NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION OF NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

TO: ADMINISTRATORS OF AFFECTED LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATIONS MANAGERS OF AFFECTED GUARANTY FUNDS

LIQUIDATION ORDER

Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Northwestern National), a property and casualty insurer domiciled in Wisconsin that maintains its main administrative office at 8200 Beckett Park Drive, Suite 201, West Chester, Ohio 45069 and its statutory home office at 33 East Main Street, Suite 900, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, was placed in liquidation on May 2, 2019 by order of Dane County Circuit Court, state of Wisconsin.

PREVIOUS REGULATORY ACTION

On March 8, 2007, Northwestern National was placed into rehabilitation by order of the court establishing a general and segregated account. On January 20, 2012 Northwestern National exited rehabilitation by order of the court. On March 22, 2019 by stipulation and order executed by the Commissioner, Northwestern National merged the segregated and general accounts.

LICENSED STATES

At the time of its liquidation, Northwestern National was licensed to do business in the following states: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin. However, when the company actively wrote insurance business and until it was placed in runoff in January 1986, it was licensed to do business in all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

LIQUIDATION

The Court appointed Wisconsin Commissioner of Insurance, Mark V. Afable, and his successors in office or any of their delegees as Liquidator, and Amy J. Malm, as Special Deputy Liquidator for Northwestern National.

LOCATION OF OPERATIONS

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PRINCIPAL LINES OF INSURANCE

Prior to being placed in run-off in 1986, Northwestern National conducted a full range of commercial and personal lines of business, including commercial multiple peril, homeowners, worker's compensation, other liability, ocean marine, inland marine, accident and health, farm owners, medical malpractice, and auto liability and physical damage. At present, claims consist principally of accident and health, worker's compensation, and environmental and asbestos liability.

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POLICY CANCELLATION

Under the Liquidation Order and consistent with Wisconsin Statute § 645.43, all in-force insurance policies issued by Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, other than guaranteed renewable A&H policies that will be continued by the guaranty associations, will be terminated at the earliest of the following dates:

- (a) May 17, 2019;
- (b) The normal date for the expiration of coverage; or
- (c) The date the person insured replaces the coverage with equivalent coverage in another insurer.

The Liquidator understands that some states' Guaranty funds' laws may provide that coverage extends for 30 days or more after insolvency. The Liquidator recognizes that this extends Guaranty fund coverage beyond the coverage provided under policies based on the Wisconsin liquidation law. It is important that insureds be advised that Northwestern National's obligations to policyholders under policies continued by the Guaranty Associations terminates no later than the date of the Liquidation Order and that any additional continued coverage by a g Guaranty fund is subject to the guaranty fund limits, restrictions and exclusions under the applicable Guaranty Association law. Further, policyholders should be informed that they are not eligible to submit a claim in the liquidation estate for any claims for that paid by a Guaranty Association.

PROOF OF CLAIM FILING DEADLINE

The Proof of Claim filing deadline has been established as November 2, 2019 A Guaranty Association Proof of Claim form is enclosed or can be accessed on the Wisconsin Office of Commissioner website and must be filed by the bar date for claims of November 2, 2019. The Proof of Claim may be for an unstated amount, since the loss values are unknown. Subsequent quarterly reporting to establish the amount of a Guaranty Association's claim will be expected.

STAY OF ALL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS AGAINST NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL AND ITS INSUREDS

The Liquidation Order <u>did not stay all pending actions</u> and proceedings commenced against Northwestern National and its insureds.

It is the Liquidator's understanding that most, if not all, pending actions and proceedings against Northwestern National and its insureds involve excess coverage.

The Liquidator urges each P&C Guaranty Association to provide notice to defense counsel on covered claims regarding the defense of such claims going forward. The P&C Guaranty Associations may wish to consider seeking a stay in their jurisdiction for any claims they believe would be appropriate for a stay.

Sincerely,

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Amy J. Malm, Special Deputy Liquidator Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin