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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of	)	<b>Docket No. 13-0247</b>
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<b>WILLAMETTE DENTAL OF</b>	)	<b>ORDER TERMINATING</b>
<b>WASHINGTON, INC.,</b>	)	<b>PROCEEDINGS</b>
	)	
A Limited Health Care Service	)	
Contractor.	)	
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On July 31, 2013 the Insurance Commissioner ("OIC") disapproved the binder, form and rate filings ("filings") of Willamette Dental of Washington ("WDW") of its WeeCare Washington plan intended for sale on the Washington Health Benefit Exchange (SERFF Tracking numbers: WDIC-1291188818, WDIC-129118793, WDIC-129118771, and WDIC-WA 14-125003503). The bases for the OIC's disapproval are as stated in the OIC's July 31 Disapproval Letter and in



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the OIC's SERFF online service. On August 29, 2013, Grace Ah Yo, Contracts and Compliance Manager of WDW, sent an email to OIC Rates and Forms Division staff indicating that WDW would like to appeal the OIC's disapproval, asking for advice on how to request an expedited appeal, and asking for a description of the expedited appeal process. On September 3, John S. Conniff, Esq., of the John S. Conniff, PLLC, law firm of Tacoma, filed a Demand for Hearing on behalf of WDW to contest the OIC's disapproval based upon reasons stated therein. WDW also requested an expedited appeal.

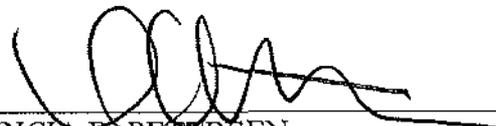
Accordingly, on September 5, 2013, the undersigned held a first prehearing conference in this matter, which included all parties. The OIC was represented by AnnaLisa Gellermann, Esq., the Deputy Commissioner for OIC's Legal Affairs Division. WDW was represented by Mr. Conniff. It was determined at that time that the hearing should be scheduled to commence on September 11.

On September 11, 2013, prior to the time for commencement of the hearing, WDW filed its Company's Notice of Withdrawal of Demand for Hearing. WDW advised that the issue in this matter was now moot because the date by which the Exchange required approved filings to be submitted to the Exchange for certification and transmittal to the federal government had passed, recognizing that the Exchange in turn had to meet the federal government's deadline for the Exchange's submission of all Washington's certified Exchange plans. Therefore, even though the OIC had earlier requested that all Exchange proceedings be handled on an expedited basis in order to accommodate all carriers wishing to have their plans approved for sale on the Exchange in 2014, and even though WDW also requested an expedited hearing, there was no time from the date WDW's Demand was filed to the Exchange's deadline for even an expedited hearing. WDW's Notice of Withdrawal of Demand for Hearing is included in the hearing file and is by this reference made a part hereof.

Based upon the above activity,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this proceeding, Docket No. 13-0247, is hereby terminated.

ENTERED AT TUMWATER, WASHINGTON, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, pursuant to Title 48 RCW and specifically RCW 48.04 and Title 34 RCW and regulations applicable thereto.

  
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PATRICIA D. PETERSEN  
Chief Presiding Officer

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Declaration of Mailing

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on the date listed below, I mailed or caused delivery through normal office mailing custom, a true copy of this document to the following people at their addresses listed above:

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

  
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KELLY A. CAIRNS