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<p>DONNA BARONE, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p>	<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CAMDEN COUNTY LAW DIVISION</p> <p>DOCKET NO. CAM-L-2643-20</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY, NON-BINDING APPROVAL TO PROPOSED  
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, APPROVING FORM OF CLASS SETTLEMENT  
NOTICE AND NOTICE DISTRIBUTION PLAN, AND  
SCHEDULING A DATE FOR THE FORMAL PUBLIC FAIRNESS HEARING**

This matter having come before the Court upon a joint motion by plaintiff and defendant under R. 4:32-2(e) for preliminary, non-binding approval of a proposed class action settlement, court approval of a proposed form of class settlement notice and a plan of notice publication and setting a hearing date for the formal public fairness hearing on whether to grant final approval to the proposed class settlement, and the Court having considered the joint motion papers, and for good cause shown;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 5 day of November, 2021 as follows:

- The Court grants preliminary, non-binding approval of the proposed class action Settlement on behalf of a class that was previously certified by the court on January 29, 2021 defined as follows:

**All New Jersey citizens to whom Defendant sent the March 27, 2020 Notice, attached to this Order as Exhibit A, and who incurred doctor co-pays or other unreimbursed medical expenses as a result of seeking advice from their health care providers regarding the conditions described in that notice.**

2. The Court approves the content of the proposed class settlement notice submitted by counsel and the proposed manner of notice distribution. The Court directs that within 30 days of this Order, the class settlement notice shall be sent by first class mail to all persons whom Defendant's records indicate may be class members, at their last known address. In addition, within 30 days of this Order, the class settlement notice shall be posted on Class Counsel's web site.
3. Any objections to the proposed class settlement, post-marked no later than twenty (20) days prior to the Fairness Hearing scheduled in this matter. Pursuant to R. 4:32-2(e)(C), a formal, public fairness hearing on whether to grant final, binding approval to the proposed class action settlement shall be held on Friday, Jan 28, 2022 (suggested date on or after January 21, 2022) at the Camden County Courthouse, Camden, New Jersey \_\_\_\_\_, Courtroom 32 at 9:00am in Zoom
4. Any memoranda of law or other documents in support of final approval of the proposed class settlement, copies of any objections that have been submitted to class counsel or defense counsel, and an affidavit attesting that class notice has been distributed in a manner consistent with this Order, must be submitted to the Court no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing on final approval.
5. In the event that the proposed settlement as provided in the Settlement Agreement is not granted final approval by the Court, then the Settlement Agreement, and all drafts, negotiations, discussions and documentation related thereto and orders entered by the Court in connection

therewith shall become null and void. In such event the Agreement and all negotiations and proceedings related thereto shall be withdrawn without prejudice to the rights of any and all parties thereto, who shall be restored to their respective positions as of the date of the execution of the Agreement.

unopposed

SO ORDERED:



, J.S.C.

**Michael J. Kassel, J.S.C.**

"Reasons set forth On the Record"

Via Zoom, CR.32

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