BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

PETITIONER

V. NICHOLAS VANVONDER Case No. 160541

NICHOLAS VANVONDEREN NPN 19992582

RESPONDENT

A.I.D. ORDER NO. 2024- 58

ORDER

On this day, the matter of Nicholas Vanvonderen ("Respondent") came before Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner"). The Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") is represented by Sara Farris, Associate Counsel, in this matter. From the facts and law before him, the Commissioner finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Nicholas Vanvonderen holds an Arkansas non-resident insurance producer license, National Producer Number 19992582. He is a resident of Wisconsin.
- 2. On September 29, 2022, the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission revoked Respondent's Virginia insurance license because Respondent violated § 38.2-1831(1) of the Code of Virginia by providing materially incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or untrue information in the license application he filed with the State Corporation Commission on August 21, 2021.
- 3. On April 5, 2023, the California Department of Insurance revoked Respondent's insurance license for the following reasons:
- A. Respondent's plea of no contest to misdemeanor disorderly conduct in Wisconsin in 2010, in violation of Section 947.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as well as Respondent's failure to disclose this conviction on his application for a producer's license in California;

- B. The revocation of Respondent's insurance license in Virginia on September 29, 2022, and Respondent's failure to notify the California Insurance Commissioner of Virginia's administrative action; and
- C. Respondent's failure to provide a written reply within 21 days to written communications sent by the California Insurance Commissioner, as required by California Insurance Code Section 1736.5
- 4. Respondent failed to disclose the California revocation to the Arkansas Insurance Department.
- 5. On April 16, 2024, the Delaware Insurance Commissioner issued a Final Decision and Order fining Respondent \$1,000 and revoking Respondent's Delaware producer's license because Respondent failed to report his license revocations in California and Virginia within thirty (30) days, as required by 18 Del. C. § 1719(a).
- 6. Respondent failed to notify the Arkansas Insurance Department of the Delaware revocation.
- 7. An Administrative Hearing was held on June 26, 2024, at the Department's location at One Commerce Way, Little Rock, Arkansas. Pursuant to her designation by the Commissioner, Crystal Phelps, Managing Attorney for Health Insurance Regulation and Market Conduct, served as the Hearing Officer.
- 8. Respondent was provided timely notice of the Administrative Hearing, his right to appear, and his right to legal counsel. Respondent failed to appear at the Administrative Hearing, and no other person appeared on his behalf.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent is in violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(9) and Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-216(a)(2)(B) and I(i) because his license was revoked in Virginia, California, and Delaware.

2. Respondent is in violation of Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-64-512(a)(2)(A) and 517(a)(1) for failing to timely report to the Arkansas Insurance Department his license revocations in Virginia, California, and Delaware.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEARING OFFICER

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and other matters before her, the Hearing Officer recommends:

That the Respondent's Arkansas Non-Resident Producer License, NPN No. 19992582, be revoked.

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MANAGING ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH

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CERTIFICATION

I, Alan McClain, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of the Hearing Officer were made by and under my authority and supervision by Crystal Phelps, Managing Attorney for Health Insurance Regulation and Market Conduct and Hearing Officer in this proceeding. I hereby adopt the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations in full and enter this Order.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the Respondent's Arkansas Non-Resident Producer License be revoked on this date.

ORDERED ON THIS 28 DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

ALAN McCLAIN

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF ARKANSAS