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# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: : VIOLATIONS:

JESSICA MATEO : 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(6), (7), (17) and 2603 Eisenhower Court : (20)

West Lawn, PA 19609-1803

Respondent. : Docket No. CO23-10-022

#### **CONSENT ORDER**

AND NOW, this <u>14th\_day</u> of <u>November</u>; <u>2023 this Order</u> is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

- 1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that she has received proper notice of her rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. §§ 101, et seq., or other applicable law.
- 2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, <a href="suppra">suppra</a>, or other applicable law.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 3. The Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("Department") finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
  - (a) Respondent is Jessica Mateo and maintains a record of her address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 2603 Eisenhower Court, West Lawn, PA 19609-1803.
  - (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Resident Producer.
  - (c) Respondent, in February 2018, enrolled herself and family members into Accident and Critical Illness policies through an insurer.
  - (d) Respondent, in January 2020, enrolled herself and family members into General Indemnity Medical policies through the same insurer identified in finding 3(c).
  - (e) Respondent, between 2018 and 2021, filed multiple claims for herself and covered family members under the policies identified in finding 3(c) and 3(d).
  - (f) Respondent, according to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and the insurer, filed multiple fraudulent claims against the policies

- identified in finding 3(c) and 3(d) by altering the medical information she used in support of the claims filed in finding 3(e).
- (g) Respondent, as the result of filing the fraudulent claims identified in finding 3(e), was paid \$26,151.00 by the insurer for which she and her family members were otherwise not entitled to.
- (h) Respondent, on March 14, 2023, was charged by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General with thirty-seven (37) counts of Insurance Fraud, one (1) count of Theft by Deception, and one (1) count of Receiving Stolen Property, all felonies; and thirty-seven (37) counts of Forgery, all misdemeanors.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:
  - (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance

    Department.
  - (b) 40 P.S. § 310.11(6) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing any unfair insurance practice or fraud.
  - (c) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(6).

- (d) 40 P.S. § 310.11(7) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of doing business.
- (e) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(7).
- (f) 40 P.S. § 310.11(17) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing fraud, forgery, dishonest acts or an act involving a breach of fiduciary duty.
- (g) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(17).
- (h) 40 P.S. § 310.11(20) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the Department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.
- (i) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
- (j) Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. § 310.11(6), (7), (17) and (20) are punishable by the following, under 40 P.S. § 310.91:

- (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the license;
- (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
- (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
- (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

#### **ORDER**

- 5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondent consents to the following:
  - (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
  - (b) Respondent shall make restitution to all persons listed in the above

    Findings of Fact. Proof of restitution payment shall be provided to the

    Insurance Department by Respondent. Future license applications will

    not be considered until restitution has been made.
  - (c) All licenses of Respondent to do the business of insurance are hereby revoked.
- 6. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions

of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, <a href="supra">supra</a>, or other relevant provisions of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

- 7. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.
- 8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.
- 9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.
- 10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.
- This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department.

  Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of law

contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or duly authorized delegee.

BY:

JESSICA MATEO, Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: DAVID J. BUONO JR.
Deputy Insurance Commissioner

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IN RE:

The Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, No. 175, known as The Administrative Code of 1929

AND NOW, this \_\_31<sup>st</sup> \_\_ day of \_\_March\_\_\_\_\_, 2022, David J. Buono, Jr., Deputy Insurance Commissioner, is hereby designated as the Commissioner's duly authorized representative for purposes of entering in and executing Consent Orders. This delegation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later Order of the Insurance Commissioner.

Michael Humphreys
Acting Insurance Commissioner

