



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Market Conduct Report

of

OrthoNet LLC

May 31, 2024

From May 10, 2024 through May 24, 2024, the Market Conduct Division of the Connecticut Insurance Department examined the utilization review practices of OrthoNet LLC (the Company), using a sample period of March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The examination was limited to Connecticut enrollees.

OrthoNet LLC has its home office in the State of Minnesota and is licensed as a utilization review entity in the State of Connecticut under license number 2425877. By authority granted under §38a-591 of the Connecticut General Statutes, this examination was conducted by Market Conduct examiners of the State of Connecticut Insurance Department (the Department) at the Department's offices in Hartford, Connecticut.

The purpose of the examination was to evaluate the Company's utilization review practices in the State of Connecticut. From a listing of utilization reviews performed by the Company, the examiners reviewed one hundred twenty (120) sample files, which included approved and denied certifications during the examination period.

The Department's findings are as follows:

- The examiners verified that one (1) determination not to certify care was not made within the required 15 days of the receipt of the request for review, upon the receipt of all information reasonably required to make denial determinations.
- The examiners verified that four (4) determinations not to certify care were issued with a template letter that failed to be submitted for review by the entity licensed by the Insurance Commissioner.

It is recommended that the Company review its policies and procedures to ensure that denial determinations are made within the 15-day requirement, and not to include determination letters that are not approved by the Insurance Commissioner, as required by statute.



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IN THE MATTER OF : DOCKET MC 24-81
OrthoNet LLC :
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STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

It is hereby stipulated and agreed between OrthoNet LLC and the State of Connecticut Insurance Department by and through Andrew N. Mais, Insurance Commissioner ("Insurance Commissioner") to wit:

I

WHEREAS, pursuant to a market conduct examination, the Insurance Commissioner alleges the following with respect to OrthoNet LLC:

1. OrthoNet LLC, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, is domiciled in the State of Minnesota and is licensed to transact the business of a utilization review entity in the State of Connecticut under license number 2425877.
2. From May 10, 2024 through May 24, 2024, the Department conducted an examination of Respondent's utilization review practices in the State of Connecticut covering the period from March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
3. During the period under examination, Respondent failed to establish practices and procedures to ensure compliance in all instances with statutory requirements for:
 - a. notification of a determination not to certify care, admission or procedure within 15 days of the receipt of the request for review, upon the receipt of all information reasonably required to make denial determinations;
 - b. using a determination letter of the entity licensed by the Insurance Commissioner.
4. The conduct as described above violates §38a-591b and §38a-591d of the Connecticut General Statutes, and §38a-591-8 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and constitutes cause for the imposition of a fine or other administrative penalty under §38a-591k of the Connecticut General Statutes.

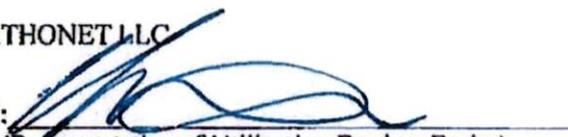
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1. WHEREAS, Respondent admits to the allegations contained in paragraphs three and four of Article I of this Stipulation; and
2. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to review its utilization review practices and procedures and correct those identified as concerns during the market conduct examination, as described in the Examination of Utilization Review Practices Report and this Stipulation, and bring them into immediate compliance with Connecticut Statutes; and
3. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to provide the Insurance Commissioner with a full report of finding and a summary of actions taken to comply with the requirements of paragraph two of this section within ninety (90) days of the date of this document; and
4. WHEREAS, Respondent, being desirous of terminating this proceeding without the necessity of a formal proceeding or further litigation, does consent to the making of this Final Order and voluntarily waives:
 - a. any right to a hearing; and
 - b. any requirement that the Insurance Commissioner's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusion of law; and
 - c. any and all rights to object to or challenge before the Insurance Commissioner or in any judicial proceeding any aspect, provision or requirement of this Stipulation.
5. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the violations described herein.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the consent of the parties, it is hereby ordered and adjudged:

1. That the Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this administrative proceeding.
2. That Respondent is fined the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for the violations herein above described.

ORTHONET LLC

BY: 

(Representative of Utilization Review Entity)

CERTIFICATION

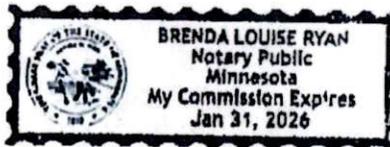
The undersigned deposes and says that he/she has duly executed this Stipulation and Consent Order on this 25 day of June 2024 for and on behalf of OrthoNet LLC that he/she is the Assistant Secretary of such company, and he/she has authority to execute and file such instrument.

BY: [Signature]

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

Personally appeared on this 25 day of June 2024,
Heather Kang signer and sealer of the foregoing Stipulation and Consent Order,
acknowledged same to be his/her free act and deed before me.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Commissioner of the Superior Court



Section Below To Be Completed by State of Connecticut Insurance Department

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 16th day of July 2024.

[Signature]
Andrew N. Mais
Insurance Commissioner