1 The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 AT SEATTLE 8 9 NO. 2:17-cv-a611-RSL ANDREA SCHMITT; ELIZABETH 10 MOHUNDRO; AND O.L. by and through her parents, J.L. and K.L., each on their own 11 behalf, and on behalf of all similarly DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH ENLUND situated individuals. REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF 12 **NOTICE** Plaintiffs. 13 V. 14 KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN 15 OF WASHINGTON; KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN OF 16 WASHINGTON OPTIONS, INC.; KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN OF THE 17 NORTHWEST: and KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, INC., 18 Defendants. 19 20 DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH ENLUND REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF NOTICE 21 22 I, Elizabeth Enlund, hereby declare and state as follows: 1. I am a Senior Settlement Project Manager employed by Epiq Class Action & 23 Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq"). I am a certified Project Management Professional (PMP)® and 24 25 hold a Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State University. Prior to joining Epiq in 2019, 26 I managed a variety of complex projects in highly regulated environments through the government 27

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and private sectors. The statements of fact in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge and information provided to me by my colleagues in the ordinary course of business, and if called on to do so, I could and would testify competently thereto.

- 2. Epiq was appointed as the Notice and Claims Processor pursuant to the Court's Amended Order: (1) Preliminarily Approving Settlement Agreement; (2) Approving Class Notice Package; and (3) Establishing a Final Settlement Approval Hearing and Process (the "Order") dated December 13, 2023, and in accordance with the Agreement to Settle Claims dated December 6, 2023, (the "Agreement"). I submit this Declaration in order to advise the Parties and the Court regarding the implementation of the Court-approved class notice procedures, and to report on Epiq's handling to date of the Settlement administration, in accordance with the Order and the Agreement.
- Epiq has administered bankruptcies since 1985 and settlements since 1993. Epiq has routinely developed and executed notice programs and administrations in a wide variety of mass action contexts including settlements of consumer, antitrust, products liability, and labor and employment class actions, settlements of mass tort litigation, Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement actions, Federal Trade Commission disgorgement actions, insurance disputes, bankruptcies, and other major litigation. Epiq has administered more than 4,500 settlements, including some of the largest and most complex cases ever settled. Epiq's class action case administration services include administering notice requirements, designing direct-mail notices, implementing notice fulfillment services, coordinating with the United States Postal Service ("USPS"), developing and maintaining notice websites and dedicated telephone numbers with recorded information and/or live operators, processing exclusion requests, objections, claim forms and correspondence, maintaining class member databases, adjudicating claims, managing settlement funds, and calculating claim payments and distributions. As an experienced neutral

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this document shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

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third-party administrator working with settling parties, courts, and mass action participants, Epiq has handled hundreds of millions of notices, disseminated hundreds of millions of emails, handled millions of phone calls, processed tens of millions of claims, and distributed hundreds of billions in payments.

### **OVERVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION**

- 4. Pursuant to the Agreement and Order, Epiq was appointed to provide the following administrative services for the benefit of Settlement Class Members, as they are defined in the Agreement:
  - Disseminate Settlement Class Notices by email and postal mail pursuant to the notice plan as provided in the Order and Agreement.
    - Email a Settlement Class Notice to Settlement Class Notice Recipients for whom
       Defendant has supplied Epiq an email address;
    - O Mail Settlement Class Notice in the form of a short-form postcard to Settlement Class Notice Recipients for whom Defendant has not provided Epiq an email address but has provided a valid mailing address, or whom Epiq has attempted to send Settlement Class Notice by email, but it was returned as undeliverable;
    - Mail and Email Settlement Class Notices to Settlement Class Notice Recipients who previously made a claim for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services during the Class Period;
    - As appropriate, mail a Reminder Notice to all Class Recipients who previously made a claim for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services and who have yet to file a claim for the settlement as of March 11, 2024;
    - Establish and maintain an official settlement webpage containing information about the settlement and eligibility to file a claim;
    - Establish and maintain an official toll-free number and TTY number that Settlement Class Notice Recipients may contact for additional information about the Settlement;

- Establish and maintain a mailing address for receiving inquiries from the Settlement Class or written requests for exclusion ("Opt Outs") from the Settlement;
- Review and track objections sent to or received by Epiq;
- Receive, process, track, and report on claim forms sent to or received by Epiq;
- As appropriate, mail deficiency letters, and track responses thereto;

### DATA TRANSFER

- 5. On January 22, 2024, Defendant provided Epiq with three electronic files containing potential Settlement Class Member records. One file contained 1,035,919 rows of names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, consumer numbers, subscriber numbers, and identification if a Settlement Notice Recipient was a subscriber any time during the Settlement Class Period, or if Settlement Class Notice Recipients is currently a subscriber ("Class Data"). Section 2.2.3.1 of the Agreement provides: "Notice to a current or former subscriber shall be deemed notice to each Settlement Class Notice Recipient who was covered by Defendants through that subscriber." Of the 1,035,919 rows present on the spreadsheet, 735,208 were identified by Defendant to be a subscriber during the class period.
- 6. The remaining two electronic files contained claims data identifying a subpopulation Class Notice Recipients who previously made a claim for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services during the class period. The two files contained 1,323 rows of claims data for 586 Settlement Class Notice Recipients. In addition to the Class Data, the claims data provided individual transactions pertaining to Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services for Settlement Class Notice Recipients who preciously submitted an insurance claim ("Claims Data").
- 7. On February 16, 2024, Defendant provided contact information for 6 individuals who were present in the Claims Data but did not have corresponding contact information in the Class Data. The total number of unique Settlement Class Notice Recipients increased to 1,035,925.

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8. Epiq loaded the information provided by Defendant into a database created for the purpose of administration of the Settlement. Epiq assigned unique identifiers to all the records it received to maintain the ability to track them throughout the Settlement administration process.

### **DISSEMINATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS NOTICE VIA EMAIL**

- 9. Pursuant to 2.2.3.1 of the Agreement and Paragraph 5 of the Order, Epiq was to cause the Court-approved Settlement Class Notice to be formatted for electronic distribution by email to Settlement Class Notice Recipients for whom an email address was included in the Class Data. Attached hereto as **Attachment 1** is a template of the Settlement Class Notice Email that Epiq electronically disseminated to Settlement Class Notice Recipients for whom an email address was provided in the Class Data and were not identified in the Claims Data ("General Email Notice").
- 10. Pursuant to Section 6.5.1.2 (b) of the Agreement, the sub-population of Class Notice Recipients who previously made a claim for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services identified in the Claims Data were not required to resubmit documentation but to verify the out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred. As such, **Attachment 2** is a template of the Settlement Class Notice Email which contains additional information for how to access the webpage to file a claim without additional documentation, provide documentation for additional transactions, or return the populated form which was sent by mail to eligible Settlement Class Notice Recipients ("Sub-population Email Notice").
- 11. The General Email Notice and Sub-population Email Notice ("Email Notices") contained substantial, albeit easy to read, information that made potential Class Members aware of their rights under the Settlement and provided instructions on how to obtain more information or file a claim by visiting the settlement webpage. The Email Notices, which were formatted for distribution using imbedded html text, provided Settlement Class Notice Recipients with a link to the settlement webpage. The Email Notices were formatted with easy to read text without graphics, tables, images and other elements that would increase the likelihood that the message could be blocked by Internet Service Providers and/or SPAM filters. The Email Notices were also

transmitted with a digital signature to the header and content of the Email Notices, which allowed ISPs ("Internet Service Providers" to programmatically authenticate that the Email Notices were from authorized mail servers. Epiq also followed standard email protocols, including utilizing "unsubscribe' links and Epiq's contact information in the Email Notices.

- 12. Before sending the General Email Notice, Epiq received 651,780 potential Settlement Class Notice Recipients with at least one email address supplied in the Class Data, including duplicates. Epiq attempted to verify whether the email addresses in the Notice Recipient List still existed and were valid. Upon completing the validation process with the various ISPs, Epiq confirmed that 651,690 individuals with at least one email address in the Class Data had one or more potentially valid email address(es) and 666 email addresses in the Class Data were invalid or no longer existed.
- 13. After combining records with duplicate emails, Epiq sent the General Email Notice to the 633,593 unique email addresses on February 21, 2024. Each Email Notice was transmitted with a unique message identifier. If the receiving e-mail server could not deliver the message, a "bounce code" was returned along with the unique message identifier.
- 14. Epiq closely monitored all deliverability attempts of the Email Notice throughout the Email Notice campaigns. A total of 358,207 General Email Notices were delivered. Of the 274,836 General Email Notices that could not be delivered, 23,816 of them were undeliverable because the email address no longer existed, the email account was closed, or the email address had a bad domain name or address error (collectively, "Hard Bouncebacks"). After three attempts, the remaining 251,020 General Email Notices could not be delivered due to an inactive or disabled account, the recipient's mailbox was full, technical auto-replies, or the recipient server was busy or unable to deliver (collectively, "Soft Bouncebacks"). Ultimately, Epiq was able to deliver direct General Email Notice to 56.54% of the email addresses provided in the Class Data. Between February 27-28, 2024, Epiq resent 251,015 Notices to those email addresses that were previously identified as a Soft Bounceback. 40,940 of the reattempted emails were delivered, resulting in 63.00% notice to the email addresses provided in the Class Data.

- 15. There are 416 individuals with one or more potentially valid email address for Settlement Class Notice Recipients that were present in the Claims Data and eligible for a Sub-population Email Notice. Epiq sent Sub-population Email Notices to the 450 potentially valid, non-duplicate email addresses on February 21, 2024. Several individuals had multiple email addresses, resulting in the additional emails sent. Epiq sent the Sub-population Email Notice to the potentially valid email addresses on February 21, 2024. A total of 353 Sub-population Email Notices were delivered. Of the 97 that could not be delivered, 17 were Hard Bouncebacks and 80 were Soft Bouncebacks. Ultimately, Epiq was able to deliver direct Sub-population Email Notice to 78.44% of the email addresses provided in the Class Data for eligible Class Notice Recipients present in the Claims Data.
- 16. Pursuant to 2.2.3 of the Agreement and Paragraph 7 of the Order, commencing on March 8, 2024, Epiq will send the Postcard Notice to each of the 221,362 email addresses that "bounced" back as undeliverable in the General Email Notice effort and has a valid physical mailing address on file.

### **DISSEMINATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS NOTICE BY POSTAL MAIL**

- 17. Pursuant to 2.2.3 of the Agreement and Paragraph 7 of the Order, Epiq was responsible for sending Settlement Class Notice by mail to all Settlement Class Notice Recipients for whom Defendant did not supply an e-mail address. Attached hereto as **Attachment 3** (which was sent to Settlement Class Notice Recipients with up to six members) and **Attachment 4** (which was sent to Settlement Class Notice Recipients of six of more members) is the Settlement Class Notice templates that Epiq disseminated by mail ("Postcard Notice"). Additionally, pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the Order, Settlement Class Notice Recipients identified in the Claims Data were to be sent a pre-populated claim package with instructions on how to perfect a claim **Attachment 5** includes a template for the pre-populated claim package ("Pre-populated Notice")
- 18. Prior to mailing the Mail Notice and Sub-population Mail Notice ("Mail Notices") to the Settlement Class Notice Recipients for whom Defendant did not supply an email address, all mailing addresses were checked against the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database

<sup>2</sup> The NCOA database contains records of all permanent change of address submissions received by the USPS for the last four years. The USPS makes this data available to mailing firms and lists submitted to it are automatically updated with any reported move based on a comparison with the person's name and last known address.

maintained by the United States Postal Service ("USPS").<sup>2</sup> In addition, the addresses were processed via the Coding Accuracy Support System ("CASS") to ensure the quality of the zip code, and verified through Delivery Point Validation ("DPV") to verify the accuracy of the addresses. To the extent that any Settlement Class Notice Recipients had filed a USPS change of address request, and the address was certified and verified, the current address listed in the NCOA database was used in connection with the Mail Notices. This address updating process is standard for the industry and for the majority of promotional mailings that occur today. A total of 130,090 records in the Class Data sent through the USPS NCOA, CASS, and DPV process were updated with new addresses.

- 19. Prior to commencing any mailings for this matter, Epiq established a dedicated post office box to mail notice from and to allow Settlement Class Notice Recipients to contact the Notice and Claims Processor or submit documents by mail. Epiq has and will continue to maintain the P.O. Box throughout the administration process.
- 20. On February 21, 2024, Epiq mailed 237,748 Postcard Notices via First Class USPS Mail to Settlement Class Notice Recipients on the Class Data with a valid mailing address and 586 Pre-populated Notice to eligible Settlement Class Notice Recipients on the Claims Data with a valid mailing address.
- 21. In addition, a Claim Package (consisting of a long-form notice and claim form) has been mailed via First Class U.S. Mail to all persons who submitted a request for one. As of March 6, 2024, 12 Claim Packages have been mailed as a result of such requests.
- 22. The return address on the Mail Notices is the post office box maintained by Epiq. Any Mail Notices that are reported by USPS as undeliverable with forwarding address information will be promptly re-mailed to the forwarding address. Epiq will continue to send postal forward Mail Notices every week as updated addresses are located through April 4, 2024.

- 23. Any Mail Notices which are returned to Epiq without forwarding address information will be sent for a skip trace search using a third-party lookup service. For records that return an updated address, Mail Notices will be re-mailed to the updated address. Address updating and re-mailing for undeliverable Notices is ongoing and will continue every week as update addresses are located through April 4, 2024.
- 24. On March 18, 2024, Epiq will mail reminder Pre-populated Notices via First Class U.S. Mail to all eligible Settlement Class Notice Recipients on the Claims Data who have not filed a claim and for which the Class Notice was not returned as undeliverable as of March 11, 2024. A copy of the Reminder Notice is included as **Attachment 6**.

### **WEBPAGE**

- 25. Pursuant to 2.2.3.2 of the Agreement and Paragraph 9 of the Order, on January 12, 2024, Epiq launched a webpage, www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com, that potential Settlement Class Members could visit to obtain additional information about the Settlement, as well as important documents, including the long-form notice, Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, and any other relevant information that the parties agree to provide or that the Court may require ("Webpage"). The Webpage contains a summary of options available to Settlement Class Notice Recipients, deadlines to act, and provides answers to frequently asked questions. On February 20, 2024, Epiq launched a dynamic module on the Webpage where potential Settlement Class Members are also able to file a claim via the Webpage, or download paper claim forms, which they could then file by mail. References to the Webpage were prominently displayed in the Settlement Class Notices and long-form notice.
- 26. As of March 6, 2024, the Webpage has been visited by 5,402 unique visitors and 10,480 individual webpages have been viewed. Epiq has maintained and will continue to maintain and update the Webpage throughout the administration of the proposed Settlement.

### **TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE**

27. Pursuant to 2.2.2 of the Agreement, on February 20, 2024, Epiq established and is maintaining a toll-free interactive Voice Response Unit ("VRU") telephone number to provide

information and accommodate inquiries from Settlement Class Notice Recipients. Callers hear an introductory message and then are provided with scripted information about the Settlement in the form of recorded answers to frequently asked questions. Callers also have the options of requesting a Claim Package (which includes a long-form notice and claim form) by mail, leaving a voicemail for a call center representative to call them back, or speaking to a live operator during normal business hours. The toll-free number was included in the Settlement Class Notice sent to Settlement Class Notice Recipients and the automated telephone system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

- 28. As of March 6, 2024, the toll-free number has received 330 calls representing 2,035 total minutes, and call center representatives have handled 181 inbound calls representing 1,463.52 minutes of use and 5 outbound call representing 22.15 minutes of use. Epiq has and will continue to maintain and update the VRU throughout the Settlement administration process.
- 29. Epiq also maintains a TeleTYpe (TTY) Line for Settlement Class Notice Recipients to access using dedicated TTY hardware or accessibility technology. Live operators are available during normal business hours to assist Settlement Class Notice Recipients with inquiries. As of March 6, 2024, the TTY Line has received 0 calls.

### **EMAIL INBOX**

30. Epiq established and maintains an email inbox, info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com for Settlement Class Notice Recipients to ask questions regarding the Settlement. As of March 6, 2024, Epiq has received and responded to a total of 126 incoming emails. Epiq will continue to maintain this inbox throughout the Settlement administration.

### **REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION**

31. Settlement Class Members who wish to be excluded from the Settlement are required to mail a written requests for exclusion to Epiq no later than the request for exclusion deadline of April 4, 2024. As of March 6, 2024, Epiq is not aware of or nor has received any timely written requests for exclusion from the Settlement.

### **OBJECTIONS RECEIVED**

32. Pursuant to Paragraph 13 of the Order, Settlement Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement are required to submit written objections to the Court no later than the objection deadline of April 4, 2024. As of March 6, 2024, Epiq is not aware of nor has received any timely written objections to the Settlement.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on March 7, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona.

Elizabeth Enlund, PMP Senior Project Manager

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Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq")

### Attachment 1

Case 2:17-cy-01611-RSL Document 177-1 Filed 03/07/24 Page 13 of 49 From: Schmitt v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, et al. <noreply@kphearingaidsettlement.com>

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### LEGAL NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Schmitt, et al. v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, et al., United States District Court for Western District of Washington at Seattle, Cause No. 2:17-cv-1611-RSL

Did you pay for hearing aids or associated medical services while covered by Kaiser between October 30, 2014, and December 31, 2023? If so, you may have a claim in a class action lawsuit that settled. This Notice describes your rights in that lawsuit and how you can obtain more information, file a claim, or take other action.

A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Why Did I Get this Notice? You received this notice because you might be eligible to participate in a \$3 million settlement if you paid for hearing aids or associated medical care while covered under a health insurance plan issued by Kaiser between October 30, 2014. and December 31, 2023. Not all individuals who received this notice are members of the class. You must meet the class definition to be a member of the class. The class definition can be found here: www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

What Can I Do Because of This Settlement? If you're part of this group, you can: (1) Ask for money (file a claim) as part of this settlement, (2) Decide not to participate in this case or the settlement (opt-out), (3) Remain in this case but object to the settlement, or (4) Do nothing, which means you will (a) receive no money and (b) give up any claims you have against Kaiser related to the issues in this case.

How do I Learn More About This? You can get more information about the case and your choices at www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com or email info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

How Much Money Could I Get? If you are a class member and file an eligible claim, you may be eligible for up to 100% of the costs you paid for hearing aids and associated services from October 30. 2014 through December 31. 2023. Please www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com for details.

<u>How do I Make a Claim?</u> (1) The best and fastest way is to go online <a href="here">here</a> and follow the instructions; (2) Or email us at <a href="info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com">info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com</a> with your name and address; (3) Or call 1-888-339-4196 (Toll-Free), or 1-877-921-3669 (TTY), to obtain more information.

<u>When Do I Need to Do Something?</u> If you want to file a claim you must submit your request online at <u>www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com</u> or by mail on or before **April 4**, **2024**.

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### Attachment 2

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You are receiving this prepopulated Claim Form because you were identified as an individual who previously submitted a Claim for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services.

### 1. Submit a Claim for the Prepopulated Amount

No further documentation is required to submit a Claim for the services prepopulated on the web form (here) or printed on the forms mailed to you. To submit a Claim for these services only, you may submit a claim without additional documentation either:

- 1) Online at www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com, or
- 2) by mailing forms to the Claims Processor at P.O. Box 2479, Portland, OR 97208-2479

When submitting your Claim, please reference the Unique ID provided above.

### 2. Submit a Claim for the Prepopulated Amount, Plus Additional Hearing Aids or Associated Services

If you would like to add additional transactions that are not prepopulated on the prepopulated forms, documentation is required. Please follow the instructions on the website here, or on the forms mailed to you, for how to add additional transactions and documentation.

For your convenience, please find below a selection of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Why Did I Get this Notice? You received this notice because you might be eligible to participate in a \$3 million settlement if you paid for hearing aids or associated medical care while covered under a health insurance plan issued by Kaiser between October 30, 2014, and December 31, 2023. Not all individuals who received this notice are members of the class. You must meet the class definition to be a member of the class. The class definition can be found here: www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

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### Attachment 4

Schmitt v. Kaiser Settlement Claims Processing Document 177-1 Filed 03/07/24 BAR 2006 P.O. Box 2479 Portland, OR 97208-2479

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You received this notice because you might be eligible to participate in a \$3 million settlement if you paid for hearing aids or associated medical care while covered under a health insurance plan issued by Kaiser between October 30, 2014, and December 31, 2023. Not all individuals who received this notice are members of the class. You must meet the class definition to be a member of the class. The class definition can be found here: www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

### What Can I Do Because of This Settlement?

If you're part of this group, you can: (1) Ask for money (file a claim) as part of this Settlement, (2) Decide not to participate in this case or the Settlement (opt-out), (3) Remain in this case but object to the Settlement, or (4) Do nothing, which means you will (a) receive no money and (b) give up any claims you have against Kaiser related to the issues in this case.

### How do I Learn More About This?

You can get more information about the case and your choices at www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com or email info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

### **How Much Money Could I Get?**

If you are a class member and file an eligible claim, you may be eligible for up to 100% of the costs you paid for hearing aids and associated services from October 30, 2014, through December 31, 2023. Please see www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com for details.

### How do I Make a Claim?

- The best and fastest way is to go online at www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com and follow the instructions;
- (2) Or email us at info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com with your name and address;
- (3) Or call 1-888-339-4196 (Toll-Free), or 1-877-921-3669 (TTY), to obtain more information.

### When Do I Need to Do Something?

If you want to file a claim, you must submit your request online at www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com or by mail on or before **April 4**, **2024**.

### Attachment 5

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### **Claim Form Instructions**

Settlement Class Members who previously submitted Claims for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services

You are receiving this prepopulated Claim Form because you were identified as an individual who previously submitted a Claim for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services.

### 1. Submitting a Claim for the Prepopulated Amount

No further documentation is required to submit a Claim for the services prepopulated on the web form or printed on the enclosed forms. To submit a Claim for these services <u>only</u>, you may submit a claim without additional documentation either:

- 1) Online at www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com, or
- 2) by mailing forms to the Claims Processor at P.O. Box 2479 Portland, OR 97208-2479

When submitting your Claim, please reference the Unique ID provided above.

### 2. Submitting a Claim for the Prepopulated Amount, Plus Additional Hearing Aids or Associated Services

If you would like to add additional transactions that are not prepopulated on the enclosed forms, documentation is required. Please follow the instructions enclosed for how to add additional transactions and documentation.

Your Claim Form with attached documentation must be received by **April 4, 2024**. Please mail the form with sufficient time for delivery.



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### CLAIM FORM INSTRUCTIONS

You must submit a Claim Form if you wish to be reimbursed for out-of-pocket payments or debt owed for the cost of Hearing Aids and/or Associated Services incurred between October 30, 2014, and December 31, 2023, under the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

All claims must be <u>received</u> by the Claims Processor by no later than April 4, 2024. Any claims received after this date will not be eligible for payment.

### A. Claim Form and Certification of Payment Form Must Be Completed

- 1. For each Hearing Aid and Associated Service claimed, you must identify on the Claim Form: (1) the date of service or purchase (month/year); (2) the name of the provider on that date and each provider's address and phone number, if available; (3) a short description of the service or hearing aid purchased; (4) the amount paid or debt owed related to the service or hearing aid; and (5) whether the claim was submitted to Kaiser.
- 2. You must also sign the Certification of Payment Form, attesting that the information you have provided is true and correct under penalty of perjury.

### B. Documentation

You must also submit proof of the dates of the service or purchase, provider, and payment or obligation to pay. Please do not send originals as they will not be returned to you.

- 1. Proof of purchase of Hearing Aids and Associated Service dates can be evidenced by clinical notes, invoices seeking payment that include dates of service, or other evidence of similar reliability.
- 2. The identity of the provider can be evidenced by identification on clinical notes, invoices, or other documents of similar reliability.
- 3. Proof of payment or debt owed may consist of: cancelled checks, credit card account statements, provider ledgers, invoices stamped "paid" or showing amounts due, checking account statements, signed letters from the provider or provider's employer documenting the amount paid or debt incurred (so long as the letter clearly connects payments or debt with the specific services or equipment). You must include this additional proof with your Claim Form.

If you are submitting a Claim Form on behalf of another individual, additional documentation must be submitted to demonstrate authority to file a claim on their behalf.

### C. Each Individual's Claims Submitted in One Submission or Mailing

Each individual's claims should be submitted in a single submission or mailing. Do not submit original documents by mail as they will not be returned to you. You should keep a copy of your Claim Form for your records.

### D. Submit Your Claim Form Online or by Mail

You may submit a Claim online by visiting www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

Alternatively, your Claim Form may be mailed to:

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Your Claim Form with attached documentation must be <u>received</u> by April 4, 2024. Please mail the form with sufficient time for delivery.



### E. Investigation

The Claims Processor may independently confirm any claim. By submitting a Claim Form, you agree that such an investigation may be made. Failure to cooperate may be grounds to deny a claim.

### F. Payment of Claims

After you submit your claim, the Claims Processor will process the claim and determine whether and to what extent you may be paid out of the settlement funds. Payment is contingent upon final Court approval of the proposed Agreement. This process will take several months.

If your claim is approved by the Claims Processor and authorized by the Court, you will be mailed a check for the approved amount of the claim. If your claim is denied, in whole or in part, the Claims Processor will provide a letter of explanation. That letter will explain why your claim was denied, and you will be given an opportunity to correct any problems. If you disagree with the Claims Processor's determination, then you may follow the steps set forth in the denial letter to appeal.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions about how to complete this Claim Form, you may contact the Claims Processor by email at info@KPHearingAidSettlement.com or by phone at 1-888-339-4196 (Toll-Free) or 1-877-921-3669 (TTY). You may also contact Class Counsel, Sirianni Youtz Spoonemore Hamburger, by visiting https://www.symslaw.com/kaiserhearingaids or calling 206-223-0303.

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### FORM 1 – CLAIM FORM

## Name of Person who received the Hearing Aid(s) and/or Related Services:

B Documentation must be submitted for each transaction listed below. Please attach all documents that show that you received and incurred debt for the services identified below, such as itemized statements, cancelled checks, credit card statements, receipts, treatment summaries, etc.

# PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS AS THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO YOU.

NOTE: If you need additional pages for more claims, you may make a copy of this blank claim form or obtain additional forms from www.KPHearingAidSettlement.com.

Was this claim submitted to Kaiser for coverage? (Y/N)	• •	-
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Description of Hearing Aid (brand and model) and/or Associated Service (Required)		
Licensed Hearing Professional Name (and address and phone number, if available) (Required)		
Date of Hearing Aid Purchase or Related Service (at least month and year) (Required)		



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### FORM 1 – CLAIM FORM - CONTINUED

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### Attachment 6

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You are receiving this Reminder Notice because records indicate that you have not yet submitted a Claim. If you wish to submit a Claim, it must be received by the Notice and Claims Administrator by April 4, 2024.

### **Claim Form Instructions**

Settlement Class Members who previously submitted Claims for Hearing Aid(s) and Associated Services

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### FORM 1 – CLAIM FORM

## Name of Person who received the Hearing Aid(s) and/or Related Services:

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Description of Hearing Aid (brand and model) and/or Associated Service (Required)		
Licensed Hearing Professional Name (and address and phone number, if available) (Required)		
Date of Hearing Aid Purchase or Related Service (at least month and year) (Required)		



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### FORM 1 – CLAIM FORM - CONTINUED

## Name of Person who received the Hearing Aid(s) and/or Related Services:

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Licensed Hearing Professional Name (and address and phone number, if available) (Required)			
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