

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Proceedings by the Commissioner of)
Banking and Insurance, State of New)
Jersey, to fine Atlantic Pro) **CONSENT ORDER**
Medical Billing Services and Farhad
Hasheminejad

TO: Atlantic Pro Medical Billing Services
408 Bethel Road, Suite 2C
Somers Point, NJ 08024

Farhad Hasheminejad
2504 Herbert Drive
Northfield, NJ 08225

THIS MATTER, having been opened by Marlene Caride, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner"), State of New Jersey, upon information that National Billing Institute, LLC and Farhad Hasheminejad (collectively, "Respondents"), may have violated various provisions of the insurance laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Respondents are subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-1 to -25; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-1, a third-party billing service is defined as a person or entity that is paid by

a health care provider to process claims or claims payments on behalf of the health care provider; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-16 and N.J.A.C. 11:23-5.1(a), on and after January 1, 2002, no person shall act as, offer to act as or hold himself out to be a third-party billing service without being certified by the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:23-5.1(b), all third party billing services shall obtain certification prior to operating in this State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-24, any third party billing service that violates N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-16 is subject to a civil administrative penalty in the amount not less than \$250 but no more than \$5,000 for each day that a third-party billing service is in violation of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner issued Order to Show Cause E22-15 ("OTSC E22-15") on March 21, 2022, alleging violations of New Jersey insurance laws by Respondents as set forth in the following Counts:

COUNT ONE

IT APPEARING THAT, Atlantic Pro Medical Billing Services was incorporated on September 5, 1993; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, Atlantic Pro Medical Billing Services commenced business as a third-party billing service in New Jersey on or about December 1993; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, Farhad Hasheminejad is the President and an owner of Atlantic Pro Medical Billing Services; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, between December 1993 and present, Respondents have acted as a third-party billing service; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, Atlantic Pro Medical Billing Services was certified by the Commissioner as a third-party billing service on June 16, 2021; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, Atlantic Pro Medical Billing Services acted as a third-party billing service in New Jersey when it was not certified as a third-party billing service from January 1, 2002, to June 16, 2021; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, because Respondents acted as a third-party billing service without the required certification, they violated N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-16, N.J.A.C. 11:23-5.1(a), and N.J.A.C. 11:23-5.1(b); and

WHEREAS, Respondents were given notice of the aforesaid allegations and an opportunity to contest them at a hearing; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022, Respondents filed an Answer and Request for a Hearing, and this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested matter; and

WHEREAS, Respondents acknowledge and take responsibility for the violations of the above-cited statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, this matter should be resolved upon the consent of the parties without resort to a formal hearing on the aforementioned violations; and

WHEREAS, Respondents have waived their right to a hearing;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 19 day of July, 2022,

ORDERED that Respondents shall pay a civil penalty of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that any future violation of the Act shall be considered a subsequent violation; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the \$35,000 shall be paid by wire transfer, certified check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the "**Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance**" and the full amount shall be paid immediately upon execution of this Consent Order by Respondents;
and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that this signed Consent Order, together with the payment of \$35,000.00, shall be remitted to:

Chandra M. Arkema, Deputy Attorney General
State of New Jersey, Division of Law
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
P.O. Box 117
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that Respondents shall cease and desist engaging in the conduct that gave rise to this Consent Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the provisions of this Consent Order represent a final agency decision and constitute final resolution of the violations contained herein.



Marlene Caride
Commissioner

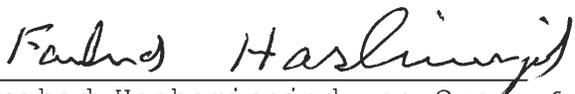
**Consented to as to
Form, Content and
Entry:**

Date: 6/16/22



Farhad Hasheminejad,
Individually

Date: 6/16/22



Farhad Hasheminejad, as Owner &
President of Atlantic Pro
Medical Billing Services
Respondents

MATTHEW J. PLATKIN
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY

Date: 7/13/2022



Chandra M. Arkema
Deputy Attorney General
Attorney for the New Jersey
Department of Banking and
Insurance