

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY INSURANCE COMMISSION
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORITY FOR SETTLEMENT WITH
PETITIONER, DEBRA ORTIZ**

WHEREAS, Debra Ortiz (hereinafter "Petitioner"), sustained a work related injury when Petitioner alleges she was walking to a dumpster and slipped and fell on ice on January 12, 2015 (the "incident"); and

WHEREAS, Petitioner additionally sustained a second work related injury when Petitioner alleges she was walking and slipped and fell on April 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the January 12, 2015 incident subsequently resulted in the filing of a workers' compensation claim styled as Debra Ortiz vs. Shady Lane Nursing Home in the Workers' Compensation Court, Claim Petition 2015-3555 related to the January 12, 2015 incident; and

WHEREAS, the April 27, 2017 incident subsequently resulted in the filing of a workers' compensation claim styled as Debra Ortiz vs. Shady Lane Nursing Home in the Workers' Compensation Court, Claim Petition 2017-22227 related to the April 27, 2017 incident; and

WHEREAS, an Order Approving Settlement was entered on May 26, 2020 for 27.5% of partial total and an Order Approving Settlement with Dismissal was entered on May 26, 2020 related to the January 12, 2015 incident under claim petition 2015-3555; and

WHEREAS, an Order Approving Settlement was entered on May 26, 2020 for 22.5% of partial total with a prior credit of 15% related to the April 27, 2017 incident under claim petition 2017-22227; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned claims and actions so filed have now been resolved, and;

WHEREAS, a SETTLEMENT has been negotiated and agreed upon between Petitioner and the County of Gloucester, totaling \$44,388.00 under the Order Approving Settlement and \$5,000.00 under the Order Approving Settlement with Dismissal inclusive of applicable fees and costs for Claim Petition 2015-3555, and;

WHEREAS, a SETTLEMENT has been negotiated and agreed upon between Petitioner and the County of Gloucester, totaling \$14,139.00 under the Order Approving Settlement inclusive of applicable fees and costs for Claim Petition 2017-22227; and

WHEREAS, the Settlements are not intended, nor should it be intended to be an admission of any liability wrongdoing, or impropriety by the parties, and;

WHEREAS, the Settlement has been evaluated by defense counsel for the Gloucester County Insurance Commission, and;

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Insurance Commission believes that it is in its' best interests to enter into the Settlements with Petitioner so as to ensure that all matters set forth in and involving the claims and actions are forever resolved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Gloucester County Insurance Commission that disposition of the claim filed by the above-referenced individual is authorized as follows:

<u>PETITIONER</u>	<u>CLAIM PETITION NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>
Debra Ortiz	2015-3555	\$44,388.00 (Order Approving Settlement)
		\$5,000.00 (Order Approving Settlement with Dismissal)
	2017-22227	\$14,139.00 (Order Approving Settlement)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Commission officials and/or their agents, be and are hereby authorized to execute such documents as shall be necessary to effect the disposition set forth.

ADOPTED by THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY INSURANCE COMMISSION at a properly noticed meeting held on June 25, 2020.

ADOPTED:



TIMOTHY SHEEHAN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



MICHAEL BURKE