STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

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Proceedings by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, State of New Jersey, to fine A&J Billing Services LLC, Melissa Burnett, and Kashamba E. Busby

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO: A&J Billing Services LLC 66 Hawthorne Lane

Willingboro, NJ 08046

Melissa Burnett 9 Dexter Court Willingboro, NJ 08046

Kashamba E. Busby 66 Hawthorne Lane Willingboro, NJ 08046

THIS MATTER, having been opened by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner"), State of New Jersey, upon information that A&J Billing Services LLC, Melissa Burnett, and Kashamba E. Busby (collectively, "Respondents"), may have violated various provisions of the insurance laws of the State of New Jersey; 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, 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.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 an amount not less than \$250 no more than \$5,000 for each day that a third party billing service is in violation of the act; and

COUNT ONE

IT APPEARING THAT, A&J Billing Services LLC was incorporated on March 26, 2014; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, A&J Billing Services LLC commenced business as a third party billing service in New Jersey on or about March 26, 2014; and

IT RUTHER APPEARING THAT, A&J Billing Services LLC is not and has never been certified by the Commissioner as a third party billing service; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, A&J Billing Services LLC has acted as a third party billing service in New Jersey when it was not certified as a third party billing service; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, the co-owner and CEO of A&J Billing Services LLC is Melissa Burnett; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, Kashamba Busby is a co-owner of A&J Billings Services LLC; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, as owners and/or managers of A&J Billing Services LLC, Burnett and Busby knew of and/or directed the illegal acts alleged herein; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, in 2018, 2019, and 2020, Respondents acted as a third party billing service; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT, between 2018 and 2020, Respondents performed third party billing services for at least two clients; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 28 day of April , 2021,

ORDERED, that Respondents appear and show cause why the Commissioner should not assess a civil penalty in an amount not less than \$250 no more than \$5,000 for each day Respondents were in violation of N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-16, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17B:27B-24; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondents have the right to request an administrative hearing, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, at their own expense, to take testimony, to call or cross-examine witnesses, to have subpoenas issued, and to present evidence or argument if a hearing is requested; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that unless a request for a hearing is received within twenty (20) days of the service of this Order to Show Cause, the right to a hearing in this matter shall be deemed to have been waived by Respondents, and the Commissioner shall dispose of this matter in accordance with law. A hearing may be requested by mailing the request to Virgil Dowtin, Chief of Investigations, Department of Banking and Insurance, P.O. Box 329, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, or by faxing the hearing request to the Department at (609) 292-5337. A copy of the request for a hearing shall also be sent to Deputy Attorney General Chandra M. Arkema at: Division of Law, P.O. Box 117, Trenton, NJ 08625, fax (609) 777-3503. The request shall contain the following:

(a) Respondent's full name, current address, and daytime telephone number;

- (b) A statement referring to each charge alleged in this Order to Show Cause and identifying any defense intended to be asserted in response to each charge. Where the defense relies on facts not contained in the Order to Show Cause, those specific facts must be stated;
- (c) A specific admission or denial of each fact alleged in this Order to Show Cause. Where the Respondent has no specific knowledge regarding a fact alleged in the Order to Show Cause, a statement to that effect must be contained in the hearing request. Allegations of this Order to Show Cause not answered in the manner set forth above shall be deemed to have been admitted; and
- (d) A statement requesting the hearing.

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Commissioner