

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

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BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF LIFEWORKS (US), LTD LICENSE NO. 11674698

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VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, LIFEWORKS (US), LTD (hereinafter "LIFEWORKS") 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 Voluntarily Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Agent Services Division has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, which includes the regulating and licensing of insurance agents and business entities selling, soliciting, or negotiating insurance; and

WHEREAS, LIFEWORKS, domiciled in Georgia, currently holds a non-resident Corporation (Business Entity) license issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-31(b)(2) requires business entities to designate a licensed producer (DRLP), who is a natural person, responsible for the business entity's compliance with the insurance laws and administrative rules of this State and orders of the Commissioner; 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 government 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, LIFEWORKS on January 14,2022 was involved in an administrative action with the Kansas Department of Insurance which was not reported to the State of Washington Department of Insurance until March 18,2022, more than 30 days thereafter, a violation of Washington insurance law; Washington sent a proposed Order on April 01,2022 levying a fine with a deadline of May 02,2022 for return; on May 05,2022 Washington sent a final request warning that failing to respond would result in revocation of its license; and on June 10,2022 an Order revoking LIFEWORKS' license effective June 27,2022 was sent to LIFEWORKS. On the same day a representative of LIFEWORKS agreed to pay a fine in order to keep its license in force; and

WHEREAS, LIFEWORKS failed to report the State of Washington administrative action taken against its license within 30 days to this Department after the final disposition of that matter, and therefore was in violation North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k); 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 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for violating any insurance law of this or any other state, 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 acceptable agreement as to the status of the person's license or certificate or to any civil penalty or restitution; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for the consideration and promises and agreements set out herein, LIFEWORKS and the Agent Services Division hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, LIFEWORKS shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 to the Department. 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." LIFEWORKS 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 Agent Services Division no later than November 04,2022. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
- 2. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Agent Service's disciplinary power in any future examination of LIFEWORKS or in any other complaints involving LIFEWORKS.
- LIFEWORKS enters into this Agreement, on behalf of itself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of its right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. LIFEWORKS understands it 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. LIFEWORKS understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that a producer's or business entity'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 Agent Services Division to LIFEWORKS shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against it. 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 all 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 your business entity, 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.

LIFEWORKS (US), LTD License No. 11674698

NC. Department of Insurance Agent Services Division

By: Yashica Marshall
Director of Compliance
DRLP
License No. 0008952869

Date: Nov. 3, 2022

By: Angela Hatchell Deputy Commissioner

ON BEHALF OF ANGIELA HATCHELL

Date: 11 / 08/2022