

**REGULATORY STIPULATION**

BE IT KNOWN, on dates herein below specified, came, and appeared:

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

AND

EPIC PHARMACY NETWORK, INC.

(LDI No. 953047)

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023, the LDI, as a result of an investigation and documentation in possession of the Louisiana Department of Insurance, determined that Epic Pharmacy Network, Inc. ("EPN"), violated certain provisions of the Louisiana Insurance Code, Title 22, La. R.S. 22:2 *et. seq.*, therefore, the Commissioner of Insurance issued a CEASE-AND-DESIST and NOTICE OF FINE Order to EPN based on the following:

WHEREAS, effective on August 1, 2021, and pursuant to the Louisiana Legislature's enactment of Act. No. 192, which amended Chapter 5 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, in order to enact La. R.S. 22:821(B)(39) and Part III-A-PHARMACY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATIONS, comprised of LA R.S. 22:1660.1 through 1660.9, pharmacy service administrative organizations (PSAOs) shall have Louisiana licensing requirements.

WHEREAS, EPN has been acting as a PSAO in Louisiana since 2003.

WHEREAS, since August 1, 2021, the effective date of the statute, the Commissioner determined that EPN has failed to submit the application to act as a PSAO in the state of Louisiana and remains non-compliant with the Louisiana Insurance Code.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S.22:1660.2, the Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance and the LDI imposed upon EPN a fine in the amount of \$69,500.00 and ordered it to pay the full amount immediately.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of EPN and the LDI to fully compromise and resolve this matter.

NOW THEREFORE, to fully compromise and resolve this matter:


The LDI, appearing herein through Nathan Strebeck, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Insurance Fraud, and EPN, appearing through its authorized representative James A. Brown, Esq., hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

1. EPN, without admitting to any possible alleged violation of La. R.S. 22:1660.2, regarding its failure to timely file an application to act as a PSAO in Louisiana on August 1, 2021, will now fulfill all requirements for licensure and will obtain a license as a PSAO to operate in the state of Louisiana and will continue to provide important PSAO services to the citizens of Louisiana. If EPN's application for licensure is denied, it will cease providing PSAO services in Louisiana unless and until it is licensed to do so.
2. EPN, without admitting to any possible alleged violation of La. R.S. 22:1660.2, was found to be non-compliant with the Louisiana Insurance Code for operating as an unlicensed PSAO in Louisiana by the Louisiana Department of Insurance.
3. EPN, without admitting to any possible alleged violation of La. R.S. 22:1660.2, the Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance and the Louisiana Department of Insurance, have agreed to fully compromise and resolve this matter and to assess a fine of \$50,000.00, to be paid by EPN, considering its history of providing critical PSAO services to the citizens of Louisiana.

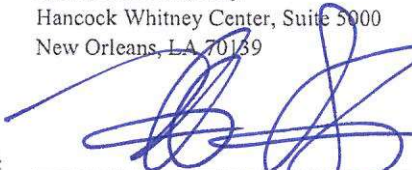
4. EPN acknowledges that this Regulatory Stipulation constitutes an administrative action and that it may be reported to the National Insurance Producer Registry by the LDI.
5. EPN waives its appearance and any other rights it may have to an adjudicatory hearing regarding the administrative fine action established in and assessed by this Regulatory Stipulation.

This Regulatory Stipulation shall take effect on the last date it is signed by all parties, and all signatories below warrant that they have the authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement.

This Regulatory Stipulation may be executed in multiple copies, each of which shall be considered an original.

BY:   
EPIC PHARMACY NETWORK, Inc.,  
by its authorized representative,  
James A. Brown, Esq.  
Hancock Whitney Center, Suite 5000  
New Orleans, LA 70139

DATE: 8/14/23

BY:   
Nathan Strebeck, Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Insurance Fraud  
Louisiana Department of Insurance  
1702 N. Third Street  
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DATE: 8/16/2023

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August 9, 2023

PAY TO THE ORDER OF \*\*\*LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE\*\*\*

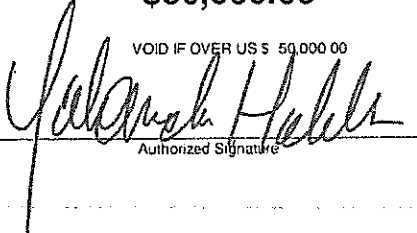
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**\*\*\$50,000.00\*\***

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