## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE ("Settlement Agreement") is entered into this 30th day of August, 2016 ("Effective Date") by and between Nelson Turcios, M.D. (Dr. Turcios) represented by Joseph M. Gorrell, Esquire of Brach Eichler, LLC and STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION (MFD). Dr. Turcios and MFD are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party."

WHEREAS, MFD investigated Dr. Turcios and based upon a review of the medical records determined that between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2014, Dr. Turcios submitted claims to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) and/or its fiscal agent and/or Managed Care Organizations which were not supported by the medical records in violation of N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8, N.J.A.C. 10:54-9.1, and N.J.S.A. 30:4D-12(d) ("Covered Conduct"); and

WHEREAS, MFD determined that, based on the Covered Conduct, Dr. Turcios received overpayments from the Medicaid Program; and

WHEREAS, MFD determined that the medical records supported a lower level of service than Dr. Turcios had billed and MFD credited Dr. Turcios for the services that were in fact provided; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turcios does not agree with the findings of MFD.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amicably resolve all disputes between them giving rise to the Covered Conduct and have reached a mutually acceptable resolution of the controversies that exist between them;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, as well as for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree to settle their dispute on the following terms:

(1) Dr. Turcios agrees to pay to MFD the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) within 30 days of the Effective Date. Thereafter, Dr. Turcios agrees to pay to MFD eight (8) consecutive monthly payments of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) on or before the 1st of each month starting November 1, 2016.

(2) Payment shall be by certified check, bank check, or attorney trust check made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey," and shall be mailed or delivered as follows:

Attention: Processing Bureau Treasurer, State of New Jersey Division of Revenue 200 Woolverton Street, Building 20 Lockbox 656 Trenton, New Jersey 08646

"Dr. Nelson Turcios – OSC-MFD" must be included in the memo line so that payment is properly credited.

- (3) If the payment arrangement as provided for in this Settlement Agreement is more than ten (10) days late, Dr. Turcios will be in default of this Settlement Agreement and the outstanding and unpaid balance will immediately become due and collected through any means available to MFD as provided by law.
- (4) The parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is intended to be a final resolution of all issues arising out of the Covered Conduct and is intended by each party to release the other party and its representatives from liability arising out of the Covered Conduct

unless MFD is mandated to act by federal or State law; or mandated by order or judgment of a court or administrative agency (other than MFD).

- (5) Nothing in this Settlement Agreement waives the rights of any other State or federal agency, including, among others, the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, from continuing with a pending or beginning a future civil, administrative or criminal investigation or other action for alleged conduct concerning Dr. Turcios or from taking any action for such conduct. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement waives the rights of MFD to conduct an audit or investigation of prior or future years for the improper submission of any claims or conduct not specifically covered by this Settlement Agreement, and to take any action civilly or criminally for such conduct.
- (6) Subject to the express terms of this Settlement Agreement as provided for in paragraphs <u>1-5</u> above, by the signatures set forth below, the authorization of which is hereby affirmed, Dr. Turcios and MFD agree to the following Release: in consideration of the provision hereof including this release, each party agrees to release the other party and its representatives from liability, obligations and damages arising out of the Covered Conduct.
- (7) Nothing herein shall constitute an admission, concession or finding of liability by any party.
- (8) This Settlement Agreement shall be construed, enforced and governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.
  - (9) This Settlement Agreement may be executed in Counterparts.
- (10) This Settlement Agreement is effective upon the last date it is executed by the parties hereto.

(11) This Settlement Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between and among the parties hereto with respect to the claims described herein and supersedes any other written or oral understandings. This Settlement Agreement does not reflect any other terms or conditions or agreements between or among the parties with respect to any other matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto have executed the foregoing Settlement Agreement:

FORM AND CONTENT ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY:

DATE: 08/29/2016

DATE: 8/30/16

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By: Nelson Turing M.D.

Joseph M. Gorrell, Esq. Attorney for Dr. Nelson Turcios

Josh Lichtblau, Director Office of the State Comptroller Medicaid Fraud Division

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