

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE (“Settlement Agreement”) is entered into this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 (“Effective Date”) by and between the medical practice of Edgar Mejia, M.D., its owners, officers, directors, successors, and assigns (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Dr. Mejia”) and the STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION (“MFD”). Dr. Mejia and MFD are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each individually as a “Party.”

WHEREAS, MFD conducted an investigation and found that between January 1, 2013 and November 14, 2017, Dr. Mejia was reimbursed by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (“DMAHS”) and/or its fiscal agent and/or the Managed Care Organizations for claims for CPT code codes 49250, 92583, 95930 and 99401 that were not supported by the necessary supporting documentation in violation of N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8(b) and N.J.S.A. 30:4D-12(d) (“Covered Conduct”); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mejia supplied documentation supporting some of the discrepant claims thereby reducing the overpayment amount;

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that Dr. Mejia should be given credit in the amount of \$153,866.57, which reduced the overpayment to \$81,246.43;

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; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mejia requested an installment plan, MFD assessed six percent (6%) interest on the principal balance of \$81,246.43, in the amount of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and Seventy Nine Cents (\$4,874.79) for a total recovery of Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty One Dollars and Twenty Two Cents (\$86,121.22) as set forth further below; and

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. Mejia agrees to pay to MFD the sum of Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty One Dollars and Twenty Two Cents (\$86,121.22) by way of twelve (12) consecutive monthly payments of Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$7,176.77) on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month starting September 1, 2018 through August 1, 2019.

(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. Mejia" and "[REDACTED]" 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 thirty (30) days late, Dr. Mejia 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 Urban Medical Center 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 1-5 above, by the signatures set forth below, the authorization of which is hereby affirmed, Urban Medical Center 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: 7/18/18

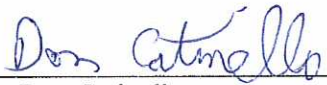
By:   
Edgar Mejia, M.D.

PHILIP JAMES DEGNAN  
STATE COMPTROLLER

DATE: 7/20/18

By:   
Josh Lichtblau,  
Director  
Medicaid Fraud Division

DATE: 7/20/18

By:   
Don Catinello,  
Supervising Regulatory Officer  
Medicaid Fraud Division