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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF TERESA S. ZABIEROWSKI LICENSE NO. 0017331949 VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Teresa S. Zabierowski (hereinafter "Ms. Zabierowski") 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. Zabierowski currently holds a non-resident producer's license with authority for Accident Health or Sickness insurance and a Medicare Supplement Long-Term Care insurance license issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46a) (1) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued under Article 33 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for providing materially incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in the license application; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zabierowski answered "No" to the question on her original application dated October 16, 2014 for a non-resident producer's license with the Department: "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a misdemeanor?"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zabierowski pled guilty to Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on January 9, 2009 and failed to include this information on her original application for licensure; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zabierowski admits to this violation of North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46a) (1); 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 laws 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. Zabierowski has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matter 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. Zabierowski; 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. Zabierowski and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Ms. Zabierowski 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." Ms. Zabierowski 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 July 01, 2019. 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.
- This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Ms. Zabierowski or in any other complaints involving Ms. Zabierowski.
- 3. Ms. Zabierowski 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. Zabierowski 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. Zabierowski 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. Zabierowski 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 provides copies of 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.

N.C. Department of Insurance

By: Teresa S. Zabierowsi License No. 0017331949	By: Angela Hatchell Deputy Commissioner
Date: 06/20/2019	Date: 6/28/19