STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

In Re: Adroit Health Group, Stephen Vaughn Jones, and Richard Scott Holt Docket No.: Ins. No. 21-030-EP

MOTION TO BIFURCATE HEARING

NOW COMES the New Hampshire Insurance Department ("NHID") and hereby requests that the Hearing Officer order bifurcation of the hearing currently scheduled for November 30, 2021, and in support thereof, states as follows:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- On November 4, 2021, the NHID issued an Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing ("OTSC") for Respondents Adroit Health Group ("AHG"), Stephen Vaugh Jones ("Jones"), and Richard Scott Holt ("Holt") for a hearing to take place on November 30, 2021.
- 2. Since that time, the NHID has been engaged in discussion with AHG and Holt relating to the allegations in the OTSC and is making progress towards potential resolution of those issues.
- 3. On November 23, 2021, counsel for Adroit and Holt filed an assented to motion to continue the hearing as to Adroit and Holt, to allow time for the NHID and Adroit and Holt to continue discussions towards resolution of these issues.
- 4. However, Jones was not a part of those discussions, nor has Jones made any attempt to communicate with the NHID during its investigation or since the filing of the OTSC.
- 5. Though Jones was previously the designated responsible licensed producer for Adroit, he is no longer in such a position, and the issues to be litigated at a hearing relating to Jones are separate and distinct from those related to AHG and Holt.
- Because of this, the NHID, through undersigned counsel, now requests that this matter be bifurcated, to allow the hearing as to Jones to go forward on November 30, 2021, while still allowing the aforementioned assented to continuance for

Adroit/Holt to be granted, allowing additional time for the NHID and AHG and Holt to discuss resolution of those issues.

7. Counsel for Adroit/Holt has assented to the relief requested.

WHEREFORE, the NHID respectfully requests that the Hearing Officer:

- A. Bifurcate the Hearing currently scheduled for November 30, 2021, splitting Respondent Jones from Respondents AHG/Holt;
- B. Retain the hearing on the calendar for Jones on November 30, 2021; and
- C. For other relief as is just and proper.

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By its counsel,

Date: 11/23/21

Joshua S. Hilliard, Esq. Compliance & Enforcement Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing motion was sent this date via e-mail, to the Stephen Vaugh Jones at <u>compliance@adroithealthgroup.com</u>; to Richard Scott Holt at <u>licensing@stratahg.com</u>, and to AHG at <u>leffrey.jeter@stratahg.com</u>, the e-mail address for AHG's counsel.

Date: 11/23/21

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