

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF EUNICE I. PLUMMER LICENSE NO. 0008956228

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Eunice I. Plummer (hereinafter "Ms. Plummer") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this state, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plummer currently holds a non-resident producer's license with authority for the Accident & Health or Sickness line of insurance and a Medicare Supplement and Long-Term Care Insurance license issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-2-69(c) provides that if a licensee is convicted in any court or competent jurisdiction for any crime or offense other than a motor vehicle infraction, the licensee shall notify the Commissioner within 10 business days after the date of the conviction; and "conviction" includes an adjudication of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of "nolo contendere; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plummer on or about May 21, 2013 was convicted in the County Court of Polk County, Florida of the Misdemeanor charge of Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months and was discharged early therefrom on January 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, such conviction was not reported to the Department as required and set forth in the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-69(c) and Ms. Plummer was in violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 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, the Louisiana Department of Insurance fined Ms. Plummer in the amount of \$250.00 effective July 22, 2020 for failure to include information regarding her May 21, 2013 misdemeanor conviction on her 2014, 2016 and 2020 applications for licensure; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plummer did not report this administrative action taken against her license pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-32(k) and therefore was in violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plummer admits to these violations of North Carolina General Statute §§ 58-2-69(c) and 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, Ms. Plummer has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement on behalf of herself, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Ms. Plummer; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department 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, Ms. Plummer and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Ms. Plummer shall pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 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." Ms. Plummer shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than November 30, 2020. 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 Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Ms. Plummer or in any other complaints involving Ms. Plummer.

- 3. Ms. Plummer enters into this Agreement, on behalf of herself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of her right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Ms. Plummer understands she 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. Ms. Plummer 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 Department. Following the execution of this Agreement, all licenses issued by the Department to Ms. Plummer shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against her. The Department 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 Department routinely will provide, upon request, a copy of the voluntary settlement agreement to all companies that have appointed the licensee.
- 6. 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 N. C. Department of Insurance has issued an occupational or professional license to you, that regulator may require you to report this administrative action to it. The N.C. Department of Insurance cannot give you legal advice as to the specific reporting requirements of other state or federal regulators.

By: Eunice I. Plummer
License No. 0008956228

N.C. Department of Insurance

By: Angela Hatchell
Deputy Commissioner

Date: 3/17/21