

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG**

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**

LATASHA HAMMOND, DAWN
HAIRSTON, KIANA BROWN, and
EARNEST CORBETT, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OMNI HEALTHCARE FINANCIAL
HOLDINGS, OMNI HEALTHCARE
FINANCIAL LLC, and INJURY FINANCE,
LLC,

Defendants.

FILE NUMBER: 26CV006867-590

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement¹ is entered into between Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of the Settlement Class, and Defendants, as of the date last signed below. The Parties hereby agree to the following terms in full settlement of the Action, subject to a Final Approval Order entered by the Court.

I. Procedural History

1. On January 19, 2024, Defendants experienced a network disruption that impacted certain systems. Defendants ultimately determined that certain information maintained on its network may have been acquired by an unauthorized third party between January 18, 2024, and January 19, 2024.

2. Following Defendants' investigation into the Data Incident, Defendants mailed notification letters to approximately 42,000 individuals whose names, dates of birth, demographic

¹ All capitalized terms herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in Section II below.

information, CPT codes, medical record numbers, treatment and diagnosis information, dates of treatment, provider names, and/or sleep study details and results may have been implicated in the Data Incident. In some instances, Defendants notified individuals whose Social Security numbers, health insurance, and/or financial account information may have also been implicated in the Data Incident.

3. Of the approximately 42,000 individuals notified, approximately 19,000 individuals were notified that their Social Security numbers may have been implicated in the Data Incident. Additionally, of the approximately 42,000 individuals notified, approximately 10,000 individuals were subject to arbitration agreements.

4. On April 16, 2025, Plaintiff Latasha Hammond filed a putative class action against Defendants in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, seeking damages on behalf of herself and a putative class of all similarly situated individuals (the “*Hammond* Action”). On April 17, 2025, an additional case related to the Data Incident with similar claims and overlapping classes was filed in the same court as the *Hammond* Action by Plaintiff Dawn Hairston (the “*Hairston* Action”). On October 17, 2025, the district court consolidated the *Hammond* Action and *Hairston* Action. On December 9, 2025, a Consolidated Class Action Complaint was filed in the *Hammond* Action, adding Plaintiffs Kiana Brown and Earnest Corbett. *See* Civil Action No. 3:25-cv-00263-MEO-DCK (W.D.N.C.).

5. Shortly thereafter, in an effort to conserve resources and for the benefit of those impacted in the Data Incident, the Parties agreed to an early mediation to consider a possible early resolution.

6. In advance of mediation, Defendants provided Plaintiffs with informal discovery including information related to, among other things, the nature and cause of the Data Incident,

the number and geographic location of individuals impacted by the Data Incident, and the specific type of information potentially accessed.

7. On January 14, 2026, the Parties participated in a private mediation before experienced mediator Honorable Judge Louis A. Bledsoe, III (Ret.). After a full day of arms-length negotiations at mediation, the Parties were able to reach an agreement on the material terms of the Settlement to resolve all of Plaintiffs' claim on a class-wide basis.

8. During the settlement discussions, the Parties determined that jurisdiction is appropriate in state court, and consequently, they agreed to dismiss the federal consolidated action and file a new complaint in state court.

9. On January 16, 2026, the federal consolidated action was dismissed.

10. On February 5, 2026, Plaintiffs filed a class action complaint against Defendants in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina related to the Data Incident.

11. The Parties now agree to settle the Action entirely, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing, with respect to all Released Claims of the Releasing Parties. Defendants have entered into this Agreement to resolve all controversies and disputes arising out of or relating to the allegations made in the Complaint, and to avoid the litigation costs and expenses, distractions, burden, expense, and disruption to its business operations associated with further litigation. Defendants do not in any way acknowledge, admit to, or concede any of the allegations made in any of the complaints or in the Complaint, and expressly disclaim and deny any fault or liability, or any charges of wrongdoing that have been or could have been asserted in the Complaint. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be used or construed as an admission of liability, and this Agreement shall not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding in any court or other forum as an admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing

of any nature or for any other purpose other than to enforce the terms of this Agreement. Plaintiffs have entered into this Agreement to recover on the claims asserted in the Complaint, and to avoid the risk, delay, and uncertainty of continued litigation. Plaintiffs do not in any way concede that the claims alleged in the Complaint lack merit or are subject to any defenses. The Parties intend this Agreement to bind Plaintiffs, Defendants, and all Settlement Class Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, the Parties agree, subject to approval by the Court, as follows.

II. Definitions

12. “**Action**” means the class action lawsuit entitled: *Hammond et al. v. Omni Healthcare Financial Holdings, et al.* pending in the State of North Carolina, General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, County of Mecklenburg. Case No: 26CV006867-590.

13. “**Agreement**” or “**Settlement**” or “**Settlement Agreement**” means this agreement, and all exhibits attached hereto, between Plaintiffs and Defendants.

14. “**Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Service Awards**” means the application made with the Motion for Final Approval seeking Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees, reimbursement for costs, and for Service Awards for the Class Representatives.

15. “**Cash Payment**” means the cash compensation paid to Settlement Class Members who elected to submit a Claim for either Cash Payment A or Cash Payment B as set forth in Section IV herein.

16. “**Cash Payment A – Documented Out-of-Pocket Losses**” or “**Cash Payment A**” means the reimbursement for documented out-of-pocket losses, not to exceed \$5,000 per Settlement Class Member, for which all Settlement Class Members may submit a claim for as set

forth in Section IV herein.

17. “**Cash Payment B – Alternate Cash**” or “**Cash Payment B**” means the \$40 in cash compensation that all Settlement Class Members may submit a claim for in lieu of any claim for Cash Payment A – Documented Out-of-Pocket Losses, as set forth in Section IV herein.

18. “**Claim**” means the submission of a Claim Form by a Claimant.

19. “**Claimant**” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Claim Form for Settlement Class Member Benefits to the Settlement Administrator.

20. “**Claim Form**” means the form that will be used by Settlement Class Members to submit a Claim, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 1*, which may be modified, subject to the Parties’ approval, to meet the requirements of the Court and/or Settlement Administrator.

21. “**Claim Form Deadline**” shall be 90 days after the Notice Commencement Date and is the last day by which a Claim Form may be submitted to the Settlement Administrator for a Settlement Class Member to be eligible to receive Settlement Class Member Benefits.

22. “**Claim Process**” means the process by which Claimants submit Claims to the Settlement Administrator and the Settlement Administrator reviews the Claims to determine which ones are Valid Claims.

23. “**Class Counsel**” means: Scott E. Cole of Cole & Van Note and Casondra Turner of Milberg PLLC.

24. “**Class List**” means the list of individuals in the Settlement Class. Defendants shall provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator within 14 days of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, which will be used for the provision of Notice. To the extent maintained by the Defendants, the Class List shall include the Settlement Class Members’ full names and last known

addresses.

25. “**Class Representatives**” means Plaintiffs.

26. “**Complaint**” means the Consolidated Class Action Complaint filed by Plaintiffs in this Action on February 5, 2026.

27. “**Court**” means the State of North Carolina, General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, County of Mecklenburg, and the Judge(s) assigned to the Action.

28. “**Data Incident**” means the data security incident in which an unauthorized third party accessed Defendants’ systems and may have acquired certain Private Information between January 18, 2024, and January 19, 2024.

29. “**Defendants**” means Omni Healthcare Financial Holdings, Omni Healthcare Financial LLC, and Injury Finance, LLC, the defendants in the Action.

30. “**Defendants’ Counsel**” means Christopher A. Weich and Chelsea M. Lamb of Baker & Hostetler, LLP.

31. “**Effective Date**” means the date upon which the Settlement shall become effective and final, and occurs one business day following the later of: (i) the date upon which the time expires for filing or noticing any appeal of the Final Approval Order; (ii) if there is an appeal or appeals, other than an appeal or appeals solely with respect to the Fee Award or Service Award, the date of completion, in a manner that finally affirms and leaves in place the Final Approval Order without any material modification, of all proceedings arising out of the appeal(s) (including, but not limited to, the expiration of all deadlines for motions for reconsideration or petitions for review and/or certiorari, all proceedings ordered on remand, and all proceedings arising out of any subsequent appeal(s) following decisions on remand); or (iii) the date of final dismissal of any appeal or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari with respect to the Final Approval

Order. If there are no timely objectors or appeals, the Effective Date is one day after the Final Approval Order is entered by the Court.

32. “**Final Approval**” means the final approval of the Settlement, which occurs when the Court enters the Final Approval Order, substantially in the form attached to the Motion for Final Approval.

33. “**Final Approval Hearing**” means the hearing held before the Court during which the Court will consider granting Final Approval of the Settlement and the Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Service Awards.

34. “**Final Approval Order**” means the final order the Court enters granting Final Approval of the Settlement. The proposed Final Approval Order shall be in a form agreed upon by the Parties and shall be substantially in the form attached to the Motion for Final Approval.

35. “**Long Form Notice**” means the long form notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 3*, that shall be posted on the Settlement Website and shall be available to Settlement Class Members by mail on request made to the Settlement Administrator.

36. “**Medical Data Monitoring**” means the three years of CyEx’s Medical Shield Complete that all Settlement Class Members may submit a claim for as set forth in Section IV herein.

37. “**Motion for Final Approval**” means the motion that Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall file with the Court seeking Final Approval of the Settlement.

38. “**Motion for Preliminary Approval**” means the motion that Plaintiffs shall file with the Court seeking Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

39. “**Notice**” means the Postcard Notice and Long Form Notice that Plaintiffs will ask

the Court to approve in connection with the Motion for Preliminary Approval.

40. “**Notice Commencement Date**” means the date the Settlement Administrator will begin mailing the Postcard Notice to Settlement Class Members, which shall be within 45 days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

41. “**Notice Program**” means the methods provided for in this Agreement for giving Notice to the Settlement Class and include the Postcard Notice, Long Form Notice, Settlement Website, and toll-free Settlement phone number.

42. “**Notice of Deficiency**” means the notice sent by the Settlement Administrator to a Settlement Class member who has submitted an invalid Claim.

43. “**Objection Deadline**” means 60 days after the Notice Commencement Date.

44. “**Opt-Out Deadline**” means 60 days after the Notice Commencement Date.

45. “**Party**” means either Plaintiffs or Defendants, and “**Parties**” means Plaintiffs and Defendants collectively.

46. “**Plaintiffs**” means Latasha Hammond, Dawn Hairston, Kiana Brown, and Earnest Corbett.

47. “**Postcard Notice**” means the postcard notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 2*, that the Settlement Administrator shall disseminate to Settlement Class Members by U.S. Mail.

48. “**Preliminary Approval**” means the preliminary approval of the Settlement, which occurs when the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

49. “**Preliminary Approval Order**” means the Court’s order preliminarily approving the Settlement and proposed Notice Program, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 4*.

50. **“Private Information”** means the personal information of individuals that Defendants identified as being accessible or potentially accessible in the Data Incident, including names, dates of birth, demographic information, CPT codes, medical record numbers, treatment and diagnosis information, dates of treatment, provider names, sleep study details and results, Social Security numbers, health insurance, and/or financial account information. .

51. **“Releases”** means the releases and waiver set forth in Section XI of this Agreement.

52. **“Released Claims”** means any and all actual, potential, filed or unfiled, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, claimed or unclaimed, suspected or unsuspected claims, demands, liabilities, rights, causes of action, damages, punitive, exemplary or multiplied damages, expenses, costs, indemnities, attorneys’ fees and/or obligations, whether in law or in equity, accrued or unaccrued, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever, based on any federal, state, local, statutory or common law or any other law, against the Released Parties, or any of them, arising out of or relating to actual or alleged facts, transactions, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions or failures to act relating to the Data Incident.

53. **“Released Parties”** means Defendants and each entity which is controlled by, controlling or under common control with Defendants and their respective past, present, and future direct and indirect heirs, assigns, associates, corporations, investors, owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, insurers, reinsurers, divisions, officers, directors, executives, officials, shareholders, members, agents, servants, employees, partners, predecessors, successors, managers, administrators, executors, trustees, contractors, administrators, associated third parties, predecessors, successors and assigns, third party administrators, and any other person acting on Defendants’ behalf, in their capacity as such. It is understood that to the extent any Released Parties

are not parties to the Agreement, all such Released Parties are intended third-party beneficiaries of the Agreement.

54. “**Releasing Parties**” means Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members and their respective past, present, and future heirs, predecessors, affiliates, devisees, beneficiaries, conservators, executors, estates, administrators, assigns, successors, guardians, attorneys, advisors, trustees, and receivers.

55. “**Service Award**” means the payment the Court may award Plaintiffs for serving as Class Representatives, which is in addition to any Settlement Class Member Benefit due to Plaintiffs as Settlement Class Members. The Service Award shall be paid by Defendants separate from the Settlement Class Member Benefits.

56. “**Settlement Administrator**” means Simpluris, the third-party notice and claims administrator jointly selected by the Parties.

57. “**Settlement Administration Costs**” means all costs and fees of the Settlement Administrator regarding the Notice Program and Settlement administration, for which Defendants shall be solely responsible for payment.

58. “**Settlement Class**” means all individuals in the United States whose Private Information was impacted by the Data Incident, including all those who were sent notice of the Data Incident by Defendants. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (a) Defendants and its parents, subsidiaries, officers and directors, and any entity in which Defendants have a controlling interest; (b) all individuals who submit a timely and valid opt out from the Settlement Class; (c) governmental entities; (d) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge’s immediate family, and Court staff; and (e) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding, or abetting any criminal activity related to the Data

Incident, or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge.

59. “**Settlement Class Member**” means any member of the Settlement Class who has not submitted a timely and valid opt out from the Settlement.

60. “**Settlement Class Member Benefits**” means the Cash Payment and Medical Data Monitoring that Settlement Class Members may elect in the Settlement.

61. “**Settlement Website**” means the website the Settlement Administrator will establish as a means for the Settlement Class Members to submit Claim Forms and obtain notice and information about the Settlement, including hyperlinked access to this Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order, Long Form Notice, Claim Form, Motion for Final Approval, Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, and Final Approval Order, as well as other documents as the Parties agree to post or the Court orders posted. The Settlement Website shall remain online and operable for at least six months after Final Approval.

62. “**Valid Claim**” means a Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member that is: (a) submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Settlement; (b) accurately, fully, and truthfully completed and executed, with all of the information requested in the Claim Form, by a Settlement Class Member; (c) signed physically or by e-signature by a Settlement Class Member personally, subject to the penalty of perjury; (d) returned via mail and postmarked by the Claim Form Deadline, or, if submitted online, submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Claim Form Deadline; and (e) determined to be valid by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator may require additional information from the Claimant to validate the Claim, including, but not limited to, answers related to questions regarding the validity or legitimacy of the physical or e-signature. Failure to respond to the Settlement Administrator’s Notice of Deficiency may result in a determination that the Claim is not a Valid Claim.

III. Certification of the Settlement Class

63. In the Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiffs shall propose and request to the Court that the Settlement Class be certified for Settlement purposes. Defendants agree solely for purposes of the Settlement provided for in this Agreement, and the implementation of such Settlement, that this case shall proceed as a class action; provided however, that if a Final Approval Order is not issued, then any certification shall be null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, Defendants shall retain all rights to object to any future requests to certify a class. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall not reference this Agreement in support of any subsequent motion for class certification of any class in the Action.

IV. Settlement Consideration

64. The Settlement includes the following benefits all of which will be paid by the Defendants: (a) Cash Payment A - Documented Out-of-Pocket Losses and Cash Payment B – Alternative Cash Payment; (b) three years of Medical Data Monitoring; (c) Settlement Administration Costs; and (d) any Court-awarded attorneys’ fees, costs, and Service Awards. Settlement Class Members who do not file a Valid Claim or those members who opt-out of the Settlement will not receive a Cash Payment and/or Medical Data Monitoring

65. **Cash Payments**: Settlement Class Members must submit a Valid Claim to the Settlement Administrator to receive a Cash Payment payable from Defendants. When submitting a Valid Claim, Settlement Class Members must choose either Cash Payment A – Documented Out-of-Pocket Losses or Cash Payment B – Alternate Cash. If a Settlement Class Member does not submit a Valid Claim, the Settlement Class Member will release his or her claims without receiving a Settlement Class Member Benefit.

a. Cash Payment A – Documented Out-of-Pocket Losses

Settlement Class Members may submit a claim for reimbursement up to \$5,000.00 per Settlement Class Member upon presentment of reasonable documented losses related to the Data Incident. To receive reimbursement for documented out-of-pocket losses, a Settlement Class Member must elect Cash Payment A on the Claim Form attesting under penalty of perjury to having incurred documented losses. Settlement Class Members will be required to submit reasonable documentation supporting the losses (excluding self-prepared documents), which means documentation contemporaneously generated or prepared by a third party or the Settlement Class Member supporting a claim for expenses paid. Non-exhaustive examples of reasonable documentation include telephone records, correspondence including emails, or receipts. Except as expressly provided herein, personal certifications, declarations, or affidavits from the Settlement Class Member do not constitute reasonable documentation but may be included to provide clarification, context, or support for other submitted reasonable documentation. Settlement Class Members shall not be reimbursed for expenses if they have been reimbursed for the same expenses by another source, including compensation provided in connection with the credit monitoring and identity theft protection product offered as part of the notification letter provided by Defendants or otherwise. If a Settlement Class Member does not submit reasonable documentation supporting a loss, or if their Claim is rejected by the Settlement Administrator for any reason, and the Settlement Class Member fails to cure his or her Claim, the Claim will be rejected and the Settlement Class Member's Claim will be as if he or she elected Cash Payment B.

b. Cash Payment B – Alternate Cash

As an alternative to Cash Payment A above, a Settlement Class Member may elect to receive Cash Payment B, which is an alternative cash payment in the amount of \$40.00.

66. Medical Data Monitoring

In addition to a Cash Payment, Settlement Class Members may also make a Claim for three years of CyEx's Medical Shield Complete. This includes credit monitoring with one bureau, with additional monitoring of: (a) healthcare insurance plan IDs, healthcare beneficiary identifier ID; (b) medical records; (c) national provider identifier; (d) international classification of disease; (e) health savings account; (f) high risk; and (g), Dark Web. The product also provides for \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance and contains real-time alerts and victim assistance.

67. Business Practice Commitments

Defendants have implemented remedial measures and security enhancements as a result of the Data Incident and agree to continue to uphold these business practice commitments for a minimum of three years. Plaintiffs and Defendants agree that those specific measures and enhancements will not be disclosed in any public filing, but Defendants will provide under seal to the Court, if requested

V. Settlement Approval

68. Within 10 day of the final Party signing this Agreement, Class Counsel shall file a Motion for Preliminary Approval, which shall, among other things, request the Court: (1) preliminarily approve the terms of the Settlement as being within the range of fair, adequate, and reasonable; (2) provisionally certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; (3) approve the Notice Program set forth herein and approve the form and content of the Notices of the Settlement; (4) approve the Claim Form and Claim Process; (5) approve the procedures for Settlement Class Members to opt-out of the Settlement or for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement; (6) appoint Scott Edward Cole and Casandra Turner as Class Counsel; (7) appoint Plaintiffs as the Class Representatives; (8) appoint Simpluris as the Settlement Administrator; (9) stay the Action pending Final Approval of the Settlement; and (10) schedule a

Final Approval Hearing for a time and date mutually convenient for the Court, the Parties, Class Counsel, and Defendants' Counsel.

VI. Settlement Administrator

69. The Parties agree that, subject to Court approval, Simpluris shall be the Settlement Administrator. The Parties shall jointly oversee the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall fulfill the requirements set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order and the Agreement and comply with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution.

70. The Settlement Administrator shall administer various aspects of the Settlement as described in the next paragraph and perform such other functions as are specified for the Settlement Administrator elsewhere in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, effectuating the Notice Program, handling the Claims Process, assessing Claim Forms and determining whether they are supported by reasonable documentation, and distributing the Cash Payments to Settlement Class Members who submit Valid Claims.

71. The Settlement Administrator's duties include:

- a. Completing the Court-approved Notice Program by noticing the Settlement Class by Postcard Notice and sending out Long Form Notices and Claim Forms on request from Settlement Class Members, reviewing Claim Forms and supporting documentation, notifying Claimants of deficient Claim Forms using the Notice of Deficiency, and sending Settlement Class Member Benefits to Settlement Class Members who submit Valid Claims;
- b. Establishing and maintaining a post office box to receive opt-out requests from the Settlement Class, objections from Settlement Class Members, and Claim

Forms;

- c. Establishing and maintaining the Settlement Website to provide important information and to receive electronic Claim Forms;
- d. Establishing and maintaining an automated toll-free telephone line for Settlement Class Members to call with Settlement-related inquiries, and answer the frequently asked questions of Settlement Class Members who call or otherwise communicate such inquiries;
- e. Responding to any mailed Settlement Class Member inquiries;
- f. Processing all opt-out requests from the Settlement Class;
- g. Providing weekly reports to Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel that summarize the number of Claims submitted, Claims approved and rejected, Notices of Deficiency sent, opt-out requests and objections received that week, the total number of opt-out requests and objections received to date, and other pertinent information;
- h. In advance of the Final Approval Hearing, preparing a declaration confirming the Notice Program was completed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order, describing how the Notice Program was completed, indicating the number of Claim Forms received, the value of the Valid Claims submitted to date, providing the names of each Settlement Class member who timely and properly requested to opt-out from the Settlement Class, indicating the number of objections received, and other information as may be necessary to allow the Parties to seek and obtain Final Approval;

- i. Reviewing Claim Forms submitted by Settlement Class Members to determine whether they are eligible for a Cash Payment and/or Medical Data Monitoring;
- j. Collecting from Defendants and/or their insurer(s) the funds necessary to pay Valid Claims for Cash Payments and/or Medical Data Monitoring;
- k. Distributing Cash Payments, and ensuring Medical Data Monitoring codes are sent, to Settlement Class Members who submit Valid Claims; and
- l. Any other Settlement administration function at the instruction of Class Counsel and Defendants, including, but not limited to, verifying that the Cash Payments have been properly distributed.

VII. Notice to the Settlement Class, Opt-Out Procedures, and Objection Procedures

72. Defendants will provide the Settlement Administrator the Class List no later than fourteen days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. To the extent necessary, Defendants will cooperate with the Settlement Administrator's updating of the Class List to accomplish the Notice Program and otherwise administer the Settlement.

73. The Settlement Administrator shall commence the Notice Program provided herein, using the forms of Notice approved by the Court, and begin mailing the Postcard Notice to Settlement Class Members within 45 days following entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. The Settlement Administrator shall complete mailing the Postcard Notice to Settlement Class Members within 15 days of the Notice Commencement Date.

74. Settlement Class Members shall be sent a Postcard Notice via U.S. Mail.

75. Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid to the Settlement Administrator the cost of preparing and transmitting the Postcard Notice to Settlement Class Members within 30 days of receipt of a W-9, sufficient payment instructions, and an invoice from the Settlement

Administrator. Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid to the Settlement Administrator the remaining Settlement Administration Costs after the Effective Date and within 30 days of receipt of the invoice, W-9, and payment instructions.

76. If Postcard Notices are sent, the Settlement Administrator shall perform reasonable address traces for Postcard Notices that are returned as undeliverable. By way of example, a reasonable tracing procedure would be to run addresses of returned postcards through the Lexis/Nexis database that can be utilized for such purpose. No later than 45 days before the original date set for the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall complete the re-mailing of Postcard Notice to those Settlement Class Members whose new addresses were identified as of that time through address traces.

77. The Postcard Notice shall include, among other information: a description of the material terms of the Settlement; how to submit a Claim Form; the Claim Form Deadline; the Opt-Out Deadline for Settlement Class Members to opt-out of the Settlement Class; the Objection Deadline for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards; the Final Approval Hearing date; and the Settlement Website address at which Settlement Class Members may access this Agreement and other related documents and information. Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall insert the correct dates and deadlines in the Notice before the Notice Program commences, based upon those dates and deadlines set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order. If the date or time for the Final Approval Hearing changes, the Settlement Administrator shall update the Settlement Website to reflect the new date. No additional notice to the Settlement Class is required if the date or time for the Final Approval Hearing changes.

78. The Settlement Administrator shall establish the Settlement Website no later than

the day before the Notice Commencement Deadline. The Settlement Administrator shall ensure the Settlement Website makes available the Court-approved online Claim Form that can be submitted directly on the Settlement Website or in printable version that can be sent by U.S. Mail to the Settlement Administrator.

79. The Long Form Notice also shall include a procedure for Settlement Class Members to opt-out of the Settlement Class, and the Postcard Notice shall direct Settlement Class Members to review the Long Form Notice to obtain the opt-out instructions. A Settlement Class member may opt-out of the Settlement Class at any time before the Opt-Out Deadline by mailing a request to opt-out to the Settlement Administrator postmarked no later than the last day of the Opt-Out Deadline. The opt-out request must be personally signed by the Settlement Class member and contain the requestor's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if any), and include a statement indicating a request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely and validly request to opt-out shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement even if that Settlement Class Member does not submit a Valid Claim. Third parties may not submit opt-out requests on behalf of Settlement Class Members.

80. The Long Form Notice shall also include a procedure for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, and the Postcard Notice shall direct Settlement Class Members to review the Long Form Notice to obtain the objection instructions. Objections must be filed with the Court, and sent by U.S. Mail to Class Counsel, Defendants' Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the relevant Settlement Class Member must submit the objection no later than the Objection Deadline, as specified in the Notice, and the relevant Settlement Class Member must not have excluded themselves from the Settlement Class. If

submitted by mail, an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted if received with a postmark date indicated on the envelope if mailed first-class postage prepaid and addressed in accordance with the instructions. If submitted by private courier (e.g., Federal Express), an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted on the shipping date reflected on the shipping label.

81. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must also set forth:
 - a. the objector's full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any);
 - b. all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to the objector or objector's counsel;
 - c. the number of times the objector has objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date that the objector files the objection, the caption of each case in which the objector has made such objection, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon the objector's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case;
 - d. the identity of all counsel who represent the objector, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Award;
 - e. the number of times in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date of the filed objection, the caption of each case in which counsel or the firm has made such objection and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon

counsel's or the counsel's law firm's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding five years;

- f. the identity of all counsel (if any) representing the objector, and whether they will appear at the Final Approval Hearing;
- g. a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection (if any);
- h. a statement confirming whether the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and
- i. the objector's signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient).

82. Class Counsel and/or Defendants' Counsel may conduct limited discovery on any objector or objector's counsel, including taking depositions and propounding document requests.

VIII. Claim Form Process and Disbursement of Cash Payments

83. The Notices and the Settlement Website will explain to Settlement Class Members that they may be entitled to a Settlement Class Member Benefit and how to submit a Claim Form.

84. Claim Forms may be submitted online through the Settlement Website or through U.S. Mail by sending them to the Settlement Administrator at the address designated on the Claim Form.

85. The Settlement Administrator shall collect, review, and address each Claim Form received to determine whether the Claim Form meets the requirements set forth in this Settlement and is thus a Valid Claim. The Settlement Administrator shall examine the Claim Form before designating the Claim as a Valid Claim to determine that the information on the Claim Form is

reasonably complete. The Settlement Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine whether a Claim by any Claimant is a Valid Claim.

86. The Settlement Administrator shall use all reasonable efforts and means to identify and reject duplicate claims. No Settlement Class Member may submit more than one Claim Form. The Settlement Administrator shall identify any Claim Forms that appear to seek relief on behalf of the same Settlement Class Member. If the Settlement Administrator identifies any Claim Form that appears to be a duplication, the Settlement Administrator shall contact the Settlement Class Member in an effort to determine which Claim Form is the appropriate one for consideration.

87. The Settlement Administrator shall exercise, in its discretion, all usual and customary steps to prevent fraud and abuse and take any reasonable steps to prevent fraud and abuse in the Claim process. The Settlement Administrator may, in its discretion, deny in whole or in part any Claim Form to prevent actual or possible fraud or abuse. By agreement, the Parties can instruct the Settlement Administrator to take whatever steps it deems appropriate if the Settlement Administrator identifies actual or possible fraud or abuse relating to the submission of Claims, including, but not limited to, denying in whole or in part any Claim to prevent actual or possible fraud or abuse. If any fraud is detected or reasonably suspected, the Settlement Administrator and the Parties may require information from Claimants or deny Claims, subject to the supervision of the Parties and ultimate oversight by the Court.

88. Claim Forms that do not meet the terms and conditions of this Settlement shall be promptly rejected by the Settlement Administrator and the Settlement Administrator shall advise the Claimant or Settlement Class Member of the reason(s) why the Claim Form was rejected. However, if the Claim Form is rejected for containing incomplete or inaccurate information, and/or omitting required information, the Settlement Administrator may send a Notice of Deficiency

explaining what information is missing or inaccurate and needed to validate the Claim and have it submitted for consideration. The Settlement Administrator shall notify the Claimant using the contact information provided in the Claim Form. The additional information and/or documentation can include, for example, answers to questions regarding the validity of the Claimant's physical or e-signature. A Claimant shall have until the Claim Form Deadline, or 15 days from the date the Notice of Deficiency is sent to the Claimant via mail and postmarked or via email, whichever is later, to reply to the Notice of Deficiency and provide the required information. If the Claimant timely and adequately provides the requested information and/or documentation, the Claim shall be deemed a Valid Claim and processed by the Settlement Administrator. If the Claimant does not timely and completely provide the requested information and/or documentation, the Settlement Administrator shall reduce or deny the Claim unless Defendants and Class Counsel otherwise agree.

89. Where a good faith basis exists, the Settlement Administrator may reduce or reject a Claim for, among other reasons, the following:

- a. Failure to fully complete and/or sign the Claim Form;
- b. Illegible Claim Form;
- c. The Claim Form is fraudulent;
- d. The Claim Form is duplicative of another Claim Form;
- e. The Claimant is not a Settlement Class Member;
- f. The Claimant submitted a timely and valid request to opt out of the Settlement Class.
- g. The person submitting the Claim Form requests that payment be made to a person or entity other than the Claimant for whom the Claim Form is

submitted;

- h. Failure to submit a Claim Form by the Claim Form Deadline; and/or
- i. The Claim Form otherwise does not comply with the requirements of this Settlement.

90. The Settlement Administrator's reduction or denial of a Claim is final, subject to the following dispute resolution procedures:

- a. The Settlement Administrator shall have 30 days from the Claim Form Deadline to approve or reject Claims.
- b. A request for additional information by sending a Notice of Deficiency shall not be considered a denial for purposes of this paragraph.
- c. If a Claim is rejected, the Settlement Administrator shall notify the Claimant using the contact information provided in the Claim Form. Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall be provided with copies of all such notifications to Claimants.
- d. The Settlement Administrator's determination as to whether to approve, deny, or reduce a Claim shall be final and binding.

91. The Settlement Administrator shall provide all information gathered in investigating Claims, including, but not limited to, copies of all correspondence and email and all notes of the Settlement Administrator, the decision reached, and all reasons supporting the decision, if requested by Class Counsel or Defendants' Counsel. Additionally, Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall have the right to inspect the Claim Forms and supporting documentation received by the Settlement Administrator at any time upon reasonable notice.

92. No person or entity shall have any claim against Defendants, Defendants' Counsel,

Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, Class Counsel, and/or the Settlement Administrator based on any eligibility determinations, distributions, or awards made in accordance with this Settlement.

93. The Settlement Administrator must submit an invoice, W-9, and payment instructions to Defendants for payment of all Valid Claims within five days of the Effective Date or as soon as all Claim deficiencies are resolved via the process set forth herein. Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid to the Settlement Administrator the invoiced amount of all Valid Claims within 30 days of receipt of the W-9, invoice, and payment instructions.

94. No later than 60 days after the Effective Date, the Settlement Administrator shall distribute the Cash Payments to all Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims. All Medical Data Monitoring codes shall be emailed by CyEx to Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims no later than 75 days after the Effective Date.

95. Cash Payments to Settlement Class Members will be made by electronic payment or by paper check, by sending Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims an email to select from alternative forms of electronic payment or by paper check. Settlement Class Members will have a period of 30 days to select their form of payment following such email from the Settlement Administrator. Paper checks must be negotiated within 90 days of issuance. In the event of any complications arising in connection with the issuance of an electronic payment, the Settlement Administrator shall provide written notice to Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel. Absent specific instructions from Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, the Settlement Administrator shall proceed to resolve the dispute using its best practices and procedures to ensure that the funds are fairly and properly distributed to the person or persons who are entitled to receive them. In the event the Settlement Administrator is unable to distribute funds to the person or persons entitled to receive them due to incorrect or incomplete information provided to the Settlement

Administrator, the funds shall revert to Defendants, and the Settlement Class Member shall forfeit their right to the funds.

96. Settlement Class Members with Valid Claims that elected Medical Data Monitoring will receive an email on how to activate the monitoring,

IX. Final Approval Order and Final Judgment

97. Plaintiffs shall file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, inclusive of the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, no later than 14 days before the Opt-Out and Objection Deadlines. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will hear argument on Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement and Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Service Awards. In the Court's discretion, the Court will also hear argument at the Final Approval Hearing from any Settlement Class Members (or their counsel) who object to the Settlement and/or to the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards, provided the objectors submitted timely objections that meet all of the requirements listed in this Agreement.

98. At or following the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will determine whether to enter the Final Approval Order and final judgment thereon, and whether to grant the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards. Such proposed Final Approval Order shall, among other things:

- a. Determine that the Settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable;
- b. Finally certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only;
- c. Determine that the Notice Program satisfies Due Process requirements;
- d. Bar and enjoin all Releasing Parties from asserting or otherwise pursuing any of the Released Claims at any time and in any jurisdiction, including during any appeal from the Final Approval Order; and retain jurisdiction over the

enforcement of the Court's injunctions;

- e. Release Defendants and the other Released Parties from the Released Claims;
and
- f. Reserve the Court's continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties to this Agreement, including Defendants, Plaintiffs, all Settlement Class Members, and all objectors, to administer, supervise, construe, and enforce this Agreement in accordance with its terms.

X. Service Awards, Attorneys' Fees, and Costs

99. **Service Awards.** Class Counsel, on behalf of the Class Representatives, may seek Service Awards of up to \$2,500.00 each, subject to Court approval. Defendants agree not to oppose Class Counsel's request for a service award not to exceed \$2,500.00 per Plaintiff (or \$10,000.00 total). Service awards shall be paid by or on behalf of Defendants to the Settlement Administrator for onward remittance to Class Counsel within fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.

100. **Attorneys' Fees and Costs.** Class Counsel shall apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees of \$240,000.00 and costs of up to \$20,000.00. Defendants agree not to oppose Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs not to exceed \$260,000.00. Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid the Court-approved attorneys' fees and cost award to the Settlement Administrator for onward remittance to Class Counsel within fourteen (14) days of the Effective Date.

101. The Settlement Administrator shall distribute all Court-approved attorneys' fees and costs and Service Awards pursuant to Class Counsel's instructions within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the funds from Defendants.

102. This Settlement is not contingent on approval of the request for attorneys' fees and costs or Service Awards, and if the Court denies the request or grants amounts less than what was

requested, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in force. The provisions for attorneys' fees and costs and the Service Awards were not negotiated until after all material terms of the Settlement.

XI. Releases

103. Upon the Effective Date, and in consideration of the settlement relief and other consideration described herein, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Approval Order shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, acquitted, relinquished, and completely discharged the Released Parties from any and all Released Claims, including but not limited to any state law or common law claims arising out of or relating to the Data Incident that the Releasing Parties may have or had, such as under California's Consumer Privacy Act, California Civil Code section 1798.100, *et seq.* and/or California's Unfair Competition Law, California Civil Code section 17200 *et seq.* Each Party expressly waives all rights under California Civil Code section 1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

The Releasing Parties also waive the provisions and rights of any law(s) that are comparable in effect to California Civil Code section 1542 (including, without limitation, California Civil Code § 1798.80, *et seq.*, Montana Code Ann. § 28-1-1602; North Dakota Cent. Code § 9-13-02; and South Dakota Codified Laws § 20-7-11). The Releasing Parties agree that, once this Agreement is executed, they will not, directly or indirectly, individually or in concert with another, maintain, cause to be maintained, or voluntarily assist in maintaining any further demand, action, claim, lawsuit, arbitration, or similar proceeding, in any capacity whatsoever, against any of the Released

Parties based on any of the Released Claims.

104. Settlement Class Members who opt-out of the Settlement prior to the Opt-Out Deadline do not release their individual claims and will not obtain any benefits, including any Settlement Class Member Benefit, under the Settlement.

105. Upon the Effective Date: (a) this Settlement shall be the exclusive remedy for any and all Released Claims of Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members; and (b) Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members stipulate to be and shall be permanently barred and enjoined by Court order from initiating, asserting, or prosecuting any Released Claim against the Released Parties, whether on behalf of Plaintiffs, any Settlement Class Member or others, in any jurisdiction, including in any federal, state, or local court or tribunal.

XII. Termination of Settlement

106. This Agreement shall be subject to and is expressly conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following events:

- a. Court approval of the Settlement consideration and releases set forth herein;
- b. The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order;
- c. The Court has entered the Final Approval Order, and all objections, if any, are overruled, and all appeals taken from the Final Approval Order are resolved in favor of Final Approval; and
- d. The Effective Date has occurred.

107. If any of the conditions specified in the preceding paragraph are not met, or if the Court otherwise imposes any modification to or condition to approval of the Settlement to which the Parties do not consent, then this Agreement shall be cancelled and terminated.

108. Defendants shall also have the right to terminate this Agreement if more than 200

Settlement Class Members opt-out of the Settlement. Defendants shall notify Class Counsel of their intent to so terminate the Agreement within ten (10) days after the Opt-Out Deadline.

109. In the event this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective, then the Parties shall return to the *status quo ante* in the Action as if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement, and the Parties shall jointly file a status report in the Court seeking to reopen the Action and all papers filed. In such event, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in this Action or in any other action or proceeding for any other purpose, and any order entered by this Court in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

XIII. Effect of Termination

110. The grounds upon which this Agreement may be terminated are set forth in Section XII. In the event of a termination, this Agreement shall be considered null and void; all of Plaintiffs', Class Counsel's, Defendants', and Defendants' Counsel's obligations under the Settlement shall cease to be of any force and effect; and the Parties shall return to the *status quo ante* in the Action as if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement. In addition, in the event of such a termination, all of the Parties' respective pre-Settlement rights, claims, and defenses will be retained and preserved.

111. In the event the Settlement is terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, any discussions, offers, or negotiations associated with this Settlement shall not be discoverable or offered into evidence or used in the Action or any other action or proceeding for any purpose. In such event, all Parties to the Action shall stand in the same position as if this Agreement had not been negotiated, made, or filed with the Court.

XIV. No Admission of Liability

112. This Agreement reflects the Parties' compromise and settlement of disputed claims. This Agreement shall not be construed as or deemed to be evidence of an admission or concession of any point of fact or law. Defendants have denied and continue to deny each of the claims and contentions alleged in the Complaint. Defendants specifically deny that a class could or should be certified in the Action for litigation purposes. Defendants do not admit any liability or wrongdoing of any kind, by this Agreement or otherwise. Defendants have agreed to enter into this Agreement to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, and distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation, and to be completely free of any further claims that were asserted or could possibly have been asserted in the Action.

113. Class Counsel believe the claims asserted in the Action have merit, and they have examined and considered the benefits to be obtained under the proposed Settlement set forth in this Agreement, the risks associated with the continued prosecution of this complex, costly, and time-consuming litigation, and the likelihood of success on the merits of the Action. Class Counsel have investigated the facts and law relevant to the merits of the claims, conducted informal discovery, and conducted an independent investigation of the alleged claims. Class Counsel concluded that the proposed Settlement set forth in this Agreement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members.

114. This Agreement constitutes a compromise and settlement of disputed claims. No action taken by the Parties in connection with the negotiations of this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to be an admission of the truth or falsity of any claims or defenses heretofore made, or an acknowledgment or admission by any Party of any fault, liability, or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever.

115. Neither the Settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or

in furtherance of the Settlement (a) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any claim made by Plaintiffs or Settlement Class Members, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Released Parties; or (b) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as, an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Parties, in the Action or in any proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal.

116. In addition to any other defenses Defendants or the Released Parties may have at law, in equity, or otherwise, to the extent permitted by law, this Agreement may be pleaded as a full and complete defense to and may be used as the basis for an injunction against, any action, suit, or other proceeding that may be instituted, prosecuted, or attempted in breach of this Agreement or the Releases contained herein.

XV. Miscellaneous Provisions

117. ***Gender and Plurals.*** As used in this Agreement, the masculine, feminine or gender neutral, and the singular or plural number, shall each be deemed to include the others whenever the context so indicates.

118. ***Binding Effect.*** This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to and for the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Releasing Parties and the Released Parties.

119. ***Cooperation of Parties.*** The Parties to this Agreement agree to cooperate in good faith to prepare and execute all documents, seek Court approval, uphold Court approval, and do all things reasonably necessary to complete and effectuate the Settlement described in this Agreement.

120. ***Obligation to Meet and Confer.*** Before filing any motion in the Court raising a dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Parties shall consult with each other and certify to the Court that they have met and conferred in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

121. ***Integration and No Reliance.*** This Agreement constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire agreement of the Parties relative to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement is executed without reliance on any covenant, agreement, representation, or warranty by any Party or any Party's representative other than those expressly set forth in this Agreement. No covenants, agreements, representations, or warranties of any kind whatsoever have been made by any Party, except as provided for herein.

122. ***No Conflict Intended.*** Any inconsistency between the headings used in this Agreement and the text of the paragraphs of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of the text.

123. ***Governing Law.*** Except as otherwise provided herein, the Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and be governed by, the laws of the state of North Carolina, without regard to the principles thereof regarding choice of law.

124. ***Counterparts.*** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument, even though all Parties do not sign the same counterparts. Original signatures are not required. Any signature submitted by facsimile or through email of a PDF shall be deemed an original.

125. ***Jurisdiction.*** The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the implementation, enforcement, and performance of this Agreement, and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by counsel for the Parties. The Court shall also retain jurisdiction over all questions and/or disputes related to the Notice Program and the Settlement Administrator. As part of the agreement to render services in connection with this Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall consent to the jurisdiction of the Court for this purpose. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the enforcement of the Court's injunction barring and enjoining all

Releasing Parties from asserting any of the Released Claims and from pursuing any Released Claims against the Released Parties at any time and in any jurisdiction, including during any appeal from the Final Approval Order.

126. *Notices.* All notices provided for herein, shall be sent by email with a hard copy sent by overnight mail to:

If to Plaintiffs or Class Counsel:

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The notice recipients and addresses designated above may be changed by written notice. Upon the request of any of the Parties, the Parties agree to promptly provide each other with copies of objections, requests for exclusion, or other filings received as a result of the Notice Program.

127. **Modification and Amendment.** This Agreement may not be amended or modified, except by a written instrument signed by Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel and, if the Settlement has been approved preliminarily by the Court, approved by the Court.

128. **No Waiver.** The waiver by any Party of any breach of this Agreement by another Party shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, of this Agreement.

129. **Authority.** Class Counsel (for the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members), and Defendants' Counsel, represent and warrant that the persons signing this Agreement on their behalf have full power and authority to bind every person, partnership, corporation, or entity included within the definitions of Plaintiffs and Defendants respectively to all terms of this Agreement. Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity represents and warrants that he or she is fully authorized to do so and to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she signs this Agreement to all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

130. **Agreement Mutually Prepared.** Neither Plaintiffs nor Defendants shall be considered to be the drafter of this Agreement or any of its provisions for the purpose of any statute, case law, or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter of this Agreement.

131. **Independent Investigation and Decision to Settle.** The Parties understand and acknowledge they: (a) have performed an independent investigation of the allegations of fact and law made in connection with this Action; and (b) that even if they may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Action as reflected in this Agreement, that will not affect or in any respect limit the binding nature of this Agreement. All Parties recognize and acknowledge they reviewed

and analyzed data that they and their experts used to make certain determinations, arguments, and settlement positions. The Parties agree this Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and will not attempt to renegotiate or otherwise void or invalidate or terminate the Settlement irrespective of what any unexamined data later shows. It is the Parties' intention to resolve their disputes in connection with this Action pursuant to the terms of this Agreement now and thus, in furtherance of their intentions, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the discovery of any additional facts or law, or changes in law, and this Agreement shall not be subject to rescission or modification by reason of any changes or differences in facts or law, subsequently occurring or otherwise.

132. ***Receipt of Advice of Counsel.*** Each Party acknowledges, agrees, and specifically warrants that he, she, or it has fully read this Agreement and the Releases contained herein, received independent legal advice with respect to the advisability of entering into this Agreement and the Releases, and the legal effects of this Agreement and the Releases, and fully understands the effect of this Agreement and the Releases.

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PLAINTIFF LATASHA HAMMOND

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PLAINTIFF DAWN HAIRSTON

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