

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND  
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED AND  
RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS**

**DISTRICT COURT  
GENERAL ORDER  
2025-5**

This order supersedes General Order 2025-2.

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF system requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed and restricted documents (hereinafter referred to as “sealed documents”), it is hereby

ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order,

**1. Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means. Such documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures (see [Electronic Case Filing](#)). Although parties will receive notices of electronic filing when such documents are filed, the documents themselves will not be accessible or viewable electronically. Note: CM/ECF automatically restricts certain documents in Social Security and immigration cases. These documents will remain accessible and viewable to the parties 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. Therefore, parties must serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The Clerk will serve all sealed documents in paper by mail or by other electronic means approved by the Court.

**3. Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document must contact the Clerk’s Office to request a copy. Requests for copies of sealed documents will be subject to the current docket copy fee rate as set by the [District Court Fee Schedule](#).

**4. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be filed in accordance with the Court’s HSD procedures found in General Order 2024-1.

**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 303-844-3433.

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior Court orders, local rules, or other guidance regarding the filing of sealed documents.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

**BY THE COURT**



PHILIP A. BRIMMER  
Chief United States District Judge