

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
INGHAM COUNTY

KEN ROSS, COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE  
OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE  
REGULATION,

Petitioner,

No. 10-397-CR

v

HON. WILLIAM E. COLLETTE

AMERICAN COMMUNITY MUTUAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Respondent.

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**EX PARTE PETITION FOR APPROVAL TO  
SETTLE PENDING CLAIM AGAINST AMERICAN COMMUNITY**

R. Kevin Clinton, Commissioner of the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, as Rehabilitator of American Community Mutual Insurance Company (the "Rehabilitator"), by and through his attorneys, Bill Schuette, Attorney General, and Christopher L. Kerr and Jason R. Evans, Assistant Attorneys General, petitions this Court pursuant to MCL 500.8115(1) to approve the settlement of a disputed claim currently pending against American Community Mutual Insurance Company ("American Community"). In support of this Ex Parte Petition, the Rehabilitator states as follows:

1. On April 8, 2010, this Court entered an Order placing American Community into Rehabilitation and appointing the OFIR Commissioner as the Rehabilitator of American Community.

2. MCL 500.8115(1) governs legal actions or proceedings involving American Community that were pending when the Rehabilitation Order was entered. The statute provides, *inter alia*, that "[t]he rehabilitator shall take action respecting the pending litigation as he or she considers necessary in the interests of justice and for the protection of creditors, policyholders, and the public."

3. With respect to claims against American Community arising after entry of the Rehabilitation Order, MCL 500.8114(2) and the Rehabilitation Order authorize the Rehabilitator to "take such action as he considers necessary or appropriate to reform or revitalize American Community." Rehabilitation Order, p 6, ¶ 10. In addition, this statute, as incorporated by the Rehabilitation Order, grants the Rehabilitator "full power and authority to direct and manage American Community . . . and to deal in totality with the property and business of" the company. Rehabilitation Order, p 5, ¶ 8.

4. The Rehabilitator seeks the Court's approval to settle the following disputed claim pending against American Community:

- a. *Ban Matti v American Community, et al.* This lawsuit was filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court, and captioned Ban Matti v. American Community Mutual Insurance Company, et al., Case No.: 12-005097-CK. Plaintiff's Complaint alleged that American Community wrongfully denied her claims for the payment of certain medical bills. American Community denied Plaintiff's claims because the medical treatment at issue was not medically necessary and was therefore excluded under her insurance policy. Due to the Rehabilitation Order's stay against litigation, the Wayne County Circuit Court dismissed the lawsuit, without prejudice, by Order dated June 29, 2012. Because the dismissal was without prejudice, however, this claim remains pending. Plaintiff sought the payment of her medical bills totaling \$20,990.49, plus exemplary damages, interest, costs, and attorney fees. Through negotiations, Plaintiff has agreed to reinstate and dismiss

her lawsuit with prejudice and to release American Community from any and all liability in exchange for American Community's payment of \$6,000.

5. With limited exceptions not applicable here, Paragraph 14 of the Rehabilitation Order prohibits the payment of any Creditor claims for goods or services provided prior to the date that the Order was entered until further order of the Court. Ms. Matti's claim may arise in whole or in part from services provided or actions taken prior to the date of the Rehabilitation Order. Moreover, the exceptions in Paragraph 14 do not authorize the Rehabilitator to pay Plaintiff's claims because she is not a "Creditor" if the treatment at issue was not covered by her American Community policy. Accordingly, an order approving this proposed settlement is needed from the Court.

6. The Rehabilitator believes that the settlement of this disputed claim in the amount indicated above and on the terms contained in the corresponding settlement agreement (which is not attached due to confidentiality provisions and/or concerns) is necessary and appropriate, is in the interests of justice, and will promote the protection of American Community's creditors, policyholders, and the public. A comparison of the settlement amount to the amount of Ms. Matti's original claim evidences that this settlement is reasonable and will limit potential liability to the Rehabilitation Estate. Moreover, the settlement is relatively modest in amount and would likely be exceeded by legal and other costs if this case were adjudicated to judgment in this Rehabilitation or otherwise.

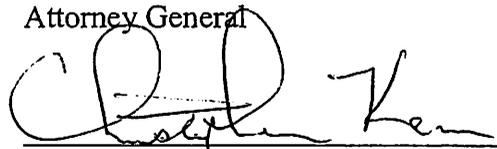
7. Providing personalized notice of this Ex Parte Petition and any resulting Order to all parties that may have an interest in this matter is impossible at this time because there has been no claims submission or other process to identify such parties. Moreover, attempting to identify and personally notify parties in interest would be time-intensive and costly to American Community's Rehabilitation Estate. For this reason, the Rehabilitator requests that the Court

authorize and ratify service of this Ex Parte Petition and any resulting Order by posting electronic copies on the OFIR website, [www.michigan.gov/ofir](http://www.michigan.gov/ofir), under the section "Who We Regulate" and the subsection "American Community." Service in this manner is reasonably calculated to give interested parties actual notice of these proceedings and is otherwise reasonable under the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Rehabilitator respectfully requests this Court to approve the settlement reached in the above-referenced matter, in the amount and on the terms more fully set forth in the corresponding settlement agreement. The Rehabilitator further requests the Court to authorize and ratify service of this Ex Parte Petition and any resulting Order by posting electronic copies on the "American Community" section of OFIR's website.

Respectfully submitted

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher L. Kerr", written over a horizontal line.

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