

## FILED

APR 5 2001

Treasurer and insurance Commissioner Docketed by:

## THE TREASURER OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

TOM GALLAGHER

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.: 40084-01-CO

UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY Life and Health Market Conduct Examination Report

## **CONSENT ORDER**

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration as the result of an agreement between UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY. (hereinafter referred to as "UNITED AMERICAN"), and the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, (hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT") concerning the DEPARTMENT's most recent market conduct examination of UNITED AMERICAN. Following a complete review of the entire record, and upon consideration thereof, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner, as agency head of the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, hereby finds as follows:

- 1. The Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner, as agency head of the **DEPARTMENT**, has jurisdiction over the subject matter of, and parties to, this proceeding.
- 2. UNITED AMERICAN is a foreign life, group life and annuities, and accident and health insurer authorized to transact insurance business in Florida through a subsisting Certificate of Authority and is subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the DEPARTMENT pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code.

- 3. The **DEPARTMENT** conducted a target market conduct examination of **UNITED AMERICAN** covering the period from January 1, 1997 through May 31, 2000, pursuant to section 624.3161, Florida Statutes. As a result of such examination, the **DEPARTMENT** determined that **UNITED AMERICAN** committed the following violations of the Florida Insurance Code:
- a. Rule 4-150.005(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code, in that UNITED AMERICAN failed to include the words "Insurance Policy" after the generic name of the product being advertised in its accident and health brochure.
- b. Rule 4-150.006(1)(h). Florida Administrative Code, in that UNITED

  AMERICAN failed to include the phrase "THIS IS A CANCER ONLY POLICY" in its cancer only advertisement.
- c. Rule 4-150.006(1)(h). Florida Administrative Code, in that UNITED

  AMERICAN failed to include the phrase "THIS IS A LIMITED POLICY" in its supplemental accident and health brochure advertisement.
- 4. Rule 4-150.005(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code states "[t]he name of any policy shall be followed by or include the words "Insurance Policy" or similar words clearly identifying, the fact that an insurance policy is being offered, through the use of the full generic name of the product; e.g., long term care insurance policy, major medical insurance policy, limited benefit health insurance policy, or disability insurance policy."
- 5. Rule 4-150.006(1)(h), Florida Administrative Code, states "[a]n advertisement for a policy providing benefits for specified illnesses only, such as cancer, or for specified accidents, such as automobile accidents, or for a limited benefit, such as nursing home coverage only, shall clearly and conspicuously in prominent type stated the limited nature of the policy. The

statement shall be worded in language identical to, or substantially similar to the following:

"THIS IS A LIMITED POLICY," "THIS IS A CANCER ONLY POLICY," THIS IS AN

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT POLICY ONLY," "THIS IS A NURSING HOME COVERAGE

ONLY POLICY."

- 6. UNITED AMERICAN admits that it did in fact violate Rules 4-150.005(3)(b) and 4-150.006(1)(h), Florida Administrative Code, in that it failed to include specific statements as to the nature of the coverage as detailed in paragraph three hereinabove.
- 7. **UNITED AMERICAN** is directed to eliminate duplicate claims by establishing a verification process and assigning separate claim numbers to each claim in order to ensure adequate monitoring and claim processing.
- 8. **UNITED AMERICAN** is directed to maintain accurate record-keeping by ensuring that the claim files record the proper check amount and pay date.
- 9. The **DEPARTMENT** and **UNITED AMERICAN** expressly waive a hearing in this matter, and the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the **DEPARTMENT** and all further and other proceedings herein to which the parties may be entitled by law or rules of the **DEPARTMENT**. **UNITED AMERICAN** hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives all rights to challenge or to contest this Order, in any forum now available to it, including the right to any administrative proceeding, circuit or federal court action, or any appeal.
- 10. UNITED AMERICAN admits specific understanding of and agrees that it shall prospectively comply with Rules 4-150.005(3)(b) and 4-150.006(1)(h), Florida Administrative Code, and further agrees that any future violation(s) of Rules 4-150.005(3)(b) and 4-150.006(1)(h), Florida Administrative Code, by UNITED AMERICAN, may at the sole

discretion of the **DEPARTMENT** be deemed willful subjecting **UNITED AMERICAN** to appropriate penalties as determined by the **DEPARTMENT**.

- 11. **UNITED AMERICAN** agrees that upon the execution of this Consent Order it shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
- a. Within thirty (30) days of the date of issuance of this Consent Order pay to the **DEPARTMENT** an administrative penalty in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and administrative costs in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
- b. UNITED AMERICAN shall henceforth comply with all of the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code and Florida Administrative Code.
- c. Within thirty (30) days of the date of issuance of this Consent Order implement the recommendations contained in the Market Conduct Examination report of May 31, 2000.
- 12. UNITED AMERICAN agrees that the failure to adhere to one or more of the terms and conditions of this Order shall constitute a violation of a lawful order of the DEPARTMENT, and shall subject UNITED AMERICAN to such administrative action as the Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner may deem appropriate.
- 13. Except as noted above, each party to this action shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees.
- 14. THEREFORE, the agreement between UNITED AMERICAN and the DEPARTMENT, consisting of the terms and conditions of which are set forth above, is APPROVED.

FURTHER, all terms and conditions above are hereby ORDERED.

DONE AND ORDERED this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.



KEVIN MCCARTY
Deputy Insurance Commissioner

By execution hereof UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY consents to entry of this Order, agrees without reservation to all of the above terms and conditions, and shall be bound by all provisions herein. I am authorized to execute this document.

UNITED	<b>AMERICAN</b>	INSURANCE	COMPANY

By:

Corporate Seal

CARRY (M.) HUTCHISON
Printed or Typed Name

Title: GENERAL COUNSEL

Date: 3/19/01

## **COPIES FURNISHED TO:**

Mark S. McAndrew, President United American Insurance Company 3700 South Stonebridge Drive McKinney, TX 75070

Joel Scarborough. Esquire United American Insurance Company 3700 South Stonebridge Drive McKinney, TX 75070

Kim McClellan, Field Insurance Regional Administrator Division of Insurer Services 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0327

Jack McDermott, Management Review Specialist Division of Insurer Services 200 East Gaines Street, Room 316A Tallahassee, FL 32399-0327

Jerry Patterson. Insurance Analyst Division of Insurer Services 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0327

Elenita Gomez, Esquire Florida Department of Insurance Division of Legal Services 200 E. Gaines Street 612 Larson Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0333