

CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-23-001549

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, <i>Plaintiff,</i>	§ § § § § § § § §	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS 345th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
v.		
FRIDAY HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY, INC. <i>Defendant.</i>		

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO SPECIAL DEPUTY RECEIVER'S
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FEES AND EXPENSES**

COMES NOW, CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., the Special Deputy Receiver of Friday Health Insurance Company, Inc. ("FHIC"), and files its *Fourth Supplement to the Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* (the "Fourth Supplement").

I. BACKGROUND

1.1. On March 23, 2023, the Court entered an *Agreed Order Appointing Liquidator, Permanent Injunction, and Notice of Automatic Stay* appointing the Texas Commissioner of Insurance as Liquidator of FHIC. Effective March 23, 2023, the Texas Commissioner of Insurance, as Liquidator, appointed CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P. as Special Deputy Receiver of FHIC.

II. JURISDICTION

2.1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Fourth Supplement and of the parties herein pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.005.

III. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

3.1 The SDR is authorized to file this Fourth Supplement pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015, which provides for the approval of the SDR's expenses and compensation by the Court. The subject matter of this Fourth Supplement has been referred to the Special Master appointed in

this proceeding in accordance with the Agreed Order of Reference to Master entered on March 23, 2023.

IV. BASIS FOR APPLICATION

4.1 TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015(c)(1) requires the Receiver, to submit an application for the approval of the terms of compensation of a contractor when the Receiver reasonably expects that the total amount of compensation to be paid over the course of the proceeding will exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), or such another amount established by the Court. In addition, TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015(d) permits the Receiver, at his discretion, to submit an application to approve any compensation, anticipated expenses, or incurred expenses not described by Subsection (c)(1).

4.2 This Court previously approved the SDR's original Application on April 20, 2023, its First Supplement to the Application on January 12, 2024, its Second Supplement to the Application on March 3, 2025, and its Third Supplement to the Application on August 15, 2025. The SDR now files this Fourth Supplement to request approval of proposed fees and expenses of Brandon Murray. Mr. Murray was previously affiliated with approved subcontractor, EMKAY Associates, Inc. ("EMKAY"), providing both claims and IT services to the estate. In mid-October, Mr. Murray separated from EMKAY and went into business on his own. The SDR believes it is in the best interests of the estate for Mr. Murray to continue to provide these services. Mr. Murray's rate as an independent subcontractor will be the same rate as that approved for him with EMKAY. The rates for all other previously approved subcontractors remain unchanged. The rates for compensation for all contractors are shown on **Exhibit A**, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Mr. Murray's rate has been highlighted for ease of reference. The SDR

requests the Court to approve such rates pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §443.015(c)(1) and (d). These rates have been approved by the Receiver in accordance with TEX. INS. CODE § 443.154(a).

4.3 The SDR requests that the Court approve the SDR's Fourth Supplement to the Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses for the individuals and entities identified on the attached **Exhibit A**.

4.4 TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015(g) provides that on a quarterly basis, or as otherwise provided by this Court, the Receiver shall submit to the Court a summary of expenses incurred during the period. The SDR requests the Court to confirm quarterly reporting periods that coincide with the State of Texas fiscal year. The SDR further requests that such reports be filed by the 15th day of the month following the end of the quarterly reporting period.

V. NOTICE

5.1 The SDR has served this Application to all known parties in interest, including all affected guaranty associations, and all individuals and entities identified by the SDR in the Certificate of Service by e-mail and as noted, by mail or overnight delivery to certain government agencies.

VI. OFFER OF PROOF AND VERIFICATION

6.1 This Application is verified by the affidavit and certification pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.017(b) by Susan E. Salch, Partner in CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., Special Deputy Receiver of FHIC.

VII. NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUIREMENT

7.1 All pleadings filed in response to this Application or in regard to this estate shall be served by e-mail on the undersigned counsel and all parties shown in the attached Certificate of Service.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., solely in its capacity as Special Deputy Receiver of FHIC, prays that this Court grant this Application and grant the SDR such other and further relief to which it may justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Friday Health Insurance Company, Inc.**

APPLICANT'S NOTICE OF SUBMISSION

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreed Order of Reference to Master entered by the District Court in this cause, the *Fourth Supplement to Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* is hereby set for written submission before the Special Master, Tom Collins, on **December 8, 2025**.

The Special Master has asked that the following rules be provided you:

1. Any objection must be filed with the Travis County District Clerk at least three (3) calendar days before the submission date.
2. A copy of any objection shall be served by e-mail by such date on:
 - (a) The Special Master's Docket Clerk, at specialmasterclerk@tdi.texas.gov;
 - (b) The undersigned counsel, Greg Pierce at gpierce@gpiercelaw.com; and
 - (c) All interested parties, including those listed on the SDR's Certificate of Service.
3. The objecting party shall coordinate with the SDR's counsel and the Docket Clerk [(512) 676-6915] to obtain an oral hearing setting for argument on the Application and Objection, and complete and attach an "Objecting Party's Notice of Oral Hearing" to the objection.
4. The written objection must specifically list all reasons for objection with supporting references to and discussion of statutory and case authorities. Reasons not stated in writing will not be considered orally.
5. **Please note that if an objection is not filed as described in the Notice of Submission, the Master may consider the Application without a hearing.**
6. **Failure to file timely a written objection before the Special Master constitutes a waiver of the right to object to the Special Master's recommendation to the District Court.**
7. Any Acknowledgment of Notice and Waiver to be filed by the Guaranty Association or other interested party should be filed at least three (3) calendar days before the submission or hearing date.

/s/ Greg Pierce
Gregory A. Pierce

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the *Fourth Supplement to Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* was sent in accordance with TEX. INS. CODE § 443.007(d) on November 20, 2025 to:

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**SPECIAL DEPUTY RECEIVER'S VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO TEX. INS.CODE ANN. §443.017(b)**

AFFIDAVIT OF SUSAN E. SALCH

State of Texas

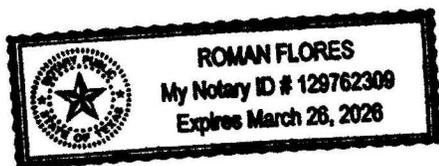
County of Travis

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Susan E. Salch, who after being by me duly sworn, stated the following under oath:

1. "My name is Susan E. Salch. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and am competent to testify to the matters contained in this affidavit.
2. I am a partner in CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., the Special Deputy Receiver of Friday Health Insurance Company, Inc. (the "SDR" and "FHIC" respectively), I am duly authorized to make this Affidavit on behalf of the SDR.
3. I have reviewed the *Fourth Supplement to Special Deputy Receiver's Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* and the facts stated therein are true and correct based on my personal knowledge, my review of estate records and my consultation with the staff and subcontractors.
4. I certify that the exhibits, books, accounts, records, papers, correspondence, and/or other records and documents attached hereto were produced pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.017, are either true and correct copies of records of FHIC and were received from the custody of FHIC or found among its effects, or were created by and filed with the Receiver's office in connection with the receivership of this delinquent company, and are held by the Special Deputy Receiver in its official capacity."

By: 
Susan E. Salch

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on November 20, 2025, by
Susan E. Salch, Special Deputy Receiver of Friday Health Insurance Company, Inc.



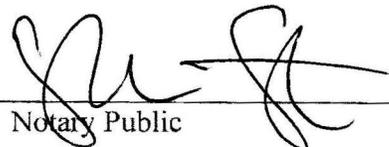

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

FRIDAY HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY
SPECIAL DEPUTY RECEIVER FEE SCHEDULE

CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P.
Special Deputy Receiver

Primary Responsible Person/SDR Administration	\$260.00
SDR Administration	\$260.00
SDR Administration	\$260.00
SDR Administration	\$260.00
SDR Administration	\$200.00
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Receivership Specialist	\$155.00
Receivership Specialist	\$155.00
Law Clerk	\$130.00
Information Technology	\$100.00
Administrative/Clerical	\$ 35.00

Greg Pierce
Legal/Litigation Subcontractor

Attorney/SDR Counsel	\$275.00
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Fuller Law Group
Legal/Litigation Services Subcontractor

Attorney/SDR Counsel	\$275.00
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Fennemore
Legal/Litigation Subcontractor

Director/Attorney	\$910.00
Of Counsel	\$790.00
Director/Attorney	\$775.00
Director/Attorney	\$710.00
Director/Attorney	\$690.00
Director/Attorney(s)	\$650.00
Director/Attorney	\$525.00
Associate	\$420.00
Associate	\$375.00
Associate	\$360.00
Associate(s)	\$340.00-\$500.00
Paralegal(s)	\$250.00-\$340.00



Lewis Brisbois*Legal/Litigation Subcontractor (Delaware)*

Partner	\$750.00
Associate(s)	\$395.00
Associate(s)	\$350.00
Paralegal(s)	\$150.00

Inquest Resources*Legal Support Services Subcontractor**Information Technology/Data Processing Subcontractor*

Partner & Paralegal I	\$ 85.00
Partner & Paralegal/Receivership Specialist I	\$ 85.00
Paralegal II	\$ 70.00
Receivership Specialist II	\$ 55.00
Administrative Assistant	\$ 35.00
Clerical	\$ 30.00

Petrosewicz & Co., Inc.*Accounting and Tax Services Subcontractor*

CPA/Attorney	\$225.00
CPA	\$200.00
Senior Accountant	\$115.00
Senior Accountant	\$115.00
Staff Accountant	\$ 75.00
Clerical	\$ 35.00

EMKAY Associates, Inc.*Claims and IT Services Subcontractor*

Claims Manager and Consultant	\$105.00
Claims Management and IT Consulting	\$105.00
Claims Management and Consulting, Site Management	\$105.00
Claims Management and IT Consulting	\$ 85.00
Clerical	\$ 35.00

Brandon Murray*Claims and IT Services Subcontractor***\$ 105.00****Milford Consulting, L.L.C.***Claims Subcontractor*

Receivership Specialist I, Claims Consultant	\$195.00
Receivership Specialist II, Data Analysis/Reports, Claims Support	\$150.00
Receivership Specialist III, Claims Support	\$130.00
Clerical	\$ 45.00

Jennan Enterprises, LLC

IT and Data Services Subcontractor

Managing Member \$150.00

Culmination Consulting Group, LLC

Reinsurance and Accounting Subcontractor

CEO/Reinsurance Consultant \$250.00

CFO/Reinsurance Consultant \$250.00

Corporate Controller/Accountant \$195.00

Information Systems Director/Database Administrator \$195.00

Staff Accountant \$125.00

Davies (f/k/a/ Merlinos & Associates, Inc.)

Actuarial Consulting Subcontractor

Principal/Actuary \$315.00

Consulting Actuary \$295.00

Actuarial Analyst \$250.00

Clerical \$ 35.00

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ORDER GRANTING FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO SPECIAL DEPUTY RECEIVER’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FEES AND EXPENSES

On this date, the Court heard the *Fourth Supplement to the Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* (the “Application”) filed by CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., Special Deputy Receiver of Friday Health Insurance Company, Inc. (the “SDR” and “FHIC” respectively). The Special Deputy Receiver appeared by and through its counsel.

Having considered the Application, the Court finds as follows:

1. The *Order of Reference to Master* (“Order of Reference”) provides that motions filed pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015 are referred to the Special Master appointed in this proceeding;
 2. Notice of the Application was provided in accordance with TEX. INS. CODE §443.007 (d) and the *Order of Reference to Master*;
 3. No objections to the Application were filed;
 4. The Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association has filed its acknowledgement and waiver;
 5. The Court has jurisdiction over the Application and the parties affected hereunder;
- and
6. The SDR’s Application should be granted in all respects.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. The Application is GRANTED in all respects.
2. The terms of compensation of the Special Deputy Receiver and the contractors listed on Exhibit A to the Application are approved.
3. The anticipated expenses described in the Application are approved.
4. The Special Deputy Receiver shall file with this Court a summary of expenses incurred pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015(g) on a quarterly basis.
5. This order constitutes a final Order fully resolving all issues relating to the Application.

SIGNED: _____, 2025.

JUDGE PRESIDING

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