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## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

C.M. LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

NAIC #93432,

Respondent

Docket No. 01A-037-INS

CONSENT ORDER

Examiners for the Department of Insurance (the "Department") conducted a market conduct examination of C.M. Life Insurance Company ("C.M."). The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of C.M. alleges that C.M. has violated A.R.S. §§20-448.01, 20-2108, 20-2109, 20-2110 and A.A.C. R20-6-215 and R20-6-1203.

C.M. Life Insurance Company wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings, admits that the following Findings of Fact are true, and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- C.M. Life Insurance Company is authorized to transact life insurance, pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Examiners were authorized by the Director to conduct a market conduct examination of C.M. Life Insurance Company. The on-site examination was concluded on July 9, 1998.
- 3. The Department does not allege that any of the acts of C.M. were intentional violations of Arizona Statutes or Administrative Rules.
- 4. The Examiners reviewed 53 of 887 life insurance policies issued by C.M. during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:

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- a. C.M., as the replacing insurer, did not mail to the existing insurer a "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" within three working days of the receipt of ten applications.
- b. C.M. used an HIV testing form in 38 files that did not specify the time period during which release provisions are effective. The form used had been filed and approved, but had not been revised after the adoption of A.A.C. R20-6-1203(C)(8) to show the time period during which release provisions are effective.
- 5. The Examiners reviewed 10 of 10 life insurance policy applications rejected by the Company during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:
- a. C.M. did not give three applicants a specific reason for the adverse underwriting decision.
- b. C.M. did not mail to seven applicants a Summary of Rights explaining the adverse underwriting decision.
- c. C.M. used an HIV testing consent form with 10 of 10 applicants that did not explain the applicant's right to wait ten days to decide whether to allow the test nor the right not to have the information used after 180 days.
- 6. C.M. during the time frame of the examination and found that C.M., as the replacing insurer, failed to send a "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" to the existing insurer within three working days of receipt of one application.
- 7. The Examiners reviewed nine of 19 internal replacement life insurance policies issued by C.M. during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:
- a. C.M. failed to require from the agent a copy of the applicable "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" with three life insurance applications. Two

files contained the notice applicable to external replacements, rather than internal replacements.

b. C.M. failed to maintain a copy of the Policy Summary for three policies.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. By failing to mail a Summary of Rights to the policyholder when the policy was issued with higher than standard rates, C.M. violated A.R.S. §20-2110(A).
- 2. By failing to mail to the existing insurer a "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" within three working days of the receipt of the life insurance policy application, C.M. violated A.A.C. R20-6-215(F)(3)(c).
- 3. By using an HIV testing consent form that did not give the applicant an explanation of the right to wait 10 days to decide whether to allow the test or not to have the information used after 180 days, C.M. violated A.R.S. §20-448.01(B) and A.A.C. R20-6-1203(C)(8).
- 4. By not giving the specific reason for a declination of an application, C.M. violated A.R.S. §20-2110 (A).
- 5. By not mailing a Summary of Rights to applicants when an application was declined, C.M. violated A.R.S. §20-2110(A).
- 6. By failing to require the agent to submit with the application a copy of the "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" when an internal replacement is involved, C.M. violated A.A.C. R20-6-215(F)(3)(a).
- 7. By failing to maintain a copy of the Policy Summary in the policy file as prescribed by A.A.C. R20-6-215(F)(3)(d) and (f), C.M. violated A.A.C. R20-6-215(F)(3)(f).
- 8. Grounds exist for the entry of the following Order, in accordance with A.R.S. §§20-220 and 20-2117.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

C.M. Life Insurance Company shall cease and desist from:

- a. failing to give applicants a Summary of Rights when an adverse underwriting decision is made.
- b. failing to send a "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" to the existing insurer within three working days of receipt of the application when an external replacement is involved in the transaction.
- c. failing to give applicants a specific reason for an adverse underwriting decision.
- d. using an HIV testing consent form that does not explain the applicant's right to wait 10 days to decide whether to allow the test nor the right not to have the information used after 180 days.
- e. failing to require from the agent with the policy application a copy of the applicable "Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance" when an internal replacement is involved.
- f. failing to maintain a copy of the Policy Summary in those files involving replacement of life insurance.
- 2. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, C.M. Life Insurance Company shall submit to the Arizona Department of Insurance, for approval, evidence that corrections have been implemented and communicated to the appropriate personnel, regarding all of the items listed above in Paragraph 1 of the Order section of this Consent Order. Evidence of corrective action and communication thereof includes, but is not limited to memos, bulletins, E-mails, correspondence, procedures manuals, print screens and training materials.

- The Department shall be permitted, through authorized representatives, to verify that C.M. has complied with all provisions of this Order.
- 4. C.M. Life Insurance Company shall pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 to the Director for deposit in the State General Fund in accordance with A.R.S. §20-220(B). This civil penalty shall be provided to the Market Conduct Examinations Section of the Department prior to the filing of this Order.
- 5. The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of C.M. Life Insurance Company dated July 9, 1998 including the letter submitted in response to the Report of Examination, shall be filed with the Department after the Director has filed this Order.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona this / day of

Charles R. Cohen

Director of Insurance

## **CONSENT TO ORDER**

- C.M. Life Insurance Company has reviewed the attached Consent Order.
- 2. C.M. Life Insurance Company admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, admits the foregoing Findings of Fact, and consents to the entry of the Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. C.M. Life Insurance Company is aware of its right to a hearing, at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

  Respondent irrevocably waives its right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals related to this Order.
- 4. C.M. Life Insurance Company states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. C.M. Life Insurance Company acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, is solely to settle this matter against it and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or its subdivisions or any other person from any other civil or criminal proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, as may be appropriate now or in the future.

6.	James E. Mill	er	, who holds the office of
Executive	Vice President	of C.M.	Life Insurance Company, is authorized to
enter into this	Order for it and on	its behal	f.

C.M. LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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