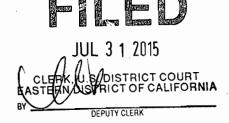
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Cas

Plaintiff,

PAUL S. SINGH,

Defendant.

Case No.

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MEMORANDUM OF PLEA AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 11(c) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Rule 11(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
Procedure, the United States of America, by and through Benjamin
B. Wagner, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of
California, and Assistant United States Attorneys Patrick R.
Delahunty and Kirk E. Sherriff, and Defendant, Paul S. Singh, and
his attorney, Benjamin Gluck, have agreed as follows:

This document contains the complete Memorandum of Plea

Agreement ("Plea Agreement") between the United States Attorney's

Office for the Eastern District of California ("Government") and

defendant Paul S. Singh regarding this case. This Plea Agreement

is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern

District of California and cannot bind any other federal, state,

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or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

### 1. Charges.

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The defendant acknowledges that he is charged in an information as follows:

Count 1: Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

And, the defendant acknowledges that the information includes a criminal forfeiture allegation pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(4), 982(a)(7), and Title 28, United States Code, Section U.S.C. § 2461(c).

### 2. Nature, Elements and Possible Defenses.

The defendant has read the charges against him contained in the information and has had that charge fully explained to him by his attorney. Further, the defendant fully understands the nature and elements of the crime in the information to which he is pleading guilty, together with the possible defenses thereto, and has discussed them with his attorney.

The elements of the crime of Mail Fraud are:

First, the defendant knowingly participated in, devised, or intended to devise a scheme or plan to defraud, or a scheme or plan for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises;

Second, the statements made or facts omitted as part of the scheme were material; that is, they had a natural tendency to influence, or were capable of influencing, a person to part with money or property;

Third, the defendant acted with the intent to defraud, that is, the intent to deceive or cheat; and

Fourth, the defendant used, or caused to be

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used, the mails to carry out or attempt to carry out an essential part of the scheme.

### 3. Agreements by the Defendant.

- (a) Defendant agrees that this plea agreement shall be filed with the court and become a part of the record of the case.
- (b) Defendant agrees that, at or before the entry of plea proceeding, he will sign a written waiver of prosecution by indictment and will consent to proceed by information rather than indictment. Further, the defendant has reviewed the information in this case and fully understands the charge contained therein.
- (c) Defendant agrees to enter a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the information, which charges him with Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, because he is guilty of that charge.
- (d) Defendant understands and agrees that he will not be allowed to withdraw his plea should the Court fail to follow the government's sentencing recommendations.
- (d) Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his Constitutional and statutory rights to appeal his plea, conviction, restitution imposed, forfeiture order and sentence. This waiver of appeal includes, but is not limited to, an express waiver of defendant's right to appeal his plea, conviction, restitution imposed, forfeiture order and sentence on any ground, including any appeal right conferred by 18 U.S.C. § 3742, and defendant further agrees not to contest his plea, conviction, restitution imposed, forfeiture order and sentence in any post-conviction proceeding, including but not limited to a proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except for non-waivable claims.

- (e) Defendant further acknowledges that his plea of guilty is voluntary and that no force, threats, promises or representations have been made to anybody, nor agreement reached, other than those set forth expressly in this agreement, to induce the defendant to plead guilty.
- (f) Defendant agrees that his base offense level for Mail Fraud is seven (7) pursuant to Section 2B1.1(a)(1) of the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual ("Sentencing Guidelines"); plus the applicable loss guideline level under § 2B1.1(b)(1) due to the actual loss of approximately \$47,000 caused by defendant's conduct and the defendant's knowing submission of false claims seeking at least \$80,000 from health care benefit programs; plus two (2) levels because the offense involved 10 or more victims (§ 2B1.1(b)(2)(A)), plus two (2) levels because the offense involved the conscious or reckless risk of death or serious bodily injury (§ 2B1.1(b)(15)(A)); and, plus two (2) levels for abuse of a position of trust and use of a special skill (§ 3B1.3).
- (g) Defendant agrees not to move for any downward adjustments in his offense level under Chapters Two, Three, Four and/or Five of the Sentencing Guidelines, except as specifically provided below. The defendant understands and agrees that this agreement by him includes, without limitation, not moving for a downward departure of his offense level, criminal history category or criminal history points as defined by the Sentencing Guidelines, with these exceptions: (1) to the extent that the 2015 U.S. Sentencing Guidelines provide for a different sentence than the 2014 Guidelines, the defendant reserves the right to

argue under Section 3553(a) that he should be sentenced consistent with the 2015 Guidelines; and, (2) the defendant reserves the right to argue for a downward departure of not more than a total of two (2) levels under, cumulatively and combined, Sentencing Guidelines Sections 5H1.3 and 5H1.6. The defendant retains the right to move for a downward variance of his sentence under the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553. The defendant acknowledges that, if the defendant requests or suggests in any manner a different sentence than what is called for under this agreement, the Government, at its sole discretion, may withdraw from this Plea Agreement and continue with its prosecution of the defendant as if the parties had not entered into this Plea Agreement.

(h) Defendant understands that the Court must consult the Sentencing Guidelines (as promulgated by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3742 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 991-998, and as modified by United States v. Booker and United States v. Fanfan, 543 U.S. 220 (2005)), and must take them into account when determining a final sentence. Defendant understands that the Court will determine a non-binding and advisory guideline sentencing range for this case pursuant to the Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant further understands that the Court will consider whether there is a basis for departure from the guideline sentencing range (either above or below the guideline sentencing range) because there exists an aggravating or mitigating circumstance of a kind, or to a degree, not adequately taken into consideration by the Sentencing Commission in formulating the Guidelines. Defendant further

(1) Defendant agrees to forfeit to the United States

understands that the Court, after consultation and consideration of the Sentencing Guidelines, must impose a sentence that is reasonable in light of the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

- (i) Defendant agrees to waive all rights under the "Hyde Amendment," Section 617, P.L. 105-119 (Nov. 26, 1997), to recover attorneys' fees or other litigation expenses in connection with the investigation and prosecution of all charges in the above-captioned matter and of any related allegations (including without limitation any charges to be dismissed pursuant to this Agreement and any charges previously dismissed).
- (j) Defendant agrees the conduct to which he is pleading requires mandatory restitution pursuant to Section 3663A(c)(1)(A)(ii) of Title 18, United States Code, and agrees to pay restitution to in an amount to be determined by the court. The defendant agrees that he owes restitution of not less than \$47,457.
- (k) Defendant agrees to make a full and complete disclosure of defendant's assets and financial condition, and will complete the United States Attorney's Office's "Authorization to Release Information" and "Financial Affidavit" within five (5) weeks from the entry of the defendant's change of plea. The defendant also agrees to have the court enter an order to that effect. The defendant understands that this plea agreement is voidable by the government if the defendant fails to complete and provide the described documentation to the United States Attorney's office within the allotted time.

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voluntarily and immediately all right, title, and interest to any and all assets seized pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(4), 982(a)(7), Title 28, United States Code, Section U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1). This also includes a personal forfeiture money judgment in the full amount of restitution as ordered by the court. Further, the defendant agrees that such an amount is a reasonable reflection of the amount that the defendant obtained directly or indirectly, as the result of the underlying criminal scheme and the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(4), 982(a)(7), and Title 28, United States Code, Section U.S.C. § 2461(c). As part of the imposition of the personal forfeiture money judgment, the defendant agrees to provide this Office with signed waivers related to federal and state income tax returns, and a waiver of the Right to Financial Privacy Act, which includes, but is not limited to, any credit records, communication records, DMV records, educational records, employment records, military records, business records, and credit reports maintained by any consumer credit reporting entity, until such time as the money judgment is satisfied. this regard, the Defendant agrees to complete and sign a copy of IRS Form 8821 (relating to the voluntary disclosure of federal tax return information), whatever financial information disclosure form which may be required by an agency, as well as this Office's Right to Financial Privacy Act Waiver & Authorization to Release Information form.

Defendant agrees to fully assist the government in the forfeiture of any seized assets or assets later determined to be

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forfeitable and to take whatever steps are necessary to pass clear title to the United States. Defendant shall not sell, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of any assets found to be connected to the criminal events charged in the information.

Defendant agrees not to file a claim to any of the seized property in any criminal proceeding or civil proceeding, administrative or judicial, which is or may be initiated.

Defendant agrees to waive right to notice of any forfeiture proceeding involving such property, and agrees to not file a claim or assist others in filing a claim in such a proceeding.

The defendant waives the notice provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 7(c) and 32.2(a), waives oral pronouncement of forfeiture at the time of sentencing and any defects in such pronouncement that pertain to forfeiture, and waives any defenses to forfeiture, including any defense predicated on the Ex Post Facto, Double Jeopardy, and Excessive Fines Clauses of the United States Constitution. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives any right to jury trial in any criminal or civil forfeiture proceeding.

(m) If the defendant's conviction on the count to which he is pleading is ever vacated at the defendant's request, or his sentence is ever reduced at his request, the government shall have the right to prosecute the defendant on the count to which he pleaded guilty and file any new charges that would otherwise be barred by this Plea Agreement. The decision to pursue any or all of these options is solely in the discretion of the United States Attorney's Office. By signing this agreement, the defendant agrees to waive any objections, motions, and defenses

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he might have to the government's decision, including Double
Jeopardy. In particular, he agrees not to raise any objections
based on the passage of time with respect to such counts
including, without limitation, any statutes of limitation or any
objections based on the Speedy Trial Act or the Speedy Trial
Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

If it is determined that the defendant has violated any provision of this Plea Agreement or if the defendant successfully moves to withdraw his plea: (1) all statements made by the defendant to the government or other designated law enforcement agents, or any testimony given by the defendant before a grand jury or other tribunal, whether before or after his Plea Agreement, shall be admissible in evidence in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings hereafter brought against the defendant; and (2) the defendant shall assert no claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, or any other federal rule, that statements made by the defendant before or after this Plea Agreement, or any leads derived therefrom, should be suppressed. By signing this Plea Agreement, the defendant waives any and all rights in the foregoing respects.

(n) Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with respect to his immigration status if he is not a citizen of the United States. The defendant's plea to the violation herein may subject him to automatic deportation and removal from the United States. See 8 U.S.C. § 1227(a)(1), et seq. Defendant affirms that he has been advised of the

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immigration consequences of pleading guilty and wants to plead guilty regardless of any immigration consequences that may result from his plea, even if such consequence includes his automatic deportation and removal from the United States after completing any sentence of incarceration due to his plea.

### Agreements by the Government. 4.

- The government agrees to recommend a two-level reduction (if the offense level is less than 16) or a three-level reduction (if the offense level reaches 16) in the computation of the defendant's offense level if the defendant clearly demonstrates acceptance of responsibility for his conduct as defined in Section 3E1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines.
- The government agrees that the defendant's base offense level for Mail Fraud is seven (7) pursuant to Section 2B1.1(a)(1) of the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual ("Sentencing Guidelines"); plus the applicable loss guideline level under § 2B1.1(b)(1) due to the actual loss of approximately \$47,000 caused by defendant's conduct and the defendant's knowing submission of false claims seeking at least \$80,000 from health care benefit programs; plus two (2) levels because the offense involved 10 or more victims (\$ 2B1.1(b)(2)(A)), plus two (2) levels because the offense involved the conscious or reckless risk of death or serious bodily injury (§ 2B1.1(b)(15)(A)); and, plus two (2) levels for abuse of a position of trust and use of a special skill (§ 3B1.3).
- The government agrees to recommend that the defendant be sentenced at the low-end of the applicable guideline range and

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sentenced to imprisonment for half of the defendant's guideline term, with a term of supervised release which includes the remainder of the guideline term served in home detention, to be paid by the defendant.

(d) The defendant acknowledges and understands that the government makes no other representations to him regarding fines, whether any other specific offense characteristics apply to his conduct, his criminal history or criminal history points under Chapter Four, or whether additional enhancements or reductions under Chapter Three or Five of the Sentencing Guidelines apply, and defendant understands that the government is free to comment and to make recommendations to the court and the probation office regarding those matters.

### 5. Factual Basis.

Defendant will plead guilty because he is in fact guilty of the crime set forth in Count 1 of the information. Defendant also agrees that the following are the facts of this case, although he acknowledges that, as to other facts, the parties may disagree:

Beginning no later than on or about May 2008, and continuing to at least on or about June 2012, within the State and Eastern District of California and elsewhere, defendant PAUL S. SINGH devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud health care benefit programs, patients, and others, of money and property, and obtained money and property from health care benefit programs, patients, and others, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

During the above-described time period, the defendant was the President and Secretary of Paul S. Singh, DO, Inc., and as a doctor, provided obstetric and gynecological services to women, including providing forms of birth control.

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One form of birth control provided to patients by defendant SINGH was intrauterine devices ("IUDs"). IUDs are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), an agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The FDA has approved only one IUD that uses copper as its active ingredient, the ParaGard T-380A. It was sold only by its manufacturer, and was not available on third-party websites.

The insertion of a non-FDA approved copper IUD risks a patient's health and safety. Defendant SINGH knew of this risk, and he knew that inserting a non-FDA approved copper IUD was prohibited by the FDA. Notwithstanding that, defendant SINGH knowingly obtained non-FDA approved copper IUDs by purchasing them on the internet and knowingly inserted them in his patients. Defendant SINGH failed to inform his patients that he had inserted a non-FDA approved copper IUD, and none of his patients consented to the insertion of one.

Multiple patients of defendant SINGH complained to him of discomfort and complications they associated with the non-FDA approved copper IUD that defendant SINGH inserted in them. In response to some of those patients' complaints, defendant SINGH attempted to re-insert a patient's non-FDA approved copper IUD. Regarding one such patient, defendant SINGH not only re-inserted the non-FDA approved copper IUD after the patient complained, but ultimately inserted a second non-FDA approved IUD in her after the patient continued to visit and complain about discomfort she associated with the first IUD inserted by SINGH.

Defendant SINGH billed at least 10 different heath care benefit programs for payment for the insertion of non-FDA approved copper IUDs in his patients. In submitting such claims, defendant SINGH knowingly misrepresented the type of IUD he had inserted, representing that he inserted an FDA-approved copper IUD when in fact he had not. The health care benefit programs billed by defendant SINGH would not have paid defendant SINGH's claims had they known that defendant SINGH had inserted non-FDA approved copper IUDs. SINGH's criminal offense involved more than 10 victims.

On or about the date set forth below, in the State and Eastern District of California and elsewhere, in furtherance of the scheme and artifice to defraud described above, the defendant, with the intent to defraud, caused the United States mails to be used as follows to carry out or attempt to carry out an essential part of the scheme:

Count 1: On or about September 22, 2010, Tri-Care sent to Paul S. Singh DO Inc., PO Box 2240, Tehachapi, California 93581, via the United States Postal Service, check #G0003451144 in the amount of \$783.79 as payment on a

fraudulent claim submitted by defendant SINGH that related to patient N.K.

At all relevant times, in carrying out these actions, the defendant acted with the intent to defraud. As a result of the defendant's conduct, the defendant made false claims of over \$83,000 to health care benefit programs, his patients, and others, and received payments of at least \$47,000 on such false claims.

### Potential Sentence.

The following is the maximum potential sentence which defendant faces as to Count One:

- Count 1: Mail Fraud
- (a) Imprisonment.
   Maximum: Twenty (20) years.
- (b) Fine.

Maximum: Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).

- (c) Both such fine and imprisonment.
- (d) Restitution Mandatory
- (e) Term of Supervised Release:

Maximum: Three (3) years.

(Should the defendant violate any of the terms of his supervised release, he can be returned to prison for the period of supervised release actually imposed by the Court or two (2) years, whichever is less.)

(f) Penalty Assessment.

Mandatory: One Hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Waiver of Rights.

Defendant understands that by pleading guilty he surrenders certain rights, including the following:

(a) If defendant persisted in a plea of not guilty to the charge against him, he would have the right to be represented by an attorney at all stages of the proceedings, and would have a

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right to a public and speedy trial. The trial could be either a jury trial or a trial by a judge sitting without a jury.

Defendant has a right to a jury trial. However, in order that the trial be conducted by the judge sitting without a jury, defendant, the government and the judge all must agree that the trial be conducted by the judge without a jury.

- (b) If the trial were a jury trial, the jury would be composed of twelve lay persons selected at random. Defendant and his attorney would have a say in who the jurors would be by removing prospective jurors for cause where actual bias or other disqualification is shown, or without cause by exercising peremptory challenges. The jury would have to agree unanimously before it could return a verdict of either guilty or not guilty. The jury would be instructed that defendant is presumed innocent and that it could not convict him unless, after hearing all the evidence, it was persuaded of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- (c) If the trial were held before a judge without a jury, the judge would find the facts and determine, after hearing all the evidence, whether or not he was persuaded of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- (d) At a trial, whether by a jury or a judge, the government would be required to present its witnesses and other evidence against defendant. Defendant would be able to confront those government witnesses and his attorney would be able to cross-examine them. In turn, defendant could present witnesses and other evidence on his own behalf. If the witnesses for defendant would not appear voluntarily, he could require their

attendance through the subpoena power of the Court. At trial, the defendant would also have the right to assistance of legal counsel. If he could not afford legal counsel, one would be appointed for him by the court at no expense to him.

(e) At a trial, defendant would have a privilege against self-incrimination so that he could decline to testify, and no inference of guilt could be drawn from this refusal to testify.

Defendant understands that by pleading guilty he is waiving all of the rights set forth above and defendant's attorney has explained those rights to him and the consequences of his waiver of those rights.

## 8. Questions by Court.

Defendant understands that if the court questions him under oath, on the record and in the presence of counsel, about the offenses to which he has pleaded guilty, his answers, if false, may later be used against him in a prosecution for perjury.

### 9. Entire Agreement.

This plea of guilty is freely and voluntarily made and not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from those set forth in this plea agreement. There have been no representations or promises from anyone as to what sentence this Court will impose.

### 10. Court not a Party.

It is understood by the parties that the sentencing court is neither a party to nor bound by this agreement and the sentencing judge is free to impose the maximum penalties as set forth in paragraph 6. Further, in making its sentencing decision, the Court may take into consideration any and all facts and

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circumstances concerning the criminal activities of defendant, 2 including activities which may not have been charged in the 3 information. 11. Presentence Report, 5 Defendant understands that the United States Probation 6 Office is not a party to this agreement and will conduct an 7 independent investigation of defendant's activities and his 8 background. It will then prepare a presentence report which it 9 will submit to the Court as its independent sentencing 10 recommendation. In addition, the government will fully apprise 11 the Probation Office, as well as the Court, of the full and true 12 nature, scope and extent of the defendant's criminal activities, 13 including information on his background and criminal history. 14 15 Dated: BENJAMIN B. WAGNER 16 United States Attorney 17 By: 18 PATRICK R. DELAHUNTY KIRK E. SHERRIFF 19 Assistant U.S. Attorneys 20 Dated: 7/28/15 21 Defendant 22 23 Dated: 24 BENJAMIN GLUCK Attorney for Defendant 25 Paul S. Singh 26 27

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