Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 5/16/2024

Subject Considered:

Dania Cala Cutler Bay, Florida

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-24-06900.C TDI Enforcement File No. 31832

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Dania Cala (Respondent) because she submitted health insurance applications without the knowledge or consent of the insureds. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance or appear at the hearing on the merits. This order revokes Respondent's license.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

Findings of Fact

Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- On December 14, 2023, TDI filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, together with a previously filed Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. TDI's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- 3. TDI sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition together to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, Cutler

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Bay, Florida 33189. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic mail.

4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

Failure to Appear at Hearing on the Merits

5. After receiving proper notice of the date, time and location of the hearing on the merits, Respondent failed to appear for the hearing on April 16, 2024, as shown in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-24-06900.C.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, 4054.051, and 4101.051; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under Tex. Gov'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.055; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. TDI provided proper notice of the hearing under Tex. Gov'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, TDI is entitled to disposition by default under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. TDI's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.89.

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Order

It is ordered that any licenses held by Dania Cala are revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

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Cassie Brown

Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney

Enforcement

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Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Roxanne Rodriguez, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Roxanne Rodriguez, and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Dania Cala. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Dania Cala is , Cutler Bay, Florida 33189.
- b. The file maintained by Enforcement contains a Notice of Hearing, dated December 14, 2023, and an Original Petition dated December 8, 2023, which were filed together with the State Office of Administrative Hearings on December 14, 2023.
- c. On December 14, 2023, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Dania Cala were mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

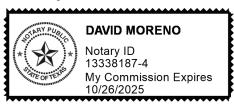
Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by Enforcement are attached as Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively."

DocuSigned by:	
Roxanne Rodriguez	
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Affiant	

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on $\frac{1/9/2024}{}$. This notarial act was an online notarization.

Notary Seal



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Derick Moreno

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Notary Public State of Texas

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Julian Jaramillo, CLERK

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Petitioner

v.

DANIA CALA,

Respondent

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to take disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by TDI.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Tuesday, April 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

The hearing shall be conducted under Tex. Gov'T Code, ch. 2001 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT UNDER 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501 AND 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

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IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.90(e) and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- (1) (by mail, fax, or electronically)
 Docketing Division
 State Office of Administrative Hearings
 300 West 15th Street, Room 504
 P.O. Box 13025
 Austin, Texas 78711-3025
 (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
 www.soah.texas.gov
- (2) (by mail, fax, or email)
 Chief Clerk
 Texas Department of Insurance
 P.O. Box 12030, MC GC-CCO
 Austin, Texas 78711-2030
 (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
 chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) (by mail, fax, or email) Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney

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> Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement, MC ENF P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030 (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Sydney.moore@tdi.texas.gov

Receiving Documents Electronically and Filing Documents with SOAH

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to electronically receive orders and other documents issued by SOAH by email instead of by mail. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, follow the instructions on SOAH's website: www.soah.texas.gov.

A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does <u>not</u> change the procedures you must follow to file documents or exhibits with SOAH. Instructions on how to file documents and exhibits are on SOAH's website. SOAH's website also includes guidance for representing yourself.

Important Security Notice (for In-Person Hearings ONLY)

ALL VISITORS TO THE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS BUILDING WITHOUT AN AGENCY OR DPS ISSUED ID CARD MUST PROVIDE THE BUILDING SECURITY OFFICER WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DOCKET NUMBER AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE HEARING ROOM. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO GO THROUGH THE SECURITY PROCESS.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Moore
State Bar No. 24056052
Texas Department of Insurance
Enforcement, MC ENF
P.O. Box 12030
Austin, Texas 78711-2030
(512) 676-6339 (Direct)
(512) 490-1020 (Fax)

ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Enclosure: Original Petition

Sydney.moore@tdi.texas.gov

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Fraud and Enforcement Division, MC ENF Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement, MC ENF Administrative Review, MC CO-AAL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sydney Moore, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 14th day of December, 2023 to:

Dania Cala
Cutler Bay, FL 33189
Respondent Pro Se

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8341 7922 77

Via email:

Sydney Moore

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ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to take disciplinary action against Dania Cala. In support of this petition, TDI makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter under Tex. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4054.051; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

Factual Allegations

- Dania Cala (Cala), individual identification number 2462407, holds a general lines license with life, accident, health, and HMO qualification issued by TDI on October 28, 2021.
- 2. Cala submitted four applications for health insurance through the Marketplace for A.D., E.D., F.D., and F.G without their knowledge or consent.

Legal Allegations

 Cala engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(5).

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Relief Sought

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, TDI asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the commissioner of insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Dania Cala's license, and
- 2. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Moore

State Bar No. 24056052

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Texas Department of Insurance

Enforcement, MC ENF

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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Mary Ruiz on behalf of Sydney Moore Bar No. 24056052 Enforcementgeneral@tdi.texas.gov

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Leah Gillum		Leah.Gillum@tdi.texas.gov	12/14/2023 8:17:38 AM	SENT
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Associated Case Party: Dania Cala

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