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JOINT STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Subject to its terms and conditions and the approval of the Court, this Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (hereinafter the "Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement") is made and entered into by and among Plaintiff Pamela Madison (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class, as defined herein, and Defendant OneStaff Medical, LLC (hereinafter "Defendant"). Plaintiff and Defendant are jointly referred to in this Settlement Agreement as the "Parties," and each of them as a "Party."

1. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 The term "Agreement" means this Settlement Agreement.
- 1.2 The term "Attorneys' Fees and Costs" means the amount of attorneys' fees and expenses to be requested by Class Counsel, subject to Court approval.
- 1.3 The term "Claims Administrator" means CPT Group, Inc.

 (hereinafter "CPT"), the entity agreed to by the Parties, subject to

 Court approval, which will perform the duties of, among other things:

 (i) mailing the Notice in English to Settlement Class and Collective

 Members; (ii) performing an NCOA search and skip-tracing; (iii)

 tracking and addressing FLSA Consent Forms, Opt-Out Letters,

Objections, and workweek count disputes; (iv) notifying the Parties regarding submitted FLSA Consent Forms, Opt-Out Letters, Objections, and workweek count disputes consistent with this Agreement; (v) issuing payments consistent with this Agreement; and, (vi) determining any appropriate tax withholdings from the wage portion of payments to Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members, making the appropriate payments based on withholdings and the employer's share of payroll taxes, and issuing any required tax paperwork.

- 1.4 The term "Claims Period" means the forty-five (45) day time-period for Settlement Class and Collective Members to submit an FLSA Consent Form, Opt-Out Letter, Objection to the Settlement, or to dispute the number of workweeks worked listed on the Class Notice.
- 1.5 The term "Complaint" means the Complaint filed on September 30, 2020, styled as Pamela Madison v. Onestaff Medical Limited Liability Company, Case No. 1:20-CV-01384-AWI-JLT in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
- 1.6 The term "Class Counsel" means the following counsel who, subject to Court approval, shall act as counsel for the Settlement Class and Collective: Hayes Pawlenko LLP.

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- 1.7 The term "Class Member" means all non-exempt hourly healthcare professionals employed by Defendant in California at any time from September 30, 2016 and September 19, 2020 who worked overtime and received hourly per diems, hourly housing allowances, and/or hourly travel allowances.
- The term "Gross Settlement Amount" means the non-reversionary 1.8 gross sum of Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars And No. Cents (\$525,000.00), which shall be the sum paid by Defendant to settle this Litigation. The combined total of any Attorneys' Fees and Costs approved by the Court, any Service Enhancement approved by the Court to the Named Plaintiff, Settlement Administration Costs approved by the Court, and the amounts paid to Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members shall all come out of the Gross Settlement Amount and shall not exceed the Gross Settlement Amount. The employer's share of corporate payroll tax obligation on the "wage" portion of the Settlement to Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members shall be paid by Defendant separate and apart from the Gross Settlement Amount and is not included in the Gross Settlement Amount.
- 1.9 The term "Court" means the United States District Court for the

Eastern District of California, and any appellate court which may review any orders entered by the Court related to this Settlement.

- 1.10 The term "Execution" refers to the signing of this Agreement by all signatories hereto.
- 1.11 The term "Final Judgment" refers to the final judgment entered by the Court.
- 1.12 The term "Final Approval Hearing" means a hearing for the purpose of: (i) determining the fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of the Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to with respect to allocations for attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to class action procedures and requirements; (ii) determining the good faith of the Settlement Agreement; and (iii) entering Judgment.
- 1.13 The term "FLSA Collective Member" means all non-exempt hourly healthcare professionals employed by Defendant in California at any time from September 30, 2017 and September 19, 2020 who worked FLSA overtime hours (i.e., over forty-hours) in any workweek during this period and received hourly per diems, hourly housing allowances, and/or hourly travel allowances.
- 1.14 The term "FLSA Consent Form" means a document which has been agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Court and which the

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Claims Administrator will mail to each Settlement Collective Member along with the Notice that allows for Settlement Collective Members to consent to becoming a party plaintiff within the meaning of Section 16(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

- 1.15 The term "Litigation" means Pamela Madison v. Onestaff Medical Limited Liability Company, Case No. 1:20-CV-01384-AWI-JLT in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
- 1.16 The term "Named Plaintiff" means the named plaintiff in the Litigation, Pamela Madison. The Named Plaintiff will seek to be designated as the Settlement Class and Collective Representative for the Settlement Class and Collective.
- 1.17 The term "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount minus the combined total of Attorneys' Fees and Costs approved by the Court, Settlement Administration Costs approved by the Court, and the Service Enhancement approved by the Court. The employer's share of corporate payroll tax obligations on the "wage" portion of the Settlement to the Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members shall be paid separate and apart by Defendant.

- 1.18 The term "Notice" means a document which has been agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Court and which the Claims Administrator will mail to each Settlement Class and Collective Member explaining the terms of the Settlement, their respective workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period and during the Settlement Collective Period, if any, their estimated share of the Net Settlement Amount, the opt-out procedure, the objection procedure, the FLSA consent procedure, and the procedure related to disputing the stated number of workweeks worked during the Settlement Class and/or Collective Period.
- Administration Costs" means all costs incurred by the Claims
 Administrator, including but not limited to the cost to: compare the
 class list against the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database
 maintained by the United States Postal Service; typeset, print, and
 mail the Notice and FLSA Consent Form to all Settlement Class and
 Collective Members; perform skip-tracing of returned mailings;
 calculating, tabulating, and mailing out payments to Participating
 Class and Collective Members; payment of postage required to comply
 with this Agreement; responding to Settlement Class or Collective

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Member inquiries and addressing any challenges to the number of workweeks worked; and all other expenses, including tax reporting and fees to be paid by the Claims Administrator, necessary to administer the Settlement in accordance with this Agreement. Settlement Administration Costs shall not exceed \$25,000.00.

- 1.20 The term "Opt-Out Letter" refers to a written request to "opt-out" or "exclude" oneself from the Settlement sent by any Class Member who elects to be excluded from the Settlement Class.
- 1.21 The term "Order Granting Final Approval of Class and Collective Action Settlement" shall mean the order and judgment to be entered by the Court titled "Order Granting Motion for Final Approval of Class and Collective Action Settlement" and "Judgment."
- 1.22 The term "Participating Settlement Class Member" means any member of the Settlement Class who has not submitted a valid and timely Opt-Out Letter to the Claims Administrator to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement as to the class claims.
- 1.23 The term "Participating Settlement Collective Member" means any member of the Settlement Collective who has submitted a valid and timely FLSA Consent Form to the Claims Administrator to join the Settlement as to the FLSA claims.

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- 1.25 The term "Released Class Claims" means any and all claims, debts, demands, obligations, guarantees, liabilities. costs. expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, or causes of action, contingent or accrued, which relate to the wage and hour and California Labor Code claims alleged in the Complaint or relate to other claims that could have been alleged based on the facts asserted in the Complaint, including but not limited to regular and overtime rate calculations, waiting time penalties, minimum wages, timely payment of wages, wage statements, reimbursements, unlawful deductions from wages, and derivative or related claims, including but not limited to Private Attorney General Act claims, claims for restitution and other equitable relief, liquidated damages, punitive damages, or penalties of any nature whatsoever.
- 1.26 The term "Released FLSA Claims" means any and all claims, debts, liabilities. demands, obligations, guarantees, costs. expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, or causes of action, contingent or accrued, which relate to the FLSA unpaid overtime claim alleged in the Complaint or relate to other FLSA claims that could have been

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alleged based on the facts asserted in the Complaint.

- 1.27 The term "Service Enhancement" means the amount of money to be requested by Class Counsel on behalf of Named Plaintiff Pamela Madison, subject to Court approval, to compensate Named Plaintiff for the efforts and risks undertaken on behalf of the Settlement Class and Collective.
- 1.28 The term "Settlement" means the compromise and settlement of the Litigation, as contemplated by this Agreement.
- 1.29 The term "Settlement Class" means the Class to be certified for settlement purposes, in accordance with this Agreement.
- 1.30 The term "Settlement Class Member" means any member of the Settlement Class.
- 1.31 The term "Settlement Class Period" means the period of time from September 30, 2016 through September 19, 2020.
- 1.32 The term "Settlement Class and Collective Representative" means Named Plaintiff Pamela Madison, who shall request to be appointed by the Court as the class representative for purposes of the Settlement Class and Collective.
- 1.33 The term "Settlement Collective" means the FLSA Collective to be certified for settlement purposes, in accordance with this Agreement

- 1.34 The term "Settlement Collective Member" means all non-exempt hourly healthcare professionals employed by Defendant in California at any time from September 30, 2017 and September 19, 2020 who worked FLSA overtime hours (i.e., over forty-hours) in any workweek during this period and received hourly per diems, hourly housing allowances, and/or hourly travel allowances.
- 1.35 The term "Settlement Collective Period" means the period of time from September 30, 2017 through September 19, 2020.
- 1.36 The term "Settlement Disbursement Payment" means the disbursements made by the Claims Administrator to the Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members, Class Counsel, the Settlement Class and Collective Representative, and the Claims Administrator.
- of the following has occurred: (1) in the event no appeal, writ, or other appellate proceeding opposing the Court's Final Judgment is filed, the date on which the time for filing any appeal, writ, or other appellate proceeding opposing the Court's Final Judgment has elapsed without any appeal, writ, or other appellate proceeding having been filed; or (2) in the event any appeal, writ, or other appellate proceedings

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opposing the Court's Final Judgment has been filed, the date on which such appeal, writ, or other appellate proceedings opposing the Court's Judgment has been finally and conclusively dismissed with no right to pursue further remedies or relief.

2. RECITALS

- 2.1On September 30, 2020, Plaintiff filed the Complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California against Defendant on behalf of a proposed class of non-exempt hourly healthcare professionals employed by Defendant in California who received hourly per diems, hourly housing allowances, and/or hourly travel allowances. The Complaint states causes of action for failure to pay overtime in violations of both the California Labor Code and the FLSA; failure to timely pay final wages; and a claim under the Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. ("UCL"). Defendant answered the Complaint with a general denial and asserted numerous affirmative defenses.
- 2.2 On April 15, 2021, following the Ninth Circuit's ruling in Clarke v. AMN Services, LLC, 987 F.3d 848 (9th Cir. 2021), and after an exchange and analysis of documents and data, the Parties attended a private mediation with former federal magistrate judge Jan Adler.

After a full-day mediation, the Parties reached an agreement in principle on the material terms of a classwide settlement and memorialized the agreement in a Memorandum of Understanding.

- 2.3 Named Plaintiff and her counsel believe this Litigation is meritorious based on applicable law or an extension thereof. Class Counsel represents that they have conducted a thorough investigation into the facts of this case and have diligently pursued an investigation of the claims against Defendant. Based on their own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel are of the opinion that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Class and Collective Members in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay, the defenses asserted by Defendant, class certification risk, trial risk, and appellate risk.
- 2.4 Defendant has also actively investigated the facts surrounding the claims brought by Plaintiff on behalf of the putative class and continues to deny any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims alleged. Defendant further asserts that it has complied with all applicable provisions of California and federal statutory law and had a good faith belief based on existing law that

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its practices were and are in compliance. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that neither this Agreement, nor any document referred to or contemplated herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement, is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession or indication by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing or liability whatsoever.

- 2.5 The entry of Final Judgment in this Litigation shall resolve all claims that were alleged in the operative Complaint filed in the Litigation, or which could have been alleged based upon the facts set forth in the operative Complaint, with the exception of any claims which might be retained by Settlement Class and Collective Members who exclude themselves from the Settlement. The Parties agree to cooperate and take all steps necessary and appropriate to obtain preliminary and final approval of this Settlement, and to effectuate its terms.
- 2.6 Each of the forgoing Recitals is incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth in the body of the Agreement.

3. CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS AND COLLECTIVE

3.1 The Settlement Class shall consist of all non-exempt hourly healthcare professionals employed by Defendant in California at any

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time from September 30, 2016 and September 19, 2020 who worked overtime and received hourly per diems, hourly housing allowances, and/or hourly travel allowances.

- 3.2 The Settlement Collective shall consist of all non-exempt hourly healthcare professionals employed by Defendant in California at any time from September 30, 2017 and September 19, 2020 who worked overtime, as defined under the FLSA, and received hourly per diems, hourly housing allowances and/or hourly travel allowances.
 - The Parties and Class Counsel agree that, if approved, certifications of the Settlement Class and Collective are conditional certifications for settlement purposes only, and that if, for any reason, the Court does not grant final approval of the Settlement, or if final approval is not given following the appeal of any order by the Court, or if for any reason the Settlement Effective Date does not occur, the certifications of the Settlement Class and Collective for settlement purposes shall be deemed null and void without further action by the Court or any of the Parties, each Party shall retain all of their respective rights and shall be returned to their relative legal positions as they existed prior to execution of this Agreement, and neither this Agreement, nor any of its accompanying exhibits or any orders entered by the Court in

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connection with this Agreement shall be admissible or used for any purpose in this Litigation or any other legal proceeding, except for the enforcement of same.

3.3 The Parties and Class Counsel agree that, if approved, certifications of the Settlement Class and Collective for settlement purposes are in no way an admission by Defendant that class and collective certification is proper in any other wage and hour litigation, or any other litigation, against Defendant.

4. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

- Agreement, and in consideration of the contemplated pleadings, releases and dismissals set forth in this Agreement, and subject to Court approval, Defendant agrees to pay a non-reversionary Gross Settlement Amount of Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$525,000.00), exclusive of payroll taxes owed on the "wage" portion of the Gross Settlement Amount, which Defendant shall pay separately.
- 4.2 Defendant will provide the Claims Administrator with the number of California overtime workweeks worked by each Settlement Class Member during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the number

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of FLSA overtime workweeks worked by each Settlement Collective Member during the Settlement Collective Period, within 14 calendar days of preliminary approval of the settlement.

Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$9,550.00) of the Net Settlement Amount (the "FLSA Net Settlement Amount") shall be allocated to the FLSA Settlement Collective. Each Settlement Collective Member shall be awarded a pro-rata share of the FLSA Net Settlement Amount based upon a percentage equal to the number of each Settlement Collective Member's FLSA overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Collective Period divided by the total of all Settlement Collective Members' FLSA overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Collective Period. Each Settlement Collective Member's respective share of the FLSA Net Settlement Amount shall be calculated by multiplying the FLSA Net Settlement Amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the individual Settlement Collective Member's FLSA overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Collective Period, and the denominator of which is the total of all aggregate FLSA overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Collective Period by all members of the Settlement Collective during the Settlement Collective Period. The

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resulting number shall be the amount that each member of the Settlement Collective is eligible to receive (their "Eligible FLSA Share"). The estimated amount of each FLSA Settlement Collective Member's Eligible FLSA Share will be listed on the Notice as "Your Estimated FLSA Collective Award."

The remainder of the Net Settlement Amount (the "Class Net Settlement Amount") shall be allocated to the Settlement Class. Each Settlement Class Member shall be awarded a pro-rata share based upon a percentage equal to the number of each Settlement Class Member's California overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period divided by the total of all Settlement Class Members' California overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period. Each Settlement Class Member's respective share of the Class Net Settlement Amount shall be calculated by multiplying the Class Net Settlement Amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the individual Settlement Class Member's California overtime workweeks worked during the Class Period, and the denominator of which is the total of all aggregate California overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period by all members of the Settlement Class during the Settlement Class

Period. The resulting number shall be the amount that each member of the Settlement Class is eligible to receive (their "Eligible Class Share"). The estimated amount of each Settlement Class Member's Eligible Class Share will be listed on the Notice as "Your Estimated Class Award."

- Participating Settlement Class Members who opt-out of the Settlement, all Participating Settlement Class Members shall automatically recover their Eligible Class Share without having to submit a claim form. Settlement Collective Members who wish to recover their Eligible FLSA Share must complete the FLSA Consent Form that accompanied the Notice and return it to the Claims Administrator before the expiration of the Claims Period.
- 4.6 Any portion of a Class Member's Eligible Class Share that is not distributed to that Class Member because that Class Member elected to "opt-out" of the Settlement, or any portion of a Collective Member's Eligible FLSA Share that is not distributed to that Collective Member because that Collective Member failed to return the FLSA Consent Form, shall be re-distributed on a pro rata basis to all Participating Settlement Class or Collective Members, respectively.

Class Counsel may request, subject to Court approval, that the Settlement Class and Collective Representative be paid a maximum Service Enhancement of up to Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$5,250.00), which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. This request shall not be opposed by Defendant. In the event the Court does not award the full requested Service Enhancement, the remainder shall be re-distributed on a pro rata basis to all Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members. The Service Enhancement shall be paid to Plaintiff in addition to her pro rata Eligible Class and FLSA Shares of the Net Settlement.

4.8 Class Counsel may apply to the Court for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant will not oppose Class Counsel's application for an award of Attorneys' Fees in an amount equal to one-fourth (25%) of the Gross Settlement Amount comprising One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Fitfy Dollars and No Cents (\$131,250.00), plus Costs not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00). In the event the Court does not award the full requested Attorneys' Fees or Costs, the remainder(s) shall be re-distributed on a pro rata basis to all Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members.

- 4.9 The Parties agree that, subject to Court approval, payment to the Claims Administrator shall not exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00). The Claims Administration Costs shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and any amounts that are not used to pay the Claims Administrator shall be redistributed on a pro rata basis to all Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members.
- to wages, and seventy percent (70%) shall be allocated to interest and penalties or liquidated damages, such that thirty percent (30%) shall be characterized as W-2 income and seventy percent (70%) shall be characterized as 1099 income. Defendant's share of any employer-side payroll taxes allocated to the payment of "wages" will be calculated based on the portion allocated to the payment of wages and paid by Defendant separate and apart from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Claims Administrator will be responsible for calculating and paying the payroll taxes and withholdings owed, after informing Defendant of the specific amount required to be paid for the corporate payroll tax obligation.

- effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiff is not relying on any statement or representation by Defendant in this regard. Plaintiff understands and agrees that Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members will be solely responsible for the sufficiency of the payment of employee's taxes predicated on the payments described herein, with the understanding that the Claims Administrator is distributing the payroll tax withholdings and employer's share of the wage portion of the payments, but not making any tax payment for the penalties and/or interest.
- 4.12 The payments made to Participating Settlement Class and Collective Members pursuant to this Agreement are not being made for any other purpose and shall not be construed as compensation for purposes of determining eligibility for any health and welfare benefits or unemployment compensation, and no benefit, including but not limited to pension and/or 401(k), shall increase or accrue as a result of any payment made as a result of this Settlement or Agreement.
- 4.13 Checks issued to Participating Settlement Class and Collective

 Members pursuant to this Agreement shall remain negotiable for a

 period of one-hundred eighty (180) days from the date of mailing by

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the Claims Administrator. Thereafter, the Claims Administrator shall void any such check. After that time, all un-cashed funds that remain in the account monitored by the Claims Administrator shall be sent by the Claims Administrator to the California State Controller's Office pursuant to the procedures of the State of California's Unclaimed Property Law.

5. NOTICE OF THE SETTLEMENT

Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Court grants preliminary approval of this Settlement, Defendant shall provide to the Claims Administrator a listing of all Class and Collective Members, including the following information/data, in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet: 1) full name; 2) last known home mailing address; 3) telephone number (if available); 4) Social Security Number; 5) the number of California overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period; and 6) the number of FLSA overtime workweeks worked with overtime, if any, during the Settlement Collective Period; in order for the Claims Administrator to be able to calculate each Settlement Class and Collective Member's respective Eligible Share of the Settlement (the "Class List").

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Subject to Court approval, the Notice and FLSA Consent Form shall be sent by the Claims Administrator to all Class and Collective Members by first class mail within five (5) business days of receipt of the Class List. The Notice shall describe the claims process, their respective California overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period, their respective FLSA overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Collective Period, if any, their respective estimated Eligible Class Share of the Settlement, their respective estimated Eligible FLSA Share of the Settlement, if any, the opt-out process, the objection process, the process by which the stated workweeks worked during the Settlement Class and/or Collective Period eligibility can be disputed, all pertinent deadlines for responding to the Notice, and the date set by the Court for a hearing on Final Approval of the Settlement. The Parties shall cooperate to prepare a mutually agreeable proposed Notice, to be submitted for Court approval.

5.3 Prior to mailing the Notice, the Claims Administrator shall process the Class List against the National Change of Address ("NCOA")

Database maintained by the United States Postal Service ("USPS").

It shall be conclusively presumed that if the Notice is not returned as

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"undeliverable," the Settlement Class and Collective Member received the Notice Packet. With respect to Notice Packets that are returned as undeliverable, if a forwarding address is provided by the USPS, the Claims Administrator shall re-mail the Notice within If a Notice is "undeliverable" and no three (3) business days. forwarding address is provided, the Claims Administrator shall employ a more substantive skip-tracing procedure in order to obtain updated address information and shall re-mail the Notice to those Settlement Class and Collective Members for whom a new address is All re-mailings to skip-traced Settlement Class and located. Collective Members shall be performed periodically during the claims filing period and must be completed no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the Claims Period deadline. If the Notice is returned after skip-tracing and re-mailing occurs, there shall be no further skip-tracing but the Settlement Class and Collective Member shall still be bound by the terms of this Settlement.

6. OPT-OUT, OBJECTION, AND FLSA CONSENT PROCESS

6.1 The Notice shall set a date of forty-five (45) calendar days from the original mailing date as the deadline by which members of the Settlement Class and Collective may submit an FLSA Consent Form,

Opt-Out Letter, objection to the Settlement, or dispute related to the stated workweeks worked during the Settlement Class and/or Collective Period. No FLSA consents, opt-out requests or objections will be honored if postmarked after this deadline. All FLSA Consent Forms, Opt-Out Letters and objections shall be sent to the Claims Administrator only. The Claims Administrator shall promptly forward any FLSA consents and objections to Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant. If a Settlement Class and/or Collective Member mistakenly sends an FLSA Consent Form, Opt-Out Letter or objection to Class Counsel, or to counsel for Defendant, the respective party will forward the documents, including the mailing envelope evidencing the postmark date, to the Claims Administrator as soon as possible.

6.2 Within ten (10) business days after the Final Effective Date,
Defendant will provide the Claims Administrator with sufficient
funds via wire transfer to pay the Gross Settlement Amount. No later
than ten (10) calendar days after Defendant provides the Claims
Administrator with sufficient funds via wire transfer to pay the Gross
Settlement Amount, the Claims Administrator shall disburse the

Settlement Disbursement Payments, as specified in this Agreement and approved by the Court.

- 6.3 A Settlement Collective Member who wishes to become a party plaintiff within the meaning of the FLSA and recover their Eligible FLSA Share of the Settlement allocated to their FLSA claims, shall complete the FLSA Consent Form and return it to the Claims Administrator within the Claims Period. The Claims Administrator shall promptly forward to Class Counsel all FLSA Consent Forms received. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the expiration of the Claims Period, Class Counsel shall file the FLSA Consent Forms with the Court.
- A Settlement Class Member who wishes to opt-out of this Settlement, and of the release of claims pursuant to this Settlement, shall mail a signed, written "Opt-Out Letter" directly to the Claims Administrator within the Claims Period. The Opt-Out Letter must be signed and include the Settlement Class Member's full legal name, home address, telephone number, and last four digits of their social security number, and express an intention to opt-out of the Settlement. The Parties to this Agreement and their counsel agree that they will not

solicit or encourage Settlement Class Members to opt-out or to object to this Settlement Agreement.

- 6.5 A Settlement Class Member who submits an Opt-Out Letter is not eligible to recover a share of the Class Net Settlement Amount. Further, a Settlement Class Member who submits an Opt-Out Letter shall have no standing to object to the Settlement as to the class claims.
- 6.6 A Settlement Collective Member who does not timely submit a valid FLSA Consent Form is not eligible to recover a share of the FLSA Collective Net Settlement Amount. Further, a Settlement Collective Member who does not timely submit a valid FLSA Consent Form shall have no standing to object to the Settlement as to the FLSA claims.
- opted out and shall provide such list to Defendant's counsel and Class Counsel upon request. The Claims Administrator shall retain the originals of all Opt-Out Letters (including the envelopes with the postmarks) received and shall make copies of the originals available to Defendant's counsel or Class Counsel upon request.

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A Settlement Class Member who has not opted-out of the Settlement who wishes to object to the Settlement must notify the Claims Administrator of their objection, in writing, within the Claims Period. The Claims Administrator shall promptly forward any objections received to Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant. The objection must state the Settlement Class Member's (i) full legal name, home address, telephone number, and the last four digits of their social security number (for identity verification purposes); and (ii) express their intention to object to the Settlement and the reasons for the objection. Any Settlement Class Member who opts-out of the Settlement shall not have standing to object to the Settlement of the class claims, and any Settlement Collective Member who does not timely submit a valid FLSA Consent Form shall not have standing to object to the Settlement of the FLSA claim.

7. WAIVER AND RELEASE

7.1 Subject to the Court's final approval of the Settlement and upon the Claims Administrator's disbursement of the Settlement Disbursement Payments, Participating Settlement Class Members will be deemed to have, and by operation of the Order of Final Approval will have, expressly and irrevocably released, acquitted,

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and forever discharged Defendant and any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, predecessor or successor, including but not limited to all agents, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and healthcare facility clients thereof, from all Released Class Claims.

- 7.2Subject to the Court's final approval of the Settlement and upon the Claims Administrator's disbursement ofSettlement the Disbursement Payments, Participating Settlement Collective Members who timely submitted an FLSA Consent Form will be deemed to have, and by operation of the Order of Final Approval will have, expressly and irrevocably released, acquitted, and forever Defendant and any parent, subsidiary, discharged predecessor or successor, including but not limited to all agents, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and healthcare facility clients thereof, from all Released FLSA Claims.
- 7.3 As a material term of this Agreement, Named Plaintiff Pamela Madison, in her individual capacity and with respect to her individual claims only, hereby agrees to also generally release Defendant and any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, predecessor or successor, including but not limited to all agents, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and healthcare facility clients thereof, from all claims, demands,

rights, liabilities and causes of action of any and every nature and description whatsoever, known or unknown, asserted or that might have been asserted, including a waiver of California Civil Code §1542. With respect to the General Release, Named Plaintiff Pamela Madison stipulates and agrees that, upon the execution of this Agreement, she shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, or any other similar provision under state or federal law as to the generally released claims. Section 1542 provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

8. VOIDING THE AGREEMENT

8.1 In the event that this Settlement is not approved, or if for any reason the Settlement Effective Date does not occur, the Settlement shall be deemed null, void and unenforceable and shall not be used nor shall it be admissible in any subsequent proceedings either in this Court or

in any other judicial, arbitral, administrative, investigative, or other court, tribunal, forum, or other proceeding, including without limitation any wage and hour, or other litigation against Defendant.

- 8.2 In the event that the Court does not approve the Attorneys' Fees and Costs in the amount requested by Class Counsel, or in the event that the Attorneys' Fees and Costs requested by Class Counsel are reduced, that finding shall not be a basis for rendering the entire Agreement null, void, or unenforceable. Class Counsel retains their right to appeal any decision by the Court regarding the Attorneys' Fees and Costs.
- 8.3 In the event that the aggregate number of California overtime workweeks worked during the Settlement Class Period exceeds 21,058 and/or the aggregate number of FLSA overtime workweeks worked during the Collective Period exceeds 2,775 the Parties shall negotiate a shorter Settlement Class and/or Collective Period, respectively.

9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 <u>Construction</u>. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this

Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length

negotiations between the Parties and that this Agreement shall not

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be construed in favor of or against any party by reason of the extent to which any party or her or his counsel participated in the drafting of this Agreement.

- 9.2 Captions and Interpretations. Paragraph titles or captions contained in this Agreement are a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Settlement or any provision. Each term of this Agreement is contractual and not merely a recital.9.3 Modification. This Settlement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in a writing signed by the Parties, or their counsel, and approved by the Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Parties agree that any dates contained in this Agreement may be modified by agreement of the Parties without Court approval if the Parties agree and cause exists for such modification. This Settlement may not be discharged except by performance in accordance with its terms or by a writing signed by the Parties.
- 9.4 Integration Clause. This Agreement and any other documents delivered pursuant hereto contain the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the resolution of the Litigation, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and

statements, whether oral or written and whether by a Party or such Party's legal counsel, are merged in this Agreement. No rights under this Settlement may be waived except in writing and signed by the Party against whom such waiver is to be enforced.

- 9.5 <u>Binding on Assigns</u>. This Settlement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties and their respective heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.
 - Class Counsel and Settlement Class and Collective Representative Signatories. It is agreed that because the Settlement Class and Collective Members are so numerous, it is impossible or impractical to have each Settlement Class Member execute this Settlement. The Notice will provide all Settlement Class and Collective Members with a summary of the Settlement and will advise all Settlement Class and Collective Members of the binding nature of the release. Excepting only those Settlement Class Members who timely submit an Opt-Out Letter as to the class claims and only those Settlement Collective Members who do not timely submit a FLSA Consent Form as to the FLSA claims, the Notice shall have the same force and effect as if this Settlement were executed by each Settlement Class Member.

- 9.7 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile signature, pdf signature, or signature in compliance with the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, and in any number of counterparts, and when each party has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart, each counterpart shall be deemed an original, and, when taken together with other signed counterparts, shall constitute one and the same Agreement, which shall be binding upon and effective as to all Parties.
- 9.8 <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by California substantive law.
- 9.9 Enforcement of the Settlement Agreement. In the event that one or more of the Parties to this Settlement Agreement institutes any legal action, arbitration, or other proceeding against any other party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement Agreement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement Agreement, the successful Party or Parties shall be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.

IT IS SO STIPULATED. Dated: __May 25, 2021 Dated: _____ OneStaff Medical, LLC

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Individually and on behalf of the Class

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