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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

<p>CASSANDRA SCHMILL,  Petitioner,</p>	<p>WCC No. 2001-0300</p>
<p>vs.</p>	
<p>LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,  Respondent/Insurer,</p>	<p>AFFIDAVIT OF CASEY BUCKINGHAM</p>
<p>vs.</p>	
<p>MONTANA STATE FUND,  Intervenor.</p>	

STATE OF MONTANA     )  
                                      :  
County of Cascade     )

I, Casey Buckingham, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am an employee in the Human Resource Department with Benefis Healthcare. I have been working with Barb Panagopolous, the adjuster for Brentwood who is responsible for handling and adjusting the claims of Benefis Healthcare insofar as this action;

2. I am authorized to make statements on behalf of Benefis Healthcare in regard to this matter;

3. After a review of records, I swear under oath that Benefis Healthcare should be dismissed from the above-and title action for the following reason:

Benefis Healthcare has no claimants meeting the court's criteria in this matter as set forth in the summons or amended summons.

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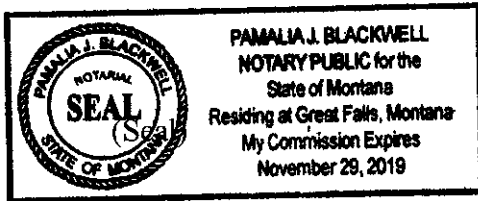
4. I understand the Montana Worker's Compensation Court may allow up to 90 days from the date of filing of this affidavit within which Petitioner's counsel may conduct discovery and investigate for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the foregoing statement(s) made by me on behalf of Benefis Healthcare Corporation. After such 90 days, if no objection is lodged by Petitioner's counsel, the court will dismiss the insurer/self-insurer from this action based upon the sworn statements made by me in this affidavit.


5. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct.

Dated this 22 day of July, 2016.

  
Casey Buckingham

Subscribed and sworn to me upon oath this 22 day of July, 2016.



  
Pamalia J Blackwell

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Notary Public for the State of Montana  
Residing at Great Falls, Montana  
My commission expires 11/29, 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016, I served a copy of the foregoing in the above matter by mailing a copy thereof, first class postage prepaid to:

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