agendas, and other case issues.

27. BRG has expended 2.8 hours on this category for a fee of \$3,319.00.

Claim Analysis/Accounting – Task Code 11

28. Time charged to this task code primarily relates to BRG's review and analysis of claims, specifically, analyzing filed claims and SOFA/SOALs to evaluate the potential claims pool.

29. BRG has expended 1.4 hours on this category for a fee of \$1,533.00.

Executory Contracts/Leases – Task Code 14

30. Time charged to this task code relates to time spent by BRG evaluating contract rejections, including reviewing notices and orders pertaining to certain executory contract rejections.

31. BRG has expended 1.3 hours on this category for a fee of \$1,423.50.

Operating and Other Reports – Task Code 18

32. Time charged to this task code primarily relates to preparation of a schedule of case updates since the sale hearing.

33. BRG has expended 1.1 hours on this category for a fee of \$935.00.

Cash Flow/ Cash Management Liquidity – Task Code 19

34. This task code relates to time spent by BRG reviewing and analyzing matters impacting the Debtors' cash management processes and overall liquidity. Specifically, time was spent (i) evaluating the Debtors' cash activity; (ii) analyzing the Debtors' updated liquidity forecast; (iii) preparing weekly reporting on the DIP, cash and liquidity, and cash variances for the Committee; (iv) developing an analysis and schedules related to the Debtors' accounts payable; (v) analyzing the wind down reserve budget; (vi) reviewing diligence files provided by the Debtors' financial advisor related to the wind down reserve budget; and (vii) analyzing the administrative payments in the budget. Time was also spent meeting and corresponding with Counsel and the Debtors' advisors about the same.

35. BRG has expended 51.1 hours on this category for a fee of \$47,400.00.

Litigation – Task Code 25

36. Time charged to this task code primarily relates to BRG reviewing certain investigation data room files.

37. BRG has expended 9.6 hours on this category for a fee of \$4,362.00.

Plan of Reorganization/Disclosure Statement – Task Code 27

38. Time charged to this task code primarily relates to BRG's analysis of the Debtors' Plan and Disclosure Statement. Specifically, time was spent (i) evaluating the proposed deal framework and terms for the settlement; (ii) analyzing the revised versions of the Debtors' Plan and Plan amendments; (iii) providing comments on the C. Braley declaration; (iv) evaluating the Plan's treatment of creditors; and (v) reviewing issues impacting the timing of the effective date.

Time was also spent meeting and corresponding with Counsel and the Debtors' professionals about potential settlement and the UCC settlement proposal, amendments to the Plan, and case status.

39. BRG has expended 29.6 hours on this category for a fee of \$34,437.00.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

40. BRG incurred no actual out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the rendition of the professional services to the Committee.

41. Disbursements and expenses are incurred in accordance with BRG's normal practice of charging clients for expenses clearly related to and required by particular matters. Such expenses are often incurred to enable BRG to devote time beyond normal office hours to matters which imposed extraordinary time demands. BRG endeavors to minimize these expenses to the fullest extent possible.

42. BRG's billing rates do not include charges for photocopying, telephone and facsimile charges, computerized research, travel expenses, "working meals," secretarial overtime, postage, and certain other office services, because the needs of each client for such services differ. BRG believes that it is fairest to charge each client only for the services actually used in performing services for such client. BRG endeavors to minimize these expenses to the fullest extent possible.

43. In providing a reimbursable service such as copying or telephone, BRG does not make a profit on that service. In charging for a particular service, BRG does not include in the amount for which reimbursement is sought the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay. In seeking reimbursement for service which BRG justifiably purchased or contracted for from a third party, BRG requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to BRG by such third-party vendor and paid by BRG to that vendor.

NOTICE AND NO PRIOR APPLICATION

44. Notice of this Application has been given to (a) the Debtors; (b) counsel to the Debtors; (c) counsel to the 1L Ad Hoc Group and (d) the Office of the U.S. Trustee; (collectively, the “Notice Parties”). In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, BRG submits that no further or other notice is required.

45. With respect to these amounts, as of the date of the Application, BRG has received no payments, and no previous application for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other Court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, BRG respectfully requests: (a) that it be allowed on an interim basis (i) fees in the amount of \$99,968.50 for reasonable, actual and necessary services rendered by it on behalf of the Committee during the Fee Period and (ii) reimbursement of \$0.00 for reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Fee Period; (b) that the Debtors be authorized and directed to immediately pay to BRG the amount of \$79,974.80 which is equal to the sum of 80% of BRG’s fees and 100% of BRG’s expenses incurred during the Fee Period, and (c) and granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: 12/30/2024
Saddle Brook, NJ

BERKELEY RESEARCH GROUP, LLC

/s/ David Galfus
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VERIFICATION

David Galfus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares as follows:

- a) I am a Managing Director at the applicant firm, Berkeley Research Group, LLC (“BRG”), and am authorized to submit this verification on behalf of BRG.
- b) I have personally performed or supervised many of the professional services rendered by BRG as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) and am familiar with the work performed on behalf of the Committee by the professionals and other persons in the firm.
- c) I have reviewed the foregoing Application and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.
- d) All services for which compensation is requested by BRG were professional services performed for and on behalf of the Committee and not on behalf of any other person.
- e) I have reviewed the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2 and certify to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief that this Application complies with Local Rule 2016-2.

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f) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 12/30/2024

/s/ David Galfus
David Galfus