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) AETNA SPECIALTY PHARMACY, LLC,) Respondent.)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER; EXHIBIT "1"			

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FILING OF PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND BOARD'S FINAL ORDER

Petitioner, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS'

REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE (hereinafter "RICO" or "Petitioner"),

through its undersigned attorney(s), and Respondent AETNA SPECIALTY PHARMACY, LLC

(hereinafter "Respondent"), enter into this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions set

forth below.

A. <u>UNCONTESTED FACTS</u>

1. At all relevant times herein, Respondent was permitted by the Board of Pharmacy

(hereinafter the "Board") as a pharmacy under Miscellaneous Permit Number PMP 411. The

permit was issued on or about February 7, 2005. The permit will forfeit or expire on or about December 31, 2013.

Respondent's mailing address for purposes of this action is 503 Sunport Lane,
 Orlando, Florida 32809.

3. RICO received a complaint alleging that, on or about January 17, 2011, Respondent entered in to a Consent Agreement with the Alaska Board of Pharmacy relating to allegations that Respondent failed to disclose disciplinary actions taken against one of its pharmacists ("Alaska Order"). Pursuant to the Alaska Order, Respondent's Alaska pharmacy permit was placed on probation for three years and it was required to pay a \$10,000 fine and comply with a Corrective Plan. The Alaska Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "1."

4. RICO alleges that the Alaska Order constitutes disciplinary action taken in another jurisdiction.

5. The foregoing allegations, if proven at an administrative hearing before the Board, would constitute violations of the following statute(s) and/or rule(s): Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 436B-19(13) (disciplinary action taken in another jurisdiction).

6. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the parties hereto.

B. <u>REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONDENT</u>:

1. Respondent is fully aware that Respondent has the right to be represented by an attorney and voluntarily waives that right.

2. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement freely, knowingly, voluntarily, and under no coercion or duress.

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3. Respondent is aware of the right to have a hearing to adjudicate the issues in the case. Pursuant to HRS § 91-9(d), Respondent freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives the right to a hearing and agrees to dispose of this case in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

4. Respondent being at all times relevant herein permitted as a pharmacy by the Board acknowledges that Respondent is subject to penalties including but not limited to, revocation, suspension or limitation of the permit and administrative fines, if the foregoing allegations are proven at hearing.

5. Respondent does not admit to violating any law or rule, but acknowledges that RICO has sufficient cause to file a Petition for Disciplinary Action against Respondent's permit.

6. Respondent enters into this Settlement Agreement as a compromise of the claims and to conserve on the expenses of proceeding with an administrative hearing on this matter.

7. Respondent agrees that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the issues raised in RICO's investigation in RICO Case No. PHA 2012-4-L.

8. Respondent understands that this Settlement Agreement may be subject to reporting requirements.

9. Respondent understands this Settlement Agreement is public record pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 92F.

C. <u>TERMS OF SETTLEMENT</u>:

1. <u>Administrative Fine</u>. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000.00). Payment shall be made by **cashier's check or money order made payable to "DCCA - Compliance Resolution Fund"** and mailed to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Attn: Denise P. Balanay Esq., 235 S. Beretania Street, 9th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Payment of the fine shall be due at the time this Settlement Agreement is returned to RICO.

2. <u>Compliance with Alaska Order</u>. Respondent shall comply with any and all terms in the Alaska Order. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of any finding of noncompliance within ten (10) days of said finding.

3. <u>Failure to Comply with Settlement Agreement</u>. If Respondent fails to fully and timely comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement as set forth in paragraph(s) C.1 and C.2 above, Respondent's permit shall be automatically revoked upon RICO's filing of an affidavit with the Board attesting to such failure. In case of such revocation, Respondent shall turn in all indicia of the permit to the Executive Officer of the Board within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of the revocation. In case of such revocation, Respondent understands Respondent cannot apply for a new permit until the expiration of at least five (5) years after the effective date of the revocation. Respondent understands that if Respondent desires to become permitted again, Respondent must apply to the Board for a new permit pursuant to and subject to HRS §§ 92-17, 436B-21, and all other applicable laws and rules in effect at the time.

4. <u>Possible Further Sanction</u>. The Board, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Board may deem appropriate if Respondent violates any provision of the statutes or rules governing the conduct of pharmacies in the State of Hawaii, or if Respondent fails to abide by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

5. <u>Approval of the Board</u>. Respondent agrees that, except for the representations, agreements and covenants contained in Paragraphs C.6, C.7, C.8 and C.9 below, this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless and until it is approved by the Board.

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6. <u>No Objection if Board Fails to Approve</u>. If the Board does not approve this Settlement Agreement, does not issue an order pursuant thereto, or does not approve a lesser remedy, but instead an administrative hearing is conducted against Respondent in the Board's usual and customary fashion pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent agrees that neither Respondent nor any attorney that Respondent may retain, will raise as an objection in any administrative proceeding or in any judicial action, to the Board's proceeding against Respondent on the basis that the Board has become disqualified to consider the case because of its review and consideration of this Settlement Agreement.

7. <u>Any Ambiguities Shall be Construed to Protect the Consuming Public</u>. It is agreed that any ambiguity in this Settlement Agreement is to be read in the manner that most completely protects the interests of the consuming public.

8. <u>No Reliance on Representations by RICO</u>. Other than the matters specifically stated in this Settlement Agreement, neither RICO nor anyone acting on its behalf has made any representation of fact, opinion or promise to Respondent to induce entry into this Settlement Agreement, and Respondent is not relying upon any statement, representation or opinion or promise made by RICO or any of its agents, employees, representatives or attorneys concerning the nature, extent or duration of exposure to legal liability arising from the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement or concerning any other matter.

9. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Settlement Agreement is a complete settlement of the rights, responsibilities and liabilities of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; contains the entire agreement of the parties; and may only be modified, changed or amended by written instrument duly executed by all parties hereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Settlement Agreement on the

date(s) set forth below.

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AETNA SPECIALTY PHARMACY, LLC

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DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii,

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DENISE P. BALANAY Attorney for Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED: BOARD OF PHARMACY STATE OF HAWAII

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In the Matter of:

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Aetna Specialty Pharmacy, LLC

10 Respondent 11

Case No. 2010-000673

CONSENT AGREEMENT

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic 14 Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (Division) and 15 Aetna Specialty Pharmacy, LLC (Respondent) as follows: 16

I) Licensure. Respondent is currently licensed as an Out-of-State Pharmacy in the 17 State of Alaska, and holds License number 653. This license was first issued on May 18, 2005 18 and lapsed on June 30, 2010. Respondent applied for license renewal on June 2, 2010. 19

Admission/Jurisdiction. Respondent admits and agrees that the Board of 20 2) Pharmacy (Board) has jurisdiction over the subject matter of its license in Alaska and over this 21 Consent Agreement. 22

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Admission/Facts. Respondent admits to the following facts: 3)

a) Until recently Aetna has held an out of state pharmacy registration (AS 08.80.158) in Alaska. On their Biennial Out of State License Renewal Application for 7/1/2010-6/30/2012, Actna answered yes to the question, "since the date the facility license was last issued, has the owner or any partner, corporate officer, the pharmacist in charge or any employee....had any license denied, revoked, suspended, placed on probation, or been the subject of any restriction, censure, reprimand or other disciplinary action in any jurisdiction?"

b) Aetna provided the following explanation for the "yes" answer: A pharmacist employed with Actna was disciplined by the Florida Board of Pharmacy for filling a prescription with the wrong drug. Afterwards, the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance denied Aetna application to participate in the program because Actna did not disclose on its application the disciplinary action in Florida.

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c) Actna answered no to the other 7 professional fitness questions, including question 1 4 that asks, "since the date the facility license was last issued, has the owner or any partner, 2 corporate officer, the pharmacist in charge or any employee: furnished false or fraudulent material 3 in an application in connection with drug or device manufacturing or distribution?" 4

d) Aetna should have answered "yes" to question 4 because between June 6, 2008 5 when Actna's out of state registration was last issued and May 27, 2010 when an Actna 6 representative signed the renewal application, Aetna submitted a Medicaid enrollment application 7 to the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services on which it falsely 8 answered a question asking whether certain agents had been the subject of licensing suspension, 9 revocation or adverse licensing action, even though one of its pharmacists had been disciplined by 10 Florida. As a result, New Jersey denied Aetna the requested license on the grounds it had 11 submitted a false application. 12

Aetna was denied their license renewal by the Alaska Board of Pharmacy on e) 13 October 8, 2010. Aetna requested an administrative hearing to appeal the denial on October 19, 14 2010. The request was timely filed. 15

Respondent admits that as a result of the above facts, grounds exist for the denial of the 16 renewal of Respondent's Alaska license, or for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions, 17 pursuant to AS 08.80.157(h)(1), AS 08.80.261(a)(1) and 12 ACC 52.920(a)(13). 18

Formal Hearing Process. It is the intent of the parties to this Consent 4) Agreement to provide for the compromise and settlement of all issues that were raised by or in an accusation to revoke, suspend, or impose disciplinary sanctions against Respondent's license through a formal hearing process.

Waiver of Rights. Respondent understands it has the right to consult with an 5) attorney of its own choosing and has a right to an administrative hearing on the facts in this case. Respondent understands and agrees that by signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent is waiving its rights to counsel and to a hearing. Further, Respondent understands and agrees that it is relieving the Division of any burden it has of proving the facts admitted above. Respondent further understands and agrees that by signing this Consent Agreement it is voluntarily and knowingly giving up its right to present oral and documentary evidence, to present rebuttal evidence, to cross-examine witnesses against Respondent, and to appeal the Board's decision to

Superior Court. 31

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Effect of Nonacceptance of Consent Agreement. Respondent and the Division 6) 1 2 agree that this Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board. They agree that, if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement, it will not constitute a waiver of Respondent's right to a 3 hearing and the admissions contained herein will be void and have no effect. Respondent agrees 4 that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement, the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, 5 and its consideration of this Consent Agreement shall not alone be grounds for claiming that the 6 Board is biased against Respondent, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex 7 8 parte communication.

Consent Agreement, Decision, and Order. Respondent agrees that the Board 7) 9 has the authority to enter into this Consent Agreement and to issue the following Decision and 10 Order. 11

PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that renewal of license to the Respondent for the period from 14 7/1/2010-6/30/2012 will be deferred until May 1, 2011. This license shall be subject to the 15 following terms and conditions of license probation. 16

A. Duration of Probation

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Respondent's license shall be on probation for three (3) years from May 1, 2011 to May 1, 2014. If Respondent fully complies with all of the terms and conditions of this license probation, the probationary period will end as conditioned under this Order.

Respondent shall carry out the Corrective Plan, attached as exhibit "A" to this agreement, and file progress reports as required by the plan.

Respondent must keep the Board apprised of any adverse licensure action taken against it in any state or jurisdiction where it does business. A notice to the Board must be submitted within 30 days of the adverse action."

Respondent must also comply with all laws pertaining to its license in this state or any other state. To provide assurance of such compliance, Respondent must submit a correction plan for approval by the Board which requires Respondent to submit quarterly reports on compliance with all applicable Alaska laws and regulations concerning the transfer, procurement, dispensing, PT OF OG FEB **CNSNC** compounding and distribution of drugs and controlled substances.

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1	B. Civil Fine				
2	Respondent shall pay a fine of \$10,000 in cash, certified check, or money order payable to				
3	the "State of Alaska" within ninety (90) days after this Consent Agreement is accepted by the				
4	Board.				
5	All payments required by this Consent Agreement shall be addressed to:				
6	Quinten D. Warren, Chief Investigator				
7 8	Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing 550 West 7 th Avenue, Suite 1500				
9	Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3567				
10	C. Violation of Agreement				
11	If Respondent fails to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Agreement, the				
12	Division may enforce this agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without				
13	an additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing.				
14	If Respondent's license is suspended under this paragraph, as provided above, Respondent				
15	will be entitled to a hearing regarding the issue of the suspension. If Respondent's license is				
18	suspended, it will continue to be responsible for all license requirements pursuant to AS 08.80.				
17	D. Good Faith.				
18	All parties agree to act in good faith in carrying out the stated intentions of this Consent				
19	Agreement.				
20	E. Address of the Board				
21 %	All required reports or other communication concerning compliance with this Consent Agreement shall be addressed to:				
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31	the State of Alaska. The state may provide a copy of it to any person or entity.				
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ORDER

The Board of Pharmacy for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement 15 and Proposed Decision and Order, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order 16 in this matter. 17

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board and without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

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EXHIBIT A AETNA SPECIALTY PHARMACY, LLC Corrective Action Plan: Reporting Pharmacist Disciplines

Action	Resulting Activity	Responsible Area	Due
			Date/Frequency
1. Retro active review of responses on current pharmacy license renewal for Aetna pharmacies to verify all questions are answered correctly and disciplines reported where appropriate.	Conduct survey with employed pharmacists for statements on disciplinary actions in the last 12 months	PIC	
	Send notice or correction where appropriate	P&RA Licensing Team	12/31/2010
2. Establish process for review of each new staff pharmacist at hire	a. Interview pharmacist about any disciplines	PIC	At hire
	b. Check resident state BOP website	P&RA Licensing Team	Monthly
	c. Report findings to interested Boards of Pharmacy	P&RA Licensing Team	Monthly
3. Establish process for check of all staff pharmacist on an annual basis	Conduct survey with employed pharmacists for statements on disciplinary actions in the last 12 months	PIC	Annually
	Review information on BOP website for each staff pharmacist	PIC	
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4. Do regulatory reporting of new disciplines outside of renewal reporting	a. Develop checklist of state reporting requirements for reporting of pharmacist disciplines.	Business Compliance Manager	12/31/2010
	b. Have checklist reviewed for updates annually	Business Compliance Manager	Annually
	c. Report disciplines as required	P&RA Licensing Team	As needed
	d. Report results to interested Boards of Pharmacy	P&RA Licensing Team	Monthly
5. Demonstrate compliance with all applicable Alaska laws and regulations concerning the transfer, procurement, dispensing, compounding and distribution of drugs and controlled substances.	Provide reporting of this Corrective Action Plan to Alaska Board of Pharmacy and Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing ("Division")	Business Compliance Manager with assistance from P&RA Licensing Team	Quarterly (to the attention of Investigator Gary Keiser of the Division)



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