### IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Jessica K. Altman, Insurance

Commissioner of the

v.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

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Plaintiff.

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No. 1 SAI 2018

Senior American Insurance Company,

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Defendant.

# APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SENIOR AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY CLAIMS UNDISPUTED AND RESOLVED FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Applicant, Jessica K. Altman, Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in her official capacity as the Statutory Liquidator ("Liquidator") of Senior American Insurance Company ("SAIC"), pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 3784(a) and 40 P.S. § 221.45, respectfully applies to this Court for an Order approving her Report and Recommendations on Senior American Insurance Company Claims Undisputed and Resolved from September 4, 2020 to September 3, 2021. In support of her Application, the Liquidator avers the following:

### **BACKGROUND**

1. The Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was appointed Liquidator of SAIC pursuant to this Court's Order dated August 15, 2019, with said Order having an effective date of September 3, 2019 ("Liquidation Order").

- 2. The Liquidation Order cited the notice requirements of Section 524 of Article V<sup>1</sup>, 40 P.S. § 221.24, and directed the Liquidator to publish notice in newspapers of general circulation where SAIC has its principal places of business that: (a) explains the procedure by which claims against the estate of SAIC may be submitted to the Liquidator; (b) provides the address of the Liquidator's office for the submission of claims; and (c) notifies the public of the right to present a claim, or claims, to the Liquidator." See Liquidation Order, ¶7. The Liquidator provided notice of the Liquidation Order and a Q&A document to all interested parties on September 3, 2019, which, inter alia, provided relevant information about claim filing procedures and other related issues.
- 3. 40 P.S. § 221.45 requires the Liquidator to present to the Court a report of the claims against the insurer with recommendations, including the name and address of each claimant, the particulars of the claim, and the amount of the claim finally recommended, if any. Pa.R.A.P. 3784(a) further refines 40 P.S. § 221.45, and requires that at least annually, the Liquidator present to the Court a report of the claims against the insurer's estate that have been resolved, with recommendations, including the information required by 40 P.S. § 221.45, as well as the priority class, and whether the claim determination was finalized because no objection was filed, no exceptions were taken to a referee's recommended decision, a recommended decision was sustained by the Court or the parties agreed to a settlement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Insurance Department Act of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921, P.L. 789, as amended. Article V was added by the Act of December 14, 1977, P.L. 280, as amended, 40 P.S. §§ 221.1 – 221.63 ("Act"). (This footnote is added here and is not contained in the text of the Liquidation Order that is being quoted in paragraph 2.)

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CLAIMS UNDISPUTED AND RESOLVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

- 4. The Liquidator's Report and Recommendations on SAIC Claims Undisputed and Resolved from September 4, 2020 to September 3, 2021, is comprised of two parts and attached hereto as Exhibits A and B (collectively referred to as "Report"). The claims are sorted alphabetically, within each class, by the claimant's last name or company name. The amount claimed by the claimant, inter alia, is also included in the Report.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. The first part of the Report, which addresses claims that were determined and finalized without objection, and are referred to as "Undisputed Claims", reflects Notices of Determination ("NOD") issued by the Liquidator for which the objection period expired on or before September 3, 2021. The total number of Undisputed Claims is 1 (one) with an allowed amount of \$0.00. The list of Undisputed Claims is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 6. The second part of the Report, which addresses claims that were determined and finalized because no objection was filed, no exceptions were taken to a referee's recommended decision, a recommended decision was sustained by the Court or the parties agreed to a settlement, and are referred to as "Resolved Claims", is a list of the disputed claims to which objections were filed and resolved on or before September 3, 2021. The total number of Resolved Claims is 0 (zero), with an allowed amount of \$0.00. This information is memorialized in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>If the claimant did not indicate a specific claim amount on the Proof of Claim, the claimed amount is noted as \$0.

<sup>3</sup>It should be noted that SAIC is a small estate in which only a limited number of claims will be filed during its life cycle. The vast majority of claims will be policyholder claims, which, in accordance with applicable state statutes, will be handled by one of the ten guaranty associations, including Pennsylvania, where SAIC was licensed to write business. Eventually, the guaranty associations will file an omnibus proof of claim with the Liquidator seeking reimbursement for administrative expenses and the costs of providing policyholder benefits. The Liquidator will seek this Court's approval of those omnibus claims once they are finalized. In the interim, to facilitate the handling and payment of these policyholder claims by the guaranty associations, the Liquidator will soon be filing an application with this Court seeking approval to distribute early access funds to the guaranty associations in accordance with 40 P.S. §221.36.

- 7. As set forth in Exhibits A and B, the Liquidator respectfully submits her recommendations for a total of 1 claim with a total allowed amount of \$0.00 in accordance with Pa.R.A.P. 3784(a) and 40 P.S. § 221.45 for this Court's approval.
- 8. In fulfilling her statutory requirements, the Liquidator carefully reviewed all documentation submitted by the claimants in support of the claims and independently determined the merit, classification and value of each claim, as required by the Act. See 40 P.S. §§ 221.37, 221.38, 221.44, 221.45.
- 9. Given the discretion afforded the Liquidator pursuant to 40 P.S. § 221.45(a) to "comport, compromise, or in any other manner negotiate the amount for which claims will be recommended to the court," the Liquidator believes that the classification and amounts she has determined for the reported claims are appropriate, fair and equitable and consistent with the relevant provisions of the Act. The Liquidator further believes that the approval of the claims listed in the attached Report is in the best interests of the SAIC estate, claimants and other creditors.
- 10. Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 3784(a) and 40 P.S. § 221.45(b), the Liquidator respectfully requests that this Court approve the classification and allowed amount of the claims listed in the report and allow the claimants listed in the Report or their lawful assignees to receive a distribution, as applicable, in accordance with 40.P.S. § 221.44 at the time and in the manner as approved by this Court.

WHEREFORE, the Liquidator respectfully requests that this Court grant her Application and approve and allow the claim as listed in the Report attached as Exhibits A and B, enter an

Order in the form attached hereto, and grant such other relief as the Court shall determine appropriate and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 14, 2021

# **EXHIBIT A**

# Undisputed and Resolved Claims Undisputed Claims SENIOR AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY Report Period: 09/04/2020 thru 09/03/2021

Number of 1 Amount Claimed: 0.00 Amount Approved: Undisputed Claims:
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0.00

# Report Period: 09/04/2020 thru 09/03/2021 SENIOR AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY **Undisputed and Resolved Claims Undisputed Claims**

Name

SCC BUREAU OF INSURANCE

Address

POC# Received Dt Claim Numbers

Class

Amt Claimed

Allowed Amt Claim Type

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

SCC BUREAU OF INSURANCE 1300 EAST MAIN ST RICHMOND, VA 23219

9/19/2019

0.00 STATE/LOCAL

# **EXHIBIT B**

# Undisputed and Resolved Claims Resolved Claims SENIOR AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

Report Period: 09/04/2020 thru 09,
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# CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am this day serving the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding, in accordance with the requirements of Pa. R.A.P. 3780, in the following manner:

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Commissioner of the	:
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,	<u>:</u>
Plaintiff,	; ;
	: : No. 1 SAI 2018
V.	: No. 1 SAI 2016
Senior American Insurance Company,	:
Defendant.	; ;
RE: Liquidator's Report and Recording Undisputed and Resolve	mmendations on Senior American Insurance Company ed from September 4, 2020 to September 3, 2021.
	ORDER
AND NOW, this day	of, 2021, upon consideration of the
Liquidator's Application for Approva	l of Report and Recommendations on Senior American
Insurance Company Claims Undispute	d and Resolved from September 4, 2020 to September 3,
2021 ("Application"), it is hereby ORD	DERED and DECREED:
1. The Application is G	RANTED, and the claim listed in the Report and
Recommendations on Senior America	n Insurance Company Claims Undisputed and Resolved
from September 4, 2020 to September	3, 2021 ("Report"), is APPROVED and ALLOWED both
as to classification and amount as listed	ł;
2. The Report is incorporate	ted herein by reference; and
3. The Claimant listed in th	ne Report or its lawful assignees shall receive a distribution,
as applicable, in accordance with 40.P.	S. § 221.44, at the time and in the manner as approved by
this Court.	
	P. KEVIN BROBSON, PRESIDENT JUDGE



September 14, 2021

Michael F. Krimmel, Chief Clerk Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 2100 P.O. Box 69185 Harrisburg, PA 17120-9185

> Re: Jessica K. Altman, Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Senior American Insurance Company ("SAIC")

No. 1 SAI 2018

Dear Mr. Krimmel:

Attached for filing please find the Liquidator's Application for Approval of Report and Recommendations on Senior American Insurance Company Claims Undisputed and Resolved from September 4, 2020 to September 3, 2021, with regard to the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure