

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE CONTROL OF THE CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF JESUS JOSE ALVIDREZ NPN: 15705510 VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Jesus Jose Alvidrez (hereinafter "Mr. Alvidrez") and the Agent Services Division of the N.C. Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Agent Services Division"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Agent Services Division has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alvidrez currently holds a Non-resident Producer's license with authority for Life insurance issued by the Agent Services Division; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k) requires producers to report to the Commissioner any administrative action taken against the producer in another state or by another governmental agency in this State, including enforcement actions taken against the producer by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), within 30 days after the final disposition of the matter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alvidrez was registered with FINRA from November 2004 through August 14,2020 as an Investment Company and Variable Contracts through Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc. Mr. Alvidrez resigned his position with Transamerica while being under review by the firm, among other things, for potential outside business activities. Mr. Alvidrez refused to respond to requests from FINRA for requests for documents and information, and entered into a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent, effective May 17,2022, in which he was barred from associating with any FINRA member in all capacities; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Insurance, effective November 20,2021, placed Mr. Alvidrez on indefinite probation and restricted his license for an indefinite period for placing business solicited by agents who were not properly licensed or properly appointed; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Insurance, effective March 17,2023, suspended Mr. Alvidrez's producer's license for twenty-eight (28) days for failure to make a required disclosure with respect to the FINRA action on his license application; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alvidrez failed to report the administrative actions taken by FINRA and the California Department of Insurance within 30 days after the final disposition of those matters as required by North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k), and therefore, was in violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license issued under Article 58 violating any administrative rule, subpoena, or order of the Commissioner or of another state's regulator; and

WHEREAS, N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-70 provides that whenever the Commissioner has reason to believe that any person has violated any law that would subject the license or certification of that person to suspension or revocation, the Commissioner is authorized, in lieu of a hearing, to negotiate a mutually restitution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alvidrez has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself, and the Agent Services Division has agreed not to pursue additional civil ramifications, including penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Alvidrez; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve these matters by consent before the Agent Services Division initiates an administrative hearing and have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of these matters as set out in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for the consideration and promises and agreements set out herein, Mr. Alvidrez and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Alvidrez shall pay a civil penalty of \$750.00 to the Agent Services Division. The form of payment shall be by certified check, cashier's check, or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Mr. Alvidrez shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Agent Services Division along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than September 11,2023. The civil penalty shall be subject to Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
- This Agreement does not in any way affect the Agent Services Division's disciplinary power in any future examination of Mr. Alvidrez or in any other complaints involving Mr. Alvidrez.
- Mr. Alvidrez enters into this Agreement, on behalf of himself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Alvidrez understands he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.

- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Alvidrez understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that a producer's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
- 5. This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and will <u>not</u> be held confidential by the Agent Services Division. Following the execution of this Agreement, all licenses issued by the Agents Services Division to Mr. Alvidrez shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against him. The Agent Services Division is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement with third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Agent Services Division, upon request, will routinely provide a copy of the voluntary settlement agreement to companies that have appointed the licensee.
- The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.
- 7. Be aware that if a state or federal regulator other than the Agent Services Division has issued an occupational or professional license to you, that regulator may require you to report this administrative action to it. The Agent Services Division cannot give you legal advice as to the specific reporting requirements of other state or federal regulators.

N. C. Department of Insurance Agent Services Division

By: Jesus Jose Alvidrez NRN: 15705510

Date: 511 2023

By: Angela Hatchell Deputy Commissioner

Date: