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PETITIONER,

AHCA Case No.: 22-FH2135

vs.

SUNSHINE STATE HEALTH PLAN, INC.,

RESPONDENT.

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**FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

On November 15, 2022, [REDACTED] (“Petitioner’s Authorized Representative”) requested a Fair Hearing on behalf of Petitioner. Rule 59G-1.100(8)(e), Florida Administrative Code, requires an Enrollee to initiate and complete a plan appeal before making a Fair Hearing request. The plan appeal is complete when the Plan issues a Notice of Plan Appeal Resolution (“NPAR”) indicating the plan appeal was not resolved wholly in the Enrollee’s favor, or the Plan fails to adhere to notice and timing requirements applicable to plan appeals. Instructions for requesting a plan appeal are found in the Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (“NABD”), dated August 1, 2022, in this case. If an Enrollee does not request and complete the plan appeal process prior to requesting a Fair Hearing, the Fair Hearing will be dismissed. As of the date of the Fair Hearing request, the Office of Fair Hearings did not have an NPAR for this case.

On December 27, 2022, the undersigned issued an Order to Show Cause (“Order”) why the Fair Hearing request should not be dismissed for failure to comply with Rule 59G-1.100(8)(e), Florida Administrative Code. The Order notified Petitioner’s Authorized Representative that

failure comply with the rule requirement on or before January 6, 2023, would result in dismissal of the case.

In this case, the Office of Fair Hearings received, on December 29, 2022, Petitioner's response to the Order, the response explains Petitioner's need for physical therapy services. However, Petitioner did not provide an NPAR or a response indicating that the plan failed to adhere to the notice and timing requirements applicable to plan appeals.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:**

This case is dismissed without prejudice and is now closed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 10th day of January, 2023, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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**NOTICE OF A RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, WHICH SHALL BE INSTITUTED BY FILING THE ORIGINAL NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF AHCA, AND A COPY, ALONG WITH THE FILING FEE PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE AGENCY MAINTAINS ITS HEADQUARTERS OR WHERE A PARTY RESIDES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA APPELLATE RULES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RENDITION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.

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