# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NIZAR S. NAYANI, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC.,
MICHAEL K. LESTER, J. MICHAEL
BRUFF, ROBERT BESSLER, DARREN
BLACK, JEFFREY CRISAN, WILLIAM
MILLER, JEFFREY RHODES, ERIC
SHUEY, KATHERINE WOOD, MORGAN
STANLEY & CO. LLC, GOLDMAN SACHS
& CO. LLC, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES
LLC, JEFFERIES LLC, TPG CAPITAL BD,
LLC, UBS SECURITIES LLC, and WILLIAM
BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR

**CLASS ACTION** 

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

# STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement (the "Stipulation") is made and entered into by and between Nizar S. Nayani ("Lead Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all other members of the Class (defined below), on the one hand, and LifeStance Health Group, Inc. ("LifeStance" or the "Company"), Michael K. Lester, J. Michael Bruff, Robert Bessler, Darren Black, Jeffrey Crisan, William Miller, Jeffrey Rhodes, Eric Shuey, and Katherine Wood (the "Individual Defendants" and, together with LifeStance, the "LifeStance Defendants"), and Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, TPG Capital BD, LLC, UBS Securities LLC, and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with the LifeStance Defendants, "Defendants"), on the other hand ("Lead Plaintiff" and "Defendants," collectively, being the "Parties"), and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action (the "Action").

## WHEREAS:

- A. All words or terms used herein that are capitalized shall have the meanings ascribed to those words or terms herein and in ¶1 hereof entitled "Definitions."
- B. On August 10, 2022, the above-captioned action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").
- C. By Opinion and Order dated November 17, 2022 (ECF 40), the Court (1) appointed Nizar S. Nayani as lead plaintiff, and (2) his chosen counsel, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP as Lead Counsel.

- D. On December 19, 2022, Lead Plaintiff filed the Amended Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the "Complaint") asserting claims against Defendants under Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act. ECF 45.
- E. Prior to filing the Complaint, Lead Plaintiff, through Lead Counsel, conducted a thorough investigation relating to the claims, defenses, and underlying events and transactions that are the subject of the Action. This process included reviewing and analyzing: (i) documents filed publicly by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"); (ii) publicly available information, including press releases, LifeStance earnings call transcripts, news articles, and other public statements issued by or concerning the Company and the Defendants; (iii) research reports issued by financial analysts concerning the Company; (iv) other publicly available information and data concerning the Company; and (v) the applicable law governing the claims and potential defenses.
- F. On January 18, 2023, Defendants filed their motion to dismiss the Complaint. ECF 46-48. On February 17, 2023, Lead Plaintiff filed his memorandum of law in opposition to the motion to dismiss (ECF 49-50), and, on March 6, 2023, Defendants filed their reply memorandum of law. ECF 51. On March 31, 2023, the Court heard oral argument on Defendants' motion to dismiss.
  - G. On April 10, 2023, the Court denied Defendants' motion to dismiss. ECF 52.
- H. On April 17, 2023, the Court entered the Case Management Plan, with a trial ready date of November 16, 2023. ECF 56.
- I. On May 1, 2023, Defendants filed their respective answers to the Complaint. ECF 57-58.
- J. On June 2, 2023, Lead Plaintiff filed his motion for class certification and appointment of class counsel. ECF 62-65. On June 30, 2023, Defendants filed their opposition to

Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification and appointment of class counsel. ECF 67-68. Lead Plaintiff filed his reply memorandum of law in further support of that motion on July 28, 2023. ECF 73-75. On August 24, 2023, the Court heard oral argument on Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification.

- K. On August 7, 2023, the Parties exchanged opening expert reports and, on August 28,2023, the Parties exchanged rebuttal expert reports.
- L. On September 7, 2023, the Court entered an order granting Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification, which order limited the Class to those stockholders who purchased LifeStance common stock in and/or traceable to LifeStance's June 10, 2021 initial public offering no later than November 8, 2021. ECF 80; *see also* ECF 81.
- M. In connection with formal discovery, which commenced in April 2023, Defendants produced documents to Lead Plaintiff totaling more than 779,000 pages, and Lead Plaintiff produced documents totaling more than 2,100 pages to Defendants. Lead Plaintiff also obtained more than 1,700 pages of documents from two different third parties. In total, nearly 800,000 pages of documents were produced by the Parties and third parties in connection with formal discovery.
- N. Defendants took Lead Plaintiff's deposition on June 15, 2023, and Lead Plaintiff took four depositions of LifeStance employees. Lead Plaintiff and the Defendants were preparing for the depositions of additional witnesses at the time the Parties agreed to resolve the Action.
- O. The Parties began exploring the possibility of a settlement in July 2023. Specifically, the Parties agreed to engage in mediation and subsequently retained the Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.) of Phillips ADR to act as mediator in the Action.
- P. On September 13, 2023, Lead Counsel and the LifeStance Defendants' Counsel, among others, participated in a full-day mediation session before the Mediator. In advance of the

mediation, Lead Plaintiff and the LifeStance Defendants submitted detailed mediation statements to the Mediator, together with numerous supporting exhibits, which addressed both liability and damages issues. Lead Plaintiff's damages/loss causation expert conducted an in-depth analysis that was used at mediation to assess potential damage scenarios. After the conclusion of the mediation session, on September 15, 2023, the Parties reached an agreement to settle the Action, which was memorialized in a term sheet executed and finalized on September 27, 2023 (the "Term Sheet"), subject to the execution of a "customary long form" stipulation of settlement and related papers. On the same day, the Parties notified the Court of the Settlement and requested a stay of the Action, which was granted on September 28, 2023.

- Q. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties and supersedes the Term Sheet.
- R. Lead Plaintiff, through Lead Counsel, conducted an extensive investigation into the claims and the underlying events and transactions alleged in the Complaint, including the maximum amount of damages that Lead Counsel believes was potentially recoverable by the Class. Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, and taking into consideration the immediate and significant monetary benefit that members of the Class will receive from the Settlement, weighed against the significant risks of continued litigation and trial, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Settlement, as embodied herein, are fair, reasonable, and adequate to Lead Plaintiff and to the other members of the Class, and in their best interests, and have agreed to settle the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Settlement.
- S. Defendants have denied and continue to deny any wrongdoing or that they have committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of law, including the U.S.

securities laws. Defendants have denied and continue to deny each and every one of the claims alleged by Lead Plaintiff in the Action on behalf of the Class, including all claims asserted in the Complaint. Defendants also have denied, and continue to deny, *inter alia*, the allegations that Lead Plaintiff or members of the Class have suffered damages or were otherwise harmed by the conduct alleged in the Action. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation. Defendants have determined that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Action be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

T. This Stipulation, whether or not consummated, any proceedings relating to any settlement, or any of the terms of any settlement, whether or not consummated, shall in no event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any fact or matter alleged in the Action, or any claim of fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in any claim or defense that has been or could have been asserted. Each Defendant reserves all defenses to any claims that may be filed by anyone, including any individual or entity that has sought, or seeks, exclusion from the Class.

NOW THEREFORE, without any concession by Lead Plaintiff that the Action lacks merit, and without any admission or concession by Defendants of any liability or wrongdoing or lack of merit of their defenses, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among the parties to this Stipulation (the "Parties"), through their respective attorneys, subject to approval by the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), that, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties hereto, all Released Plaintiff's Claims and all Released Defendants' Claims, as against all Released Parties, shall be fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived,

discharged, and dismissed with prejudice, and without costs, upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

## **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. As used in this Stipulation, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below. In the event of any inconsistency between any definition set forth below and any definition in any other document related to the Settlement, the definition set forth below shall control.
- (a) "Action" means the civil action captioned *Nayani v. LifeStance Health Group, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York before the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff.
- (b) "Alternative Judgment" means a form of final judgment that may be entered by the Court but in a form other than the form of Judgment provided for in this Stipulation and where none of the Parties hereto elects to terminate this Settlement by reason of such variance.
- (c) "Authorized Claimant" means a member of the Class who submits a valid Proof of Claim to the Claims Administrator that is accepted for payment.
- (d) "Claims Administrator" means the firm to be retained by Lead Counsel, subject to Court approval, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential members of the Class, to process Proofs of Claim, and to administer the Settlement. Defendants shall have no involvement in the retention of the Claims Administrator or any other claims administrator.
- (e) "Class" means all Persons, other than Defendants and their affiliates, who purchased LifeStance common stock no later than November 8, 2021, in and/or traceable to LifeStance's initial public offering, which took place on or about June 10, 2021 (the "IPO"). Excluded from the Class are Defendants, the officers and directors of LifeStance (at all relevant times), members of their Immediate Families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or

assigns, and any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, *provided*, *however*, that any Investment Vehicle shall not be excluded from the Class. Also excluded from the Class is any Person who timely and validly requests exclusion from the Class.

- (f) "Class Period" means the period from June 10, 2021 through November 8, 2021, inclusive.
- (g) "Defendants' Counsel" means, collectively, LifeStance Defendants' Counsel and Underwriter Defendants' Counsel.
- (h) "Effective Date" means the date upon which the Settlement shall have become effective, as set forth in ¶37 below.
- (i) "Escrow Account" means the separate escrow account designated and controlled by Lead Counsel into which the Settlement Amount shall be deposited and held for the benefit of the Class pursuant to this Stipulation and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court.
- (j) "Escrow Agent" means Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP or its successor(s).
- (k) "Fee and Expense Application" means Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of Litigation Expenses incurred in prosecuting the Action, including any expenses of Lead Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §77z-1(a)(4) of the PSLRA.
- (1) "Final," with respect to a Court order means the later of: (i) if there is an appeal from a Court order, the date of final affirmance on appeal and the expiration of the time for any further judicial review whether by appeal, reconsideration, or a petition for a *writ of certiorari* and, if *certiorari* is granted, the date of final affirmance of the order following review pursuant to the grant; (ii) the date of final dismissal of any appeal from the order or the final dismissal of any proceeding on *certiorari* to review the order; or (iii) the expiration of the time for the filing or

noticing of any appeal or petition for *certiorari* from the order (or, if the date for taking an appeal or seeking review of the order, shall be extended beyond this time by order of the issuing court, by operation of law or otherwise, or if such extension is requested, the date of expiration of any extension if any appeal or review is not sought), without any such filing or noticing being made. However, any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, or to the Court's award of attorneys' fees or expenses, shall not in any way delay or affect the time set forth above for the Judgment or Alternative Judgment to become Final or otherwise preclude the Judgment or Alternative Judgment from becoming Final.

- (m) "Investment Vehicle" means any investment company or pooled investment fund, including, but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange traded funds, fund of funds and hedge funds, in which any Underwriter Defendant has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which its affiliates may act as an investment advisor, but in which any Underwriter Defendant alone or together with its, his, or her respective affiliates is not a majority owner or does not hold a majority beneficial interest.
- (n) "Immediate Family(ies)" means, as set forth in 17 C.F.R. §229.404, children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, Spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. "Spouse" as used in this definition means a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic partnership, civil union, or marriage.
- (o) "Judgment" means the proposed judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.
  - (p) "Lead Counsel" means Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP.
  - (q) "LifeStance Defendants' Counsel" means the law firm of Ropes & Gray LLP.

- (r) "Litigation Expenses" means costs and expenses incurred by Lead Counsel in connection with commencing, prosecuting, and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Lead Plaintiff directly related to his representation of the Class pursuant to the PSLRA), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for payment from the Settlement Fund.
  - (s) "Mediator" means Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.).
- (t) "Net Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Fund less: (i) Court-awarded attorneys' fees and expenses; (ii) Notice and Administration Expenses; (iii) Taxes; and (iv) any other fees or expenses approved by the Court.
- (u) "Notice" means the Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses to be sent to potential members of the Class, which, subject to approval of the Court, shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 hereto.
- (v) "Notice and Administration Expenses" means all costs, fees, and expenses incurred in connection with providing notice to the Class and the administration of the Settlement, including but not limited to: (i) providing notice of the proposed Settlement by mail, publication, and other means to potential members of the Class; (ii) receiving and reviewing claims; (iii) applying the Plan of Allocation; (iv) communicating with Persons regarding the proposed Settlement and claims administration process; (v) distributing the proceeds of the Settlement; and (vi) fees related to the Escrow Account and investment of the Settlement Fund.
- (w) "Person(s)" means any individual, corporation (including all divisions and subsidiaries), general or limited partnership, association, joint stock company, joint venture, limited liability company, professional corporation, estate, legal representative, trust, trustee, unincorporated

association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any other business or legal entity.

- (x) "Plan of Allocation" means the proposed Plan of Allocation of Net Settlement Fund, which, subject to the approval of the Court, shall be substantially in the form described in the Notice.
- (y) "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Approving Form and Manner of Notice, and Setting Date for Hearing on Final Approval of Settlement, which, subject to the approval of the Court, shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- (z) "Proof of Claim" or "Claim Form" means the Proof of Claim and Release Form for submitting a claim, which, subject to approval of the Court, shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-2 hereto, and which a claimant must complete and submit should that claimant seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.
- (aa) "Released Defendant Parties" means Defendants, Defendants' respective former or current, direct or indirect parents, affiliates, controlling Persons, officers, directors, stockholders, employees, agents, fiduciaries, predecessors, successors, trusts, trustees, trust beneficiaries, Immediate Families, heirs, executors, estates, administrators, assigns, beneficiaries, distributees, foundations, joint ventures, general or limited partners, members, managers, managing members, attorneys, heirs, assigns, insurers, reinsurers, advisors (including without limitation financial and investment advisors), consultants, other affiliated Persons, representatives, and insurers.
- (bb) "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims and causes of action of any nature and description, including both known claims and Unknown Claims (as defined below),

whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, that Defendants could have asserted against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims in the Action, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any Person who submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

- (cc) "Released Parties" means the Released Defendant Parties and the Released Plaintiff Parties.
- (dd) "Released Plaintiff's Claims" means any and all claims (including Unknown Claims), demands, losses, costs, interest, penalties, fees, attorneys' fees, expenses, rights, causes of action, actions, duties, obligations, judgments, debts, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, promises, damages, and liabilities of every nature and description, whether direct or indirect, representative, class, individual, asserted or unasserted, matured or unmatured, accrued or unaccrued, foreseen or unforeseen, disclosed or undisclosed, contingent or fixed or vested, at law or equity, whether arising under federal, state, local, foreign, statutory, common, administrative, or any other law, statute, rule or regulation, that (i) arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way to any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, statements, representations, misrepresentations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in this Action or the Complaint, or which could have been alleged in, referred to or made part of this Action, the Complaint, or asserted in any other forum; and (ii) arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way to the purchase, acquisition, holding, sale, or disposition of LifeStance common stock purchased in and/or traceable to LifeStance's IPO on or before November 8, 2021. Released Plaintiff's Claims also include any and all claims (including Unknown Claims) arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Settlement or resolution of the Action. For the avoidance of doubt, Released

Plaintiff's Claims do not include: (i) claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; or (ii) any claims of Persons who submit a timely and valid request for exclusion from the Class that is accepted by the Court.

- (ee) "Released Plaintiff Parties" means each and every Class Member, Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, and each of their respective past or present trustees, officers, directors, partners, employees, affiliates, contractors, principals, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, parents, subsidiaries, general or limited partners or partnerships, and limited liability companies; and the Spouses, members of the Immediate Families, representatives, and heirs of any Released Plaintiff Party who is an individual, as well as any trust of which any Released Plaintiff Parties does not include any Person who timely and validly submits a request for exclusion from the Class that is accepted by the Court.
- (ff) "Settlement" means the resolution of the Action in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Stipulation.
- (gg) "Settlement Amount" means the total principal amount of fifty million U.S. dollars (\$50,000,000) in cash.
- (hh) "Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Amount and any interest earned thereon.
- (ii) "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing to be held by the Court to determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved.
  - (jj) "Stipulation" means this Stipulation of Settlement.

- (kk) "Summary Notice" means the Summary Notice of Pendency of Class Action,
  Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses for publication, which, subject
  to approval of the Court, shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-3 hereto.
- (II) "Taxes" means all federal, state, or local taxes of any kind on any income earned by the Settlement Fund and the expenses and costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, interest, penalties and the reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants).
- (mm) "Underwriter Defendants' Counsel" means the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.
- (nn) "Unknown Claims" means any and all Released Plaintiff's Claims that Lead Plaintiff or any other Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, and any and all Released Defendants' Claims that any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Plaintiff Parties, which if known by him, her, or it might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including the decision to object to the terms of the Settlement or to exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Class. With respect to any and all Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, and each other Class Member shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment shall have, to the fullest extent permitted by law, expressly waived and relinquished any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or foreign law, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Lead Plaintiff, other members of the Class, or Defendants may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which any of them now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Plaintiff's Claims and the Released Defendants' Claims, but Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Class Member shall be deemed to have settled and released, and upon the Effective Date and by operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment shall have settled and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims as applicable, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and other members of the Class by operation of law shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

## SCOPE AND EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT

- 2. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation are: (i) subject to approval by the Court and the Judgment, or Alternative Judgment, reflecting such approval becoming Final; and (ii) in full and final disposition of the Action with respect to the Released Parties and any and all Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims.
- 3. By operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment, without further action by anyone, as of the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and each and every other Class Member, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors,

successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every one of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against each and every one of the Released Defendant Parties and shall forever be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties.

4. By operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment, without further action by anyone, as of the Effective Date, the Released Defendant Parties, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every one of the Released Defendants' Claims against each and every one of the Released Plaintiff Parties and shall forever be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any and all of the Released Plaintiff Parties.

## THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION

5. In full and complete settlement of the claims asserted in the Action against Defendants and in consideration of the releases specified in ¶¶3-4, above, all of which the Parties agree are good and valuable consideration, LifeStance shall pay, or cause to be paid, the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account, by check or wire, in two tranches: (i) 50% of the Settlement Amount (\$25,000,000) will be paid within 30 days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order; and (ii) 50% of the Settlement Amount (\$25,000,000) will be paid within 30 days of the Settlement receiving final approval from the Court, in accordance with payment instructions provided to

Defendants' Counsel by Lead Counsel. No other Defendant shall pay, or be liable to pay, any part of the Settlement Amount.

- 6. With the sole exceptions of LifeStance's obligation to pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account as provided for in ¶5, LifeStance's obligation pursuant to ¶20, and LifeStance's obligation pursuant to ¶35, Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission, or determination by Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the Settlement or otherwise; (ii) the management, investment, or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the Plan of Allocation; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any loss suffered by, or fluctuation in value of, the Settlement Fund; or (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes, expenses, and/or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund, distributions, or other payments from the Escrow Account, or the filing of any federal, state, or local returns.
- 7. Other than the obligation of LifeStance to cause the payment of the Settlement Amount pursuant to ¶5, Defendants shall have no obligation to make any other payments into the Escrow Account or to any Class Member pursuant to this Stipulation.

# USE AND TAX TREATMENT OF SETTLEMENT FUND

8. The Settlement Fund shall be used: (i) to pay any Taxes; (ii) to pay Notice and Administration Expenses; (iii) to pay any attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court; (iv) to pay any other fees and expenses awarded by the Court; and (v) to pay the claims of Authorized Claimants.

- 9. The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶21-33 hereof. All funds held in the Escrow Account, and all earnings thereon, shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall have been disbursed or returned, pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, and/or further order of the Court. The Escrow Agent shall invest funds in the Escrow Account in instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or an agency thereof, or in money funds holding only instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof, and shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to investment decisions executed by the Escrow Agent. All risks related to the investment of the Settlement Fund shall be borne solely by the Settlement Fund.
- 10. After the Settlement Amount has been paid into the Escrow Account, the Parties agree to treat the Settlement Fund as a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. §1.468B-1. All provisions of this Stipulation shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Settlement Amount being a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. §1.468B-1. In addition, Lead Counsel shall timely make, or cause to be made, such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this paragraph 10, including the "relation-back election" (as defined in Treas. Reg. §1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such election shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of Lead Counsel to timely and properly prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and

thereafter take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to cause the appropriate filing(s) to timely occur. Consistent with the foregoing:

- (a) For the purposes of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treas. Reg. §1.468B promulgated thereunder, the "administrator" shall be Lead Counsel or its successors, who shall timely and properly file, or cause to be filed, all federal, state, or local tax returns and information returns (together, "Tax Returns") necessary or advisable with respect to the earnings on the funds deposited in the Escrow Account (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treas. Reg. §1.468B-2(k)). Such Tax Returns (as well as the election described above) shall be consistent with this subparagraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated taxes, earnings, or penalties) on the income earned on the funds deposited in the Escrow Account shall be paid out of such funds as provided in subparagraph (c) of this paragraph 10.
- (b) All Taxes shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund. In all events, Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for the Taxes or the filing of any Tax Return or other document with the Internal Revenue Service or any other state or local taxing authority. Defendants shall have no liability or responsibility for the Taxes of the Escrow Account with respect to the Settlement Amount nor the filing of any Tax Returns or other documents with the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority. In the event any Taxes are owed by any of the Defendants on any earnings on the funds on deposit in the Escrow Account, such amounts shall also be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- (c) Taxes with respect to the Settlement Amount and the Escrow Account shall be treated as, and considered to be, a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid, or caused to be paid, by Lead Counsel out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court

or approval by Defendants. Lead Counsel shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Authorized Claimants any funds necessary to pay such amounts (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treas. Reg. §1.468B-2(l)(2)). The Parties agree to cooperate with each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary, to carry out the provisions of this paragraph 10.

11. This is not a claims-made settlement. As of the Effective Date, Defendants, and/or any other Person funding the Settlement on a Defendant's behalf, shall not have any right to the return of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof for any reason.

# ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

- 12. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award from the Settlement Fund of attorneys' fees and payment of Litigation Expenses incurred in prosecuting the Action, including reimbursement to Lead Plaintiff pursuant to the PSLRA, plus earnings on such amounts at the same rate and for the same periods as earned by the Settlement Fund.
- 13. The amount of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court is within the sole discretion of the Court. Any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court shall be payable from the Settlement Fund to Lead Counsel immediately after entry of the order awarding such attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and entry of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment, as ordered by the Court, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto or to the Settlement, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Fee and Expense Application, the Settlement, or any part thereof.
- 14. Any payment of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses pursuant to ¶¶12-13 above shall be subject to Lead Counsel's obligation to make refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund of any paid amounts, plus accrued earnings at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund,

if the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation or fails to become effective for any reason, or if, as a result of any appeal or further proceedings on remand or successful collateral attack, the award of attorneys' fees and/or expenses is reduced or reversed by Final non-appealable court order. Lead Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than fifteen (15) business days after receiving notice of the termination of the Settlement pursuant to this Stipulation, notice from a court of appropriate jurisdiction of the disapproval of the Settlement by Final non-appealable court order, or notice of any reduction or reversal of the award of attorneys' fees and/or expenses by Final non-appealable court order. Lead Counsel, as a condition of receiving any such award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, agree that they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of enforcing the provisions of this paragraph and ¶12-13 above.

- 15. With the sole exception of LifeStance's obligation to pay the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account as provided for in ¶5, Defendants shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any payment whatsoever to Lead Counsel in the Action that may occur at any time.
- 16. Defendants shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any allocation of any attorneys' fees or expenses in the Action, or to any other Person who may assert some claim thereto, or any fee or expense awards the Court may make in the Action.
- 17. Defendants shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any attorneys' fees, costs, or expenses incurred by or on behalf of members of the Class, whether or not paid from the Escrow Account. The Settlement Fund will be the sole source of payment from Defendants for any award of attorneys' fees and expenses ordered by the Court.

Expense Application are not part of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and are separate from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation, and any order or proceeding relating to any Fee and Expense Application, including an award of attorneys' fees or expenses in an amount less than the amount requested by Lead Counsel, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to terminate or cancel the Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment approving the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth herein. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Stipulation or the Settlement in accordance with ¶39 or otherwise based on the Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to fees and expenses in the Action.

## NOTICE AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

- 19. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Settlement Fund shall be held in the Escrow Account until the Effective Date.
- 20. Prior to the Effective Date, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, Lead Counsel may expend up to \$350,000.00 from the Settlement Fund to pay Notice and Administration Expenses actually incurred. Additional sums for this purpose prior to the Effective Date may be paid from the Settlement Fund upon agreement of the Parties or order of the Court. Taxes and fees related to the Escrow Account and investment of the Settlement Fund may be paid as incurred, without further approval of Defendants or further order of the Court. LifeStance shall be responsible for providing any required notice under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA Notice"), if any, at their own expense. No other Defendant shall be responsible for paying any costs associated with the CAFA Notice.

#### DISTRIBUTION TO AUTHORIZED CLAIMANTS

- 21. The Claims Administrator, subject to such supervision and direction of Lead Counsel and/or the Court as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, shall administer the Settlement in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation, the Court-approved Plan of Allocation, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. None of the Released Defendant Parties shall have responsibility (except as stated in ¶¶5 and 35 hereof) for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the administration of the Settlement or the actions or decisions of the Claims Administrator, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any Person, including, but not limited to, Lead Plaintiff, any member of the Class, and Lead Counsel in connection with such administration.
- 22. The Claims Administrator shall receive claims and determine, *inter alia*, whether the claim is valid, in whole or part, and each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's recognized loss, as defined in the Plan of Allocation included in the Notice, or in such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve.
- 23. Defendants have no role in the development of, and will take no position with respect to, the Plan of Allocation. Any decision by the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation shall not affect the validity or finality of the proposed Settlement. The Plan of Allocation is not a necessary term of the Settlement or this Stipulation and it is not a condition of the Settlement or this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Stipulation or the Settlement in accordance with ¶38 or otherwise based on the Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any plan of allocation in the Action. Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility or liability for reviewing or challenging claims, the allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, or the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

- 24. Upon the Effective Date and thereafter, and in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, or such further approval and further order(s) of the Court as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants.
- 25. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise) after at least six (6) months from the date of initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator shall, if feasible and economical after payment of Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, if any, redistribute such balance among Authorized Claimants who have cashed their checks in an equitable and economic fashion. Once it is no longer feasible or economical to make further distributions, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund after re-distribution(s) and after payment of outstanding Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and attorneys' fees and expenses, if any, shall be contributed to the Investor Protection Trust, or such other private, nonprofit, non-sectarian 501(c)(3) organization approved by the Court.

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE SETTLEMENT

26. Any Class Member who fails to timely submit a valid Claim Form (substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto) will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, except as otherwise ordered by the Court or allowed by Lead Counsel in their discretion, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment to be entered in the Action and all releases provided for herein, and will be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties.

- 27. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for supervising the administration of the Settlement and disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund by the Claims Administrator. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to advise the Claims Administrator to waive what Lead Counsel deems to be *de minimis* or formal or technical defects in any Proof of Claim submitted. The Released Defendant Parties shall have no liability, obligation or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, or the reviewing or challenging of claims. Lead Counsel shall be solely responsible for designating the Claims Administrator, subject to approval by the Court.
- 28. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Class Member shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:
- (a) Each claimant shall be required to submit a Claim Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2, supported by such documents as are designated therein, including proof of the claimant's loss, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel, in their discretion, may deem acceptable;
- (b) All Claim Forms must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice and Summary Notice, unless such deadline is extended by Lead Counsel in their discretion or by order of the Court. Any Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form by such date shall be barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to this Stipulation (unless, by order of the Court or the discretion of Lead Counsel, late-filed Claim Forms are accepted), but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment and all releases provided for herein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or

maintaining any and all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties. A Claim Form shall be deemed to be submitted when mailed, if received with a postmark on the envelope and if mailed by first-class or overnight U.S. Mail and addressed in accordance with the instructions thereon. In all other cases, the Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator;

- (c) Each Claim Form shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator, under the supervision of Lead Counsel, which shall determine in accordance with this Stipulation the extent, if any, to which each claim shall be allowed;
- Claim Forms that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Claim Form in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the claimant in writing to give the claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim Form submitted. The Claims Administrator, under supervision of Lead Counsel, shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all claimants whose claims the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part for curable deficiencies, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the claimant whose claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Court if the claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of subparagraph (e) below; and
- (e) If any claimant whose timely claim has been rejected in whole or in part for curable deficiency desires to contest such rejection, the claimant must, within twenty (20) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above, or a lesser period of time if the claim was untimely, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.

- 29. Each claimant who submits a Claim Form shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claimant's claim, including, but not limited to, all releases provided for herein and in the Judgment or Alternative Judgment, and the claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to the claimant's status as a Class Member and the validity and amount of the claimant's claim. In connection with processing the Claim Forms, no discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or the Settlement.
- 30. Payment pursuant to the Stipulation and Court-approved Plan of Allocation shall be deemed final and conclusive against any and all claimants. All members of the Class whose claims are not approved shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment to be entered in the Action and the releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties.
- 31. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing, and determination of claims described by this Stipulation and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, but shall not in any event delay or affect the finality of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment.
- 32. No Person shall have any claim of any kind against the Released Defendant Parties or Defendants' Counsel with respect to the matters set forth in this section (*i.e.*,  $\P$ 26-33) or any of its

subsections, or otherwise related in any way to the administration of the Settlement, including, without limitation, the processing of claims and distributions.

33. No Person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator, or other agent designated by Lead Counsel, based on the distributions made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the Settlement contained herein, the Plan of Allocation, or further order(s) of the Court.

# TERMS OF THE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER

- 34. Concurrently with its application for preliminary approval by the Court of the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation and promptly upon execution of this Stipulation, Lead Counsel shall apply to the Court for entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, which shall be substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A. The Preliminary Approval Order will, *inter alia*, preliminarily approve the Settlement, set the date for the Settlement Hearing, approve the form of notice, and prescribe the method for giving notice of the Settlement to the Class.
- 35. LifeStance, to the extent it has not already done so, shall use its best efforts to obtain and provide to Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator, at no cost to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator, within seven (7) calendar days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, records from LifeStance's transfer agents in electronic searchable form, to the extent readily available, showing the names and addresses of registered stockholders who or which purchased or otherwise acquired LifeStance common stock during the Class Period.

# TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT

36. If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Lead Counsel and Defendants shall jointly request that the Court enter a Judgment substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF SETTLEMENT

- 37. The Effective Date of this Settlement shall be the first business day on which all of the following shall have occurred or been waived:
- (a) entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, which shall be in all material respects substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A annexed hereto;
  - (b) payment of the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account pursuant to ¶5;
- (c) approval by the Court of the Settlement, following notice to the Class and the Settlement Hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and
- (d) a Judgment, which shall be in all material respects substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B annexed hereto, has been entered by the Court and has become Final; or in the event that an Alternative Judgment has been entered, the Alternative Judgment has become Final.

# WAIVER OR TERMINATION

38. Defendants and Lead Plaintiff shall have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice"), through counsel, to all other Parties hereto within thirty (30) calendar days of: (i) the Court's Final refusal to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (ii) the Court's Final refusal to approve this Stipulation or any material part thereof; (iii) the Court's Final refusal to enter (a) the Judgment in any material respect or (b) an Alternative Judgment; or (iv) the date upon which the Judgment or Alternative Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by a Final order of the Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, or the Supreme Court of the United States. For the avoidance of doubt, Lead Plaintiff shall not have the right to terminate the Settlement due to any decision, ruling, or order respecting the Fee and Expense Application, the Plan of Allocation, or any other plan of allocation. For the further avoidance of doubt, Defendants shall

deem any decision, ruling, or order that purports to limit the scope of the Released Plaintiff's Claims, the Released Plaintiff Parties, the Released Defendant Parties, or the Released Defendants' Claims to constitute a material change for purposes of the foregoing.

- 39. In addition to the foregoing, LifeStance shall also have the right to terminate the Settlement in the event the Opt-Out Threshold (defined below) has been reached.
- (a) Simultaneously herewith, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants are executing a confidential Supplemental Agreement ("Supplemental Agreement"). The Supplemental Agreement sets forth certain conditions under which LifeStance shall have the sole option to terminate the Settlement and render this Stipulation null and void in the event that requests for exclusion from the Class exceed certain agreed-upon criteria (the "Opt-Out Threshold"). The Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of the Supplemental Agreement, which shall not be filed with the Court unless a dispute arises as to its terms, or as otherwise ordered by the Court. If submission of the Supplemental Agreement is required for resolution of a dispute or is otherwise ordered by the Court, the Parties will undertake to have the Opt-Out Threshold submitted to the Court *in camera* or under seal. In the event of a termination of this Settlement pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement, this Stipulation shall become null and void and of no further force and effect, with the exception of the provisions of ¶44-46, which shall continue to apply.
- 40. The Preliminary Approval Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall provide that requests for exclusion shall be received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing. Upon receiving any request for exclusion pursuant to the Notice, Lead Counsel shall promptly, and in any event no later than two (2) calendar days after receiving a request for exclusion or fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, whichever is earlier, notify

Defendants' Counsel of such request for exclusion and provide copies of such request for exclusion and any documentation accompanying it by email.

- 41. In addition to all of the rights and remedies that Lead Plaintiff has under the terms of this Stipulation, Lead Plaintiff shall also have the right to terminate the Settlement in the event that the Settlement Amount has not been deposited into the Escrow Account according to the schedule provided for in ¶5 above, if Lead Plaintiff provides written notice of its election to terminate to all other Parties and, thereafter, there is a failure to deposit the Settlement Amount set forth in paragraph ¶5 into the Escrow Account within fourteen (14) calendar days of such written notice.
- 42. If, before the Settlement becomes Final, any Defendant files for protection under the Bankruptcy Code or any similar law or a trustee, receiver, conservator, or other fiduciary is appointed under Bankruptcy, or any similar law, and in the event of the entry of a Final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money or any portion thereof to the Settlement Fund by or on behalf of such Defendant to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer, or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited into the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Lead Plaintiff, the Parties shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the release given and the Judgment or Alternative Judgment entered in favor of that Defendant and that Defendant and Lead Plaintiff and the members of the Class shall be restored to their litigation positions as of September 27, 2023. All releases and the Judgment or Alternative Judgment as to other Defendants shall remain unaffected.
- (a) LifeStance warrants, as to the payments it makes as to itself and the payments made on Defendants' behalf, pursuant to this Stipulation, that, at the time of such payment, it will not be insolvent, nor will payment render it insolvent, within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including Sections 101 and 547 thereof.

- 43. If an option to withdraw from and terminate this Stipulation and Settlement arises under any of ¶¶38-42 above: (i) neither Defendants nor Lead Plaintiff (as the case may be) will be required for any reason or under any circumstance to exercise that option; and (ii) any exercise of that option shall be made in good faith, but in the sole and unfettered discretion of Defendants or Lead Plaintiff, as applicable.
- 44. With the exception of the provisions of ¶¶44-46 which shall continue to apply, in the event the Settlement is terminated as set forth herein or cannot become effective for any reason, then the Settlement shall be without prejudice, and none of its terms shall be effective or enforceable except as specifically provided herein; the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective litigation positions in the Action as of September 27, 2023; and, except as specifically provided herein, the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Stipulation and any related order had not been entered. In such event, this Stipulation, and any aspect of the discussions or negotiations leading to this Stipulation shall not be admissible in this Action or any other action and shall not be used against or to the prejudice of Defendants or against or to the prejudice of Lead Plaintiff, in any court filing, deposition, at trial, or otherwise.
- 45. In the event the Settlement is terminated, as provided herein, or fails to become effective, any portion of the Settlement Amount previously paid into the Escrow Account, together with any earnings thereon, less any Taxes paid or due, less Notice and Administration Expenses actually incurred and paid or payable from the Settlement Amount, shall be returned to those who funded the Settlement Amount within ten (10) business days after written notification of such event in accordance with instructions provided by the LifeStance Defendants' Counsel to Lead Counsel. Lead Counsel or its designees shall apply for any Tax refund owed on the amounts in the Escrow Account and pay the proceeds, after any deduction of any fees or expenses incurred in connection

with such application(s), of such refund to those who funded the Settlement or as otherwise directed by Defendants.

## NO ADMISSION

- 46. Except as set forth in ¶47 below, this Stipulation, whether or not consummated, and whether or not approved by the Court, and any discussion, negotiation, proceeding, or agreement relating to the Stipulation, the Settlement, and any matter arising in connection with settlement discussions or negotiations, proceedings, or agreements, shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of the Parties or their respective counsel, for any purpose other than in an action to enforce the terms hereof, and in particular:
- (a) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Released Defendant Parties with respect to the truth of any allegation by Lead Plaintiff or the Class, or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any litigation, including, but not limited to, the Released Plaintiff's Claims, or of any liability, damages, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any of the Released Defendant Parties or any Person or entity whatsoever;
- (b) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any fault, misrepresentation, or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by Defendants, or against or to the prejudice of Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Class as evidence of any infirmity in the claims of Lead Plaintiff, or the other members of the Class;

- (c) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties, Lead Plaintiff, any other member of the Class, or their respective counsel, as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, damages, negligence, fault, infirmity, or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties, Lead Plaintiff, other members of the Class, or their respective counsel, in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation;
- (d) do not constitute, and shall not be construed against any of the Released Defendant Parties, Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Class, as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount that could be or would have been recovered after trial; and
- (e) do not constitute, and shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission, concession, or presumption against Lead Plaintiff or any other member of the Class that any of their claims are without merit or infirm or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount.
- 47. Notwithstanding ¶46 above, the Parties, and their respective counsel, may file this Stipulation and/or the Judgment or Alternative Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, statute of limitations, statute of repose, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim, or to effectuate any liability protection granted them under any applicable insurance policy. The Parties may file this Stipulation and/or the Judgment or Alternative Judgment in any action that may

be brought to enforce the terms of this Stipulation and/or the Judgment or Alternative Judgment. All Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the Settlement.

# **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 48. All of the exhibits to the Stipulation (except the Plan of Allocation as reflected in the Notice) and the Supplemental Agreement are material and integral parts hereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
- 49. The Parties intend this Stipulation and the Settlement to be the full, final, and complete resolution of all claims asserted or that could have been asserted by the Parties with respect to the Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims. Accordingly, the Parties agree not to assert in any forum that the Action was brought, prosecuted, or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Parties and their respective counsel agree that each has complied fully with Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the maintenance, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action and shall not make any application for sanctions, pursuant to Rule 11 or other court rule or statute, with respect to any claim or defense in this Action. The Judgment and/or Alternative Judgement shall contain a finding that during the course of the Action, the Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11. The Parties agree that the amount paid and the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated at arm's-length and in good faith by the Parties and their respective counsel, including through a mediation process, and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily based upon adequate information and after consultation with experienced legal counsel, who were fully competent to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their respective clients' claims or defenses.

- 50. This Stipulation, along with its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed on behalf of both Lead Plaintiff and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest) by counsel for the Parties hereto, or their successors, that are materially and adversely affected by the modification, amendment, or waiver.
- 51. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.
- 52. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders providing for awards of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and implementing and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation.
- 53. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.
- 54. This Stipulation, its exhibits, and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among the Parties concerning the Settlement as against the Defendants, and no representation, warranty, or inducement has been made by any Party concerning this Stipulation and its exhibits other than those contained and memorialized in such documents.
- 55. Nothing in the Stipulation, or the negotiations relating thereto, is intended to or shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege or immunity, including, without limitation, attorney-client privilege, joint defense privilege, or work product protection.
- 56. Without further order of the Court, but subject to any deadlines that the Court may order in connection with the Settlement approval process, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of this Stipulation.

- 57. All designations and agreements made, or orders entered during the course of the Action relating to the confidentiality of documents or information shall survive this Stipulation.
- 58. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Signatures sent by facsimile or via e-mail in pdf format shall be deemed originals.
- 59. This Stipulation shall be binding when signed, but the Settlement shall be effective upon the entry of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment and the payment in full of the Settlement Amount, subject only to the condition that the Effective Date will have occurred.
- 60. This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 61. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect, and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement, and all documents necessary to effectuate the Settlement, shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.
- 62. This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations among the Parties, and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.
- 63. All counsel and any other Person executing this Stipulation and any of the exhibits hereto, or any related Settlement document, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so, and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

- 64. The Parties and their respective counsel agree to cooperate fully with one another in promptly applying for preliminary approval by the Court of the Settlement and for the scheduling of a hearing for consideration of Final approval of the Settlement and Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application, and to agree promptly upon and execute all such other documentation as reasonably may be required to obtain Final approval by the Court of the Settlement.
- 65. If any disputes arise out of the finalization of the Settlement documentation or the Settlement itself prior to joint submission to the Court of the application for preliminary approval of the Settlement as set forth in ¶34 above, those disputes (after good faith attempts at resolution between the Parties) will be resolved by the Mediator first by way of expedited telephonic mediation and, if unsuccessful, then by final, binding, non-appealable resolution by the Mediator.
- 66. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs in connection with the Settlement.
- 67. To the extent they choose to do so, Defendants shall determine the form of the CAFA Notice to be provided and identify those who will receive the CAFA Notice. LifeStance shall be responsible for mailing the CAFA Notice and for all expenses and costs related thereto.
- 68. Whether or not the Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the Stipulation is consummated, the Parties and their counsel shall keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, drafts, and proceedings in connection with negotiating the Stipulation confidential, except that the Parties may disclose such information to auditors, agents, advisors, regulators, or insurance carriers who are subject to confidentiality obligations, or as otherwise required by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that this Stipulation may be filed publicly via ECF as part of any motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement.

- 69. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual members of the Class is being given or will be given by the Parties to the Settlement or their counsel; nor is any representation or warranty in this regard made by virtue of this Stipulation. Each member of the Class' tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of each member of the Class, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual member of the Class.
- 70. If any Party is required to give notice to another Party under this Stipulation, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of hand delivery or facsimile or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt. Such notice shall be provided as follows:

If to Lead Plaintiff or Lead Counsel: Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Attn: Michael G. Capeci

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Counsel to the Underwriter Defendants

71. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel represent and warrant that none of Lead Plaintiff's claims or causes of action referred to in the Complaint in this Action or this Stipulation have been assigned, encumbered, or in any manner transferred in whole or in part.

72. The Parties further understand and agree that Defendants deny all of the Class and Lead Plaintiff's claims and material allegations asserted in this Action; and that the Parties shall, in good faith, communicate the terms of the Settlement in a manner that is consistent with the fact that no adjudication of fault was made by any court or jury.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, on October 13, 2023.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NIZAR S. NAYANI, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC.,
MICHAEL K. LESTER, J. MICHAEL
BRUFF, ROBERT BESSLER, DARREN
BLACK, JEFFREY CRISAN, WILLIAM
MILLER, JEFFREY RHODES, ERIC
SHUEY, KATHERINE WOOD, MORGAN
STANLEY & CO. LLC, GOLDMAN SACHS
& CO. LLC, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES
LLC, JEFFERIES LLC, TPG CAPITAL BD,
LLC, UBS SECURITIES LLC, and WILLIAM
BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR

# **CLASS ACTION**

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT, APPROVING
FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE, AND
SETTING DATE FOR HEARING ON
FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### WHEREAS:

A. On October 13, 2023, Nizar S. Nayani ("Lead Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all other members of the Class, on the one hand, and LifeStance Health Group, Inc. ("LifeStance" or the "Company"), Michael K. Lester, J. Michael Bruff, Robert Bessler, Darren Black, Jeffrey Crisan, William Miller, Jeffrey Rhodes, Eric Shuey, and Katherine Wood (the "Individual Defendants" and, together with LifeStance, the "LifeStance Defendants"), and Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, TPG Capital BD, LLC, UBS Securities LLC, and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with the LifeStance Defendants, "Defendants"), on the other hand, entered into a Stipulation of Settlement (the "Stipulation") in the above-captioned litigation (the "Action"), which is subject to review under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and which, together with the exhibits thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement of the Action and the claims alleged in Lead Plaintiff's Amended Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws, filed on December 19, 2022, on the merits and with prejudice (the "Settlement");

- B. The Court has reviewed and considered the Stipulation and the accompanying exhibits;
  - C. The Parties to the Stipulation have consented to the entry of this Order; and
- D. All capitalized terms used in this Order that are not otherwise defined herein have the meanings defined in the Stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this	day of _	,
that:		

1. The Court has reviewed the Stipulation and preliminarily finds, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(1), that the Court will likely be able to approve the proposed

Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2), subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing described below.

- (a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court;
- (b) to determine whether the proposed Final Order and Judgment ("Judgment") as provided under the Stipulation should be entered, and to determine whether the release by the Class of the Released Plaintiff's Claims, as set forth in the Stipulation, should be provided to the Released Defendant Parties;
- (c) to determine whether the release by the Released Defendant Parties of the Released Defendants' Claims, as set forth in the Stipulation, should be provided to the Released Plaintiff Parties;
- (d) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;
- (e) to consider Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses (which may include an application for an award to Lead Plaintiff for reimbursement of his reasonable costs and expenses directly related to his representation of the Class, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA")); and
  - (f) to rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.
- 3. The Court reserves the right to approve the Settlement with or without modification and with or without further notice to the Class of any kind. The Court further reserves the right to

enter the Judgment approving the Settlement regardless of whether it has approved the Plan of Allocation or awarded attorneys' fees and/or expenses. The Court may also adjourn the Settlement Hearing or modify any of the dates herein without further individual notice to members of the Class. Any such changes shall be posted on the website of the Claims Administrator and on the docket for this case.

- 4. The Court approves the form, substance, and requirements of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses (the "Notice") and the Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Claim Form"), substantially in the forms annexed hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, and finds they: (a) constitute the best notice to the Class practicable under the circumstances; (b) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to describe the terms and effect of the Settlement and to apprise potential members of the Class of their right to object to the proposed Settlement or to exclude themselves from the Class; (c) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive such notice; and (d) satisfy all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c)-(e)), the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, the PSLRA, and the Rules of this Court.
- 5. The Court approves the retention of A.B. Data, Ltd. as the Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall cause the Notice and the Claim Form, substantially in the forms annexed hereto (the "Claims Packet"), to be mailed, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on or before twenty-one (21) calendar days after entry of this Order ("Notice Date"), to all potential members of the Class who can be identified with reasonable effort. LifeStance, to the extent it has not already done so, shall use its best efforts to obtain and provide to Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator, at no cost to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator, within seven (7) calendar days after entry of

this Order, records from LifeStance's transfer agents in electronic searchable form, to the extent readily available, showing the names and addresses of registered shareholders who or which purchased LifeStance common stock during the Class Period.

6. The Claims Administrator shall use reasonable efforts to give notice to nominee purchasers such as brokerage firms and other Persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired LifeStance common stock during the Class Period as record owners but not as beneficial owners. Such nominees shall either: (a) within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Claims Packet, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator and the Claims Administrator is ordered to send the Claims Packet promptly to such identified beneficial owners; or (b) within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Claims Packet, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Claims Packet to forward to all such beneficial owners and within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of those Claims Packets from the Claims Administrator forward them to all such beneficial owners. Nominees shall also provide email addresses for all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator, to the extent they are available. Nominees who elect to send the Claims Packet to their beneficial owners shall also send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made and shall retain their mailing records for use in connection with any further notices that may be provided in the Action. Upon full and timely compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with these instructions by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought and reflecting compliance with these instructions. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing includes up to \$0.03 for providing names, addresses, and email addresses to the Claims Administrator per record; up to a maximum of \$0.03

per Claims Packet mailed by the nominee, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator; or \$0.03 per Claims Packet sent by email. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of these instructions will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

- 7. Lead Counsel shall, at or before the Settlement Hearing, file with the Court proof of mailing of the Claims Packet.
- 8. The Court approves the form of the Summary Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses ("Summary Notice"), substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit 3, and directs that Lead Counsel shall cause the Summary Notice to be published in *The Wall Street Journal* and be transmitted over *PR Newswire* within seven (7) calendar days of the Notice Date. Lead Counsel shall, at or before the Settlement Hearing, file with the Court proof of publication of the Summary Notice.
- 9. The form and content of the notice program described herein, and the methods set forth herein of notifying the Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions, meet the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the PSLRA, and due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons and entities entitled thereto.
- 10. In order to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, in the event the Settlement is effected in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, each claimant shall take the following actions and be subject to the following conditions:
- (a) A properly executed Claim Form, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit 2, must be submitted to the Claims Administrator, at the address indicated in the Notice, postmarked or submitted online no later than seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing. Such deadline may be further extended by Court order or by Lead Counsel in their discretion. Each

Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted when postmarked (if properly addressed and mailed by first-class or overnight mail, postage prepaid). Any Claim Form submitted in any other manner shall be deemed to have been submitted when it was actually received at the address designated in the Notice. Any member of the Class who does not timely submit a Claim Form within the time provided for shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall remain bound by all determinations and judgments in this Action concerning the Settlement, as provided by paragraph 12 of this Order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel may in its discretion, accept late-submitted Claim Forms for processing by the Claims Administrator so long as distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants is not materially delayed thereby. No Person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator by reason of the decision to exercise such discretion.

(b) The Claim Form submitted by each claimant must satisfy the following conditions, unless otherwise allowed pursuant to the Stipulation: (i) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding subparagraph; (ii) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional information found in a broker confirmation slip, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel; (iii) if the Person executing the Claim Form is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his or her current authority to act on behalf of the claimant must be included in the Claim Form; and (iv) the Claim Form must be complete and contain no material

deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

- (c) As part of the Claim Form, each claimant shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claim submitted.
- 11. Any member of the Class may enter an appearance in this Action, at his, her or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her or its own choice. If any member of the Class does not enter an appearance, he, she or it will be represented by Lead Counsel.
- 12. Members of Class shall be bound by all orders, determinations, and judgments in this Action concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such Persons request exclusion from the Class in a timely and proper manner, as hereinafter provided. A putative member of the Class wishing to make such an exclusion request shall mail the request in written form by first-class mail to the address designated in the Notice for such exclusions, such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing. Such request for exclusion must state the name, address, and telephone number of the Person seeking exclusion, must state that the sender requests to be "excluded from the Class in *Nayani v. LifeStance Health Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR (S.D.N.Y.)" and must be signed by such Person. Such Persons requesting exclusion are also directed to state the information requested in the Notice, including, but not limited to: the date(s), price(s), and number of shares of all purchases, acquisitions, and sales of LifeStance common stock during the Class Period. The request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court.

- 13. Putative members of the Class requesting exclusion from the Class shall not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund as described in the Stipulation and Notice.
- 14. Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator shall cause to be provided to Defendants' Counsel copies of all Requests for Exclusion, promptly upon receipt and as expeditiously as possible, and in any event, not less than two (2) calendar days after receiving a request for exclusion or fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, whichever is earlier.
- Any potential member of the Class who or which does not request exclusion from the 15. Class may object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and expenses. Any objections must: (a) state the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the objector and must be signed by the objector, even if the objector is represented by counsel; (b) state whether the objector is objecting to the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses in Nayani v. LifeStance Health Group, Inc., et al., No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR (S.D.N.Y.); (c) state the objections and specific reasons for each objection, including whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Class, or to the entire Class, and any legal and evidentiary support, and witnesses, the member of the Class wishes to bring to the Court's attention; (d) include documents sufficient to prove the objector's membership in the Class, such as the number of shares of LifeStance common stock purchased, acquired, and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, and/or sale; and (e) identify all class action settlements to which the objector and his, her, its, or their counsel have objected in the prior five (5) years. The Court will consider any potential member of the Class's objection to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees or expenses only if such

Person has served by hand or by mail his, her, or its written objection and supporting papers, such that they are received on or before twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing, upon Lead Counsel: Ellen Gusikoff Stewart, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101; and Defendants' Counsel: Ropes & Gray LLP, Martin J. Crisp, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, and Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Brian S. Weinstein, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017; and has filed, either by mail or in Person, said objections and supporting papers with the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York, 10007. Any potential member of the Class who does not make his, her, its, or their objection in the manner provided for in the Notice shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to any aspect of the Settlement, to the Plan of Allocation, or to the request for attorneys' fees and expenses, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall otherwise be bound by the Judgment to be entered and the releases to be given. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary, however, Persons wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses are required to indicate in their written objection their intention to appear at the hearing. Persons who intend to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing.

16. Members of the Class do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval of the Settlement.

- 17. Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action, other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, Lead Plaintiff, all members of the Class, and each of them, and anyone who acts or purports to act on their behalf, shall not institute, commence or prosecute any action which asserts any of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties.
- 18. As provided in the Stipulation, prior to the Effective Date, Lead Counsel may expend reasonable fees and costs, not to exceed \$350,000, associated with giving notice to members of the Class and the review of claims and administration of the Settlement out of the Settlement Fund. Additional sums for this purpose prior to the Effective Date may be paid from the Settlement Fund upon agreement of the Parties or order of the Court.
- 19. All papers in support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be filed with the Court and served on or before thirty-five (35) calendar days prior to the date set herein for the Settlement Hearing. If reply papers are necessary, they are to be filed with the Court and served no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.
- 20. No Person who is not a member of the Class or Lead Counsel shall have any right to any portion of, or to any distribution of, the Net Settlement Fund unless otherwise ordered by the Court or otherwise provided in the Stipulation.
- 21. All funds held in escrow in connection with the Settlement shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as such funds shall be disbursed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order of the Court.

- 22. Neither Defendants nor Defendants' Counsel shall have any responsibility for the Plan of Allocation nor any application for attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses submitted by Lead Counsel or Lead Plaintiff and such matters shall be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.
- 23. If the Settlement fails to become effective as defined in the Stipulation or is terminated, then both the Stipulation, including any amendment(s) thereof, except as expressly provided in the Stipulation, and this Order shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any actions or proceedings by any Person or entity against the Parties, and the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective litigation positions in the Action as of September 27, 2023.
- 24. Neither this Order, the Term Sheet, the Stipulation (whether or not finally approved or consummated), nor their negotiation, or any proceedings taken pursuant to them: (a) shall be offered against any of the Released Defendant Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Released Defendant Parties with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff, or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind by any of the Released Defendant Parties; (b) shall be offered against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; provided, however, that if the Stipulation is

approved by the Court, the Released Parties and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement; (c) shall be construed against any of the Released Parties as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; and (d) shall be construed against the Released Plaintiff Parties that any of their claims are without merit, that any of Released Defendant Parties had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount.

25. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Action to consider all further matters arising out of or connected with the Settlement.

DATED this day of	, 2023
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THE HONORABLE JED S. RAKOFF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# **EXHIBIT A-1**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NIZAR S. NAYANI, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC.,
MICHAEL K. LESTER, J. MICHAEL
BRUFF, ROBERT BESSLER, DARREN
BLACK, JEFFREY CRISAN, WILLIAM
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LLC, UBS SECURITIES LLC, and WILLIAM
BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR

# **CLASS ACTION**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

EXHIBIT A-1

If you purchased or otherwise acquired LifeStance Health Group, Inc. ("LifeStance" or the "Company") common stock pursuant and/or traceable to LifeStance's June 10, 2021 initial public offering ("IPO") and no later than November 8, 2021, you may be entitled to a payment from a class action settlement.

# A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- This Notice describes important rights you may have and what steps you must take if you wish to participate in the Settlement of this securities class action, wish to object, or wish to be excluded from the Class.<sup>1</sup>
- If approved by the Court, the proposed Settlement will create a \$50 million cash fund, plus earned interest, for the benefit of eligible members of the Class after the deduction of Courtapproved fees, expenses, and Taxes. This is an average recovery of approximately \$0.72 per allegedly damaged share before deductions for awarded attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, and \$0.53 per allegedly damaged share after deductions for awarded attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses.
- The Settlement resolves claims by Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Nizar S. Nayani (the "Lead Plaintiff") that have been asserted on behalf of the Class (defined below) against LifeStance, Michael K. Lester, J. Michael Bruff, Robert Bessler, Darren Black, Jeffrey Crisan, William Miller, Jeffrey Rhodes, Eric Shuey, and Katherine Wood (the "Individual Defendants" and, together with LifeStance, the "LifeStance Defendants"), and Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, TPG Capital BD, LLC, UBS Securities LLC, and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with the LifeStance Defendants, "Defendants"). It avoids the costs and risks of continuing the litigation; pays money to eligible investors; and releases the Released Defendant Parties (defined below) from liability.

# If you are a member of the Class, your legal rights will be affected by this Settlement whether you act or do not act. Please read this Notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT				
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM BY, 2024	The <u>only</u> way to get a payment. <i>See</i> Question 8 for details.			
EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS BY, 2024	Get no payment. This is the only option that, assuming your claim is timely brought, might allow you to ever bring or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and/or the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Plaintiff's Claims. <i>See</i> Question 10 for details.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The terms of the Settlement are in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated October 13, 2023 (the "Stipulation"), which can be viewed at www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com. All capitalized terms not defined in this Notice have the same meanings as defined in the Stipulation.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT				
OBJECT BY, 2024	Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation for distributing the proceeds of the Settlement, and/or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. If you object, you will still be in the Class. <i>See</i> Question 14 for details.			
PARTICIPATE IN A HEARING ON, 2024 AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR BY, 2024	Ask to speak in Court at the Settlement Hearing about the Settlement. <i>See</i> Question 18 for details.			
DO NOTHING	Get no payment. Give up rights. Still be bound by the terms of the Settlement.			

- These rights and options and the deadlines to exercise them are explained below.
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. Payments will be made to all members of the Class who timely submit valid Claim Forms, if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved.

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#### PSLRA SUMMARY OF THE NOTICE

# **Statement of the Class's Recovery**

Lead Plaintiff has entered into the proposed Settlement with Defendants which, if 1. approved by the Court, will resolve the Action in its entirety. Subject to Court approval, Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of the Class, has agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a payment of \$50,000,000 in cash (the "Settlement Amount"), which will be deposited into an interest-bearing Escrow Account (the "Settlement Fund"). Based on Lead Plaintiff's damages consultant's estimate of the number of shares of LifeStance common stock eligible to participate in the Settlement, and assuming that all investors eligible to participate in the Settlement do so, it is estimated that the average recovery, before deduction of any Court-approved fees and expenses, such as attorneys' fees, Litigation Expenses, Taxes, and Notice and Administration Expenses, would be approximately \$0.72 per allegedly damaged share.<sup>2</sup> If the Court approves Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application (discussed below), the average recovery would be approximately \$0.53 per allegedly damaged share. These average recovery amounts are only estimates and members of the Class may recover more or less than these estimates. A member of the Class's actual recovery will depend on, for example: (i) the number of claims submitted; (ii) the amount of the Net Settlement Fund; (iii) when and how many shares of LifeStance common stock the member of the Class purchased or acquired during the Class Period; and (iv) whether and when the member of the Class

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An allegedly damaged share might have been traded, and potentially damaged, more than once during the Class Period, and the average recovery indicated above represents the estimated average recovery for each share that allegedly incurred damages.

sold LifeStance common stock. *See* the Plan of Allocation beginning on page [\_\_] for information on the calculation of your Recognized Claim.

# Statement of Potential Outcome of Case if the Action Continued to Be Litigated

- 2. The Parties disagree about both liability and damages and do not agree about the amount of damages that would be recoverable if Lead Plaintiff prevailed on each claim. The issues that the Parties disagree about include, for example: (i) whether Defendants made any statements or omitted any facts that were materially false or misleading, or otherwise actionable under the federal securities laws; and (ii) whether Lead Plaintiff or the Class have suffered any legally cognizable damages.
- 3. Defendants have denied and continue to deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing or fault asserted in the Action, deny that they have committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of law, and deny that Lead Plaintiff and the Class have suffered any loss attributable to Defendants' actions or omissions.

#### Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought

4. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund, which includes any accrued interest, or \$12,500,000, plus accrued interest. Lead Counsel will also apply for payment of Litigation Expenses incurred in prosecuting the Action in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, plus accrued interest, which may include an application pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA") for the reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) of Lead Plaintiff directly related to his representation of the Class. If the Court approves Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application in full, the average amount of fees and expenses is estimated to be approximately \$0.19 per allegedly damaged share of LifeStance common stock. A copy of the Fee

and Expense Application will be posted on www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com after it has been filed with the Court.

#### **Reasons for the Settlement**

- 5. For Lead Plaintiff, the principal reason for the Settlement is the guaranteed cash benefit to the Class. This benefit must be compared to the uncertainty of being able to prove the allegations in the Complaint; the risk that the Court may grant some or all of the anticipated summary judgment motions to be filed by Defendants; the uncertainty of a greater recovery after a trial and appeals; and the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation.
- 6. For Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever and deny that members of the Class were damaged, the principal reasons for entering into the Settlement are to end the burden, expense, uncertainty, and risk of further litigation.

# **Identification of Representatives**

- 7. Lead Plaintiff and the Class are represented by Lead Counsel, Samuel H. Rudman, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 58 South Service Road, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747, www.rgrdlaw.com, settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com, (800) 449-4900.
- 8. Further information regarding this Action, the Settlement, and this Notice may be obtained by contacting the Claims Administrator: A.B. Data, Ltd., PO Box 173090, Milwaukee, WI 53217, (877) 884-3360, www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com.

# Please Do Not Call the Court with Questions About the Settlement.

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

# 1. Why did I get this Notice?

9. The Court authorized that this Notice be sent to you because you or someone in your family may have purchased or otherwise acquired LifeStance common stock during the period from June 10, 2021 through November 8, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period"). **Receipt of this Notice** 

does not mean that you are a member of the Class or that you will be entitled to receive a payment. The Parties do not have access to your individual investment information. If you wish to be eligible for a payment, you are required to submit the Claim Form that is being distributed with this Notice. *See* Question 8 below.

- 10. The Court directed that this Notice be sent to members of the Class because they have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of this class action lawsuit, and about all of their options, before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement.
- 11. The Court in charge of the Action is the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the case is known as *Nayani v. LifeStance Health Group, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR. The Action is assigned to the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, United States District Judge.

# 2. How do I know if I am part of the Class?

12. The Court has directed that everyone who fits the following description is a member of the Class and subject to the Settlement unless they are an excluded person (*see* Question 3 below) or take steps to exclude themselves from the Class (*see* Question 10 below):

All Persons who or which purchased LifeStance common stock in and/or traceable to LifeStance's June 10, 2021 IPO and no later than November 8, 2021.

13. If one of your mutual funds purchased LifeStance common stock during the Class Period, that does not make you a Class Member, although your mutual fund may be. You are a member of the Class only if you individually purchased LifeStance common stock during the Class Period. Check your investment records or contact your broker to see if you have any eligible purchases. The Parties do not independently have access to your trading information.

# 3. Are there exceptions to being included?

14. Yes. There are some individuals and entities who are excluded from the Class by definition. Excluded from the Class are: Defendants, the officers and directors of LifeStance (at all relevant times), members of their Immediate Families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which any Defendant has controlling interest, *provided however*, that any Investment Vehicle shall not be excluded from the Class.<sup>3</sup> Also excluded from the Class is anyone who timely and validly seeks exclusion from the Class in accordance with the procedures described in Question 10 below.

# 4. Why is this a class action?

15. In a class action, one or more persons or entities (in this case, Lead Plaintiff), sue on behalf of people and entities who have similar claims. Together, these people and entities are a "class," and each is a "class member." A class action allows one court to resolve, in a single case, many similar claims that, if brought separately by individual people, might be too small economically to litigate. One court resolves the issues for all members of the Class at the same time, except for those who exclude themselves, or "opt-out," from the class. In this Action, the Court has appointed Nizar S. Nayani to serve as Lead Plaintiff and has appointed Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP to serve as Lead Counsel.

# 5. What is this case about and what has happened so far?

16. LifeStance is one of the nation's largest providers of virtual and in-person outpatient mental healthcare. Lead Plaintiff alleged that LifeStance generates revenue on a per-visit basis when

<sup>&</sup>quot;Investment Vehicle" means any investment company or pooled investment fund, including, but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange traded funds, fund of funds and hedge funds, in which any Underwriter Defendant has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which its affiliates may act as an investment advisor, but in which any Underwriter Defendant alone or together with its, his, or her respective affiliates is not a majority owner or does not hold a majority beneficial interest.

a patient receives care from one of its clinicians, and therefore the Company's ability to retain clinicians was important to investors in the initial public offering ("IPO"). The Registration Statement for the IPO represented that from the time of its inception in March 2017 through December 2020, LifeStance had a clinician retention rate of 87% compared to the industry average of 77%. LifeStance conducted an IPO on June 10, 2021, selling 46 million shares at \$18 per share, raising \$828 million. In the Action, Lead Plaintiff alleged that the Registration Statement for the IPO failed to disclose that, in the weeks leading up to the IPO, LifeStance began experiencing a material uptick in clinician turnover. Therefore, as Lead Plaintiff alleged, LifeStance's business metrics and financial prospects were not as strong as the Registration Statement represented. At the time Lead Plaintiff filed his initial complaint, LifeStance common stock traded in a range of \$4.77-\$7.70 per share.

- 17. On August 10, 2022, the above-captioned action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").
- 18. By Opinion and Order dated November 17, 2022, the Court (1) appointed Nizar S. Nayani as Lead Plaintiff, and (2) his chosen counsel, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP as Lead Counsel.
- 19. On December 19, 2022, Lead Plaintiff filed the Amended Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the "Complaint") asserting claims against Defendants under Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act.
- 20. Prior to filing the Complaint, Lead Plaintiff, through Lead Counsel, conducted a thorough investigation relating to the claims, defenses, and underlying events and transactions that are the subject of the Action. This process included reviewing and analyzing: (i) documents filed

publicly by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"); (ii) publicly available information, including press releases, LifeStance earnings call transcripts, news articles, and other public statements issued by or concerning the Company and the Defendants; (iii) research reports issued by financial analysts concerning the Company; (iv) other publicly available information and data concerning the Company; and (v) the applicable law governing the claims and potential defenses.

- 21. On January 18, 2023, Defendants filed their motion to dismiss the Complaint. On February 17, 2023, Lead Plaintiff filed his memorandum of law in opposition to the motion to dismiss, and, on March 6, 2023, Defendants filed their reply memorandum of law. On March 31, 2023, the Court heard oral argument on Defendants' motion to dismiss.
  - 22. On April 10, 2023, the Court denied Defendants' motion to dismiss.
- 23. On April 17, 2023, the Court entered in the Case Management Plan, with a trial ready date of November 16, 2023.
  - 24. On May 1, 2023, Defendants filed their respective answers to the Complaint.
- 25. On June 2, 2023, Lead Plaintiff filed his motion for class certification and appointment of class counsel. On June 30, 2023, Defendants filed their opposition to Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification and appointment of class counsel. Lead Plaintiff filed his reply memorandum of law in further support of that motion on July 28, 2023. On August 24, 2023, the Court heard oral argument on Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification.
- 26. On August 7, 2023, the Parties exchanged opening expert reports and, on August 28,2023, the Parties exchanged rebuttal expert reports.
- 27. On September 7, 2023, the Court entered an order granting Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification, but which order limited the Class to those stockholders who purchased

LifeStance common stock in and/or traceable to LifeStance's June 10, 2021 IPO no later than November 8, 2021.

- 28. In connection with formal discovery, which commenced in April 2023, Defendants produced documents to Lead Plaintiff totaling more than 779,000 pages, and Lead Plaintiff produced documents totaling more than 2,100 pages to Defendants. Lead Plaintiff also obtained more than 1,700 pages of documents from third parties. In total, nearly 800,000 pages of documents were produced by the Parties and third parties in connection with formal discovery.
- 29. Defendants took Lead Plaintiff's deposition on June 15, 2023, and Lead Plaintiff took four depositions of LifeStance employees. Lead Plaintiff and the Defendants were preparing for the depositions of additional witnesses at the time the Parties agreed to resolve the Action.
- 30. The Parties began exploring the possibility of a settlement in July 2023. Specifically, the Parties agreed to engage in mediation and subsequently retained the Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.) of Phillips ADR Enterprises to act as mediator in the Action.
- 31. On September 13, 2023, Lead Counsel and the LifeStance Defendants' Counsel, among others, participated in a full-day mediation session before the Mediator. In advance of the mediation, Lead Plaintiff and the LifeStance Defendants submitted detailed mediation statements to the Mediator, together with numerous supporting exhibits, which addressed both liability and damages issues. Lead Plaintiff's damages/loss causation expert conducted an in-depth analysis that was used at mediation to assess potential damage scenarios. After the conclusion of the mediation session, on September 15, 2023, the Parties reached an agreement to settle the Action, which was memorialized in a term sheet executed and finalized on September 27, 2023, subject to the execution of a "customary long form" stipulation of settlement and related papers. On the same day, the

Parties notified the Court of the Settlement and requested a stay of the Action, which was granted on September 28, 2023.

#### 6. What are the reasons for the Settlement?

- 32. The Court did not finally decide in favor of Lead Plaintiff or Defendants. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted in the Action have merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings needed to pursue the claims through trial and appeals, as well as the difficulties in establishing liability. Assuming the claims proceeded to trial, the Parties would present factual and expert testimony on each of the disputed issues, and there is risk that the Court or jury would resolve these issues unfavorably against Lead Plaintiff and the Class. In light of the Settlement and the guaranteed cash recovery to the Class, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class.
- 33. Defendants have denied and continue to deny each and every one of the claims alleged by Lead Plaintiff in the Action, including all claims in the Complaint, and specifically deny any wrongdoing and that they have committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of law. Defendants deny the allegations that they knowingly, or otherwise, made any material misstatements or omissions or that any member of the Class has suffered damages. Nonetheless, Defendants have concluded that continuation of the Action would be protracted and expensive, and have taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, especially a complex case like this Action.

#### THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

# 7. What does the Settlement provide?

34. In exchange for the Settlement and the release of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, LifeStance has agreed to cause a \$50 million (\$50,000,000) cash payment to be made, which, along with any interest earned, will be distributed after deduction of Court-awarded attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court (the "Net Settlement Fund"), to members of the Class who submit valid and timely Claim Forms and are found to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund.

# 8. How can I receive a payment?

- 35. To qualify for a payment from the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a timely and valid Claim Form. A Claim Form is included with this Notice. You may also obtain one from the website dedicated to the Settlement: www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com, or submit a claim online at www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com. You can also request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at (877) 884-3360
- 36. Please read the instructions contained in the Claim Form carefully, fill out the Claim Form, include all the documents the form requests, sign it, and mail or submit it to the Claims Administrator so that it is **postmarked or received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

# 9. What am I giving up to receive a payment and by staying in the Class?

37. If you are a member of the Class and do not timely and validly exclude yourself from the Class, you will remain in the Class and that means that, upon the "Effective Date" of the Settlement, you will release all "Released Plaintiff's Claims" against the "Released Defendant Parties." All of the Court's orders about the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable, will apply to you and legally bind you.

- "Released Plaintiff's Claims" means any and all claims (including Unknown (a) Claims), demands, losses, costs, interest, penalties, fees, attorneys' fees, expenses, rights, causes of action, actions, duties, obligations, judgments, debts, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, promises, damages, and liabilities of every nature and description, whether direct or indirect, representative, class, individual, asserted or unasserted, matured or unmatured, accrued or unaccrued, foreseen or unforeseen, disclosed or undisclosed, contingent or fixed or vested, at law or equity, whether arising under federal, state, local, foreign, statutory, common, administrative, or any other law, statute, rule or regulation, that (i) arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way to any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, statements, representations, misrepresentations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in this Action or the Complaint, or which could have been alleged in, referred to or made part of this Action, the Complaint, or asserted in any other forum; and (ii) arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way to the purchase, acquisition, holding, sale, or disposition of LifeStance common stock purchased in and/or traceable to LifeStance's IPO on or before November 8, 2021. Released Plaintiff's Claims also include any and all claims (including Unknown Claims) arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Settlement or resolution of the Action. For the avoidance of doubt, Released Plaintiff's Claims do not include: (i) claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; or (ii) any claims of Persons who submit a timely and valid request for exclusion from the Class that is accepted by the Court.
- (b) "Released Defendant Parties" means Defendants, Defendants' respective former or current, direct or indirect parents, affiliates, controlling Persons, officers, directors, stockholders, employees, agents, fiduciaries, predecessors, successors, trusts, trustees, trust beneficiaries, Immediate Families, heirs, executors, estates, administrators, assigns, beneficiaries,

distributees, foundations, joint ventures, general or limited partners, members, managers, managing members, attorneys, heirs, assigns, insurers, reinsurers, advisors (including without limitation financial and investment advisors), consultants, other affiliated Persons, representatives, and insurers.

Plaintiff or any other member of the Class does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, and any and all Released Defendants' Claims that any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Plaintiff Parties, which if known by him, her, or it might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including the decision to object to the terms of the Settlement or to exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Class. With respect to any and all Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, and each other member of the Class shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment shall have, to the fullest extent permitted by law, expressly waived and relinquished any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or foreign law, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Lead Plaintiff, other members of the Class, or Defendants may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which any of them now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Plaintiff's Claims and the

Released Defendants' Claims, but Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each member of the Class shall be deemed to have settled and released, and upon the Effective Date and by operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment shall have settled and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims as applicable, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and other members of the Class by operation of law shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Plaintiff's Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

- 38. The "Effective Date" will occur when an Order entered by the Court approving the Settlement becomes Final and a Judgment or Alternative Judgment has been entered and has become Final.
- 39. Upon the "Effective Date," the Released Defendant Parties will also provide a release of any claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Counsel arising out of or related to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims in the Action.

### **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS**

40. If you want to keep any right you may have to sue or continue to sue Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties on your own concerning the Released Plaintiff's Claims, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Class. This is called excluding yourself or "opting out." **Please note:** If you decide to exclude yourself from the Class, there is a risk that any lawsuit you may file to pursue claims alleged in the Action may be dismissed, including because the suit is

not filed within the applicable time periods required for filing suit. LifeStance has the option to terminate the Settlement if a certain number of members of the Class request exclusion.

## 10. How do I exclude myself from the Class?

41. To exclude yourself from the Class, you must mail a signed letter stating that you request to be "excluded from the Class in *Nayani v. LifeStance Health Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR (S.D.N.Y.)." You cannot exclude yourself by telephone or e-mail. Each request for exclusion must also: (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion; (ii) state the number of shares of LifeStance common stock the person or entity purchased, acquired, and sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, and sale; and (iii) be signed by the Person requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion must be mailed so that it is **received no later** than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at:

LifeStance Securities Settlement c/o A.B. Data, Ltd. PO Box 173001 Milwaukee, WI 53217

- 42. This information is needed to determine whether you are a member of the Class. Your exclusion request must comply with these requirements in order to be valid.
- 43. If you ask to be excluded, do not submit a Claim Form because you cannot receive any payment from the Net Settlement Fund. Also, you cannot object to the Settlement because you will not be a member of the Class and the Settlement will not affect you. If you submit a valid exclusion request, you will not be legally bound by anything that happens in the Action, and you may be able to sue (or continue to sue) Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties in the future.

# 11. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties for the same reasons later?

### THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

## 12. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

45. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP is Lead Counsel in the Action and represents all members of the Class. You will not be separately charged for these lawyers. The Court will determine the amount of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, which will be paid from the Settlement Fund. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

### 13. How will the lawyers be paid?

46. Lead Counsel has been prosecuting the Action on a contingent basis and has not been paid for any of its work. Lead Counsel will seek an attorneys' fee award of no more than 25% of the Settlement Fund, or \$12,500,000, plus accrued interest. Lead Counsel will also seek payment of Litigation Expenses incurred in the prosecution of the Action of no more than \$700,000, plus accrued interest. In addition, Lead Plaintiff may request an award not to exceed \$7,000 for his reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly related to his representation of the Class. Any attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. members of the Class are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

# OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION, OR THE FEE AND EXPENSE APPLICATION

## 14. How do I tell the Court that I do not like something about the proposed Settlement?

- 47. If you are a member of the Class, you can object to the Settlement or any of its terms, the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, and/or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. You may write to the Court about why you think the Court should not approve any or all of the Settlement terms or related relief. If you would like the Court to consider your views, you must file a proper objection within the deadline, and according to the following procedures.
- 48. To object, you must send a signed letter stating that you object to the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application in "Nayani v. LifeStance" Health Group, Inc., et al., No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR (S.D.N.Y.)." The objection must also state: (i) the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the objector and must be signed by the objector, even if the objector is represented by counsel; (ii) contain a statement of the member of the Class's objection or objections and the specific reasons for each objection, including whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Class, or to the entire Class, and any legal and evidentiary support (including witnesses) the member of the Class wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (iii) include documents sufficient to show the objector's membership in the Class, including the number of shares of LifeStance common stock purchased and sold during the Class Period as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase and sale. The objection must also identify all class action settlements to which the objector and his, her, or its counsel have objected in the prior five (5) years. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, any member of the Class who does not object in the manner described in this Notice will be deemed to have waived any objection and will be foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. Your objection must be filed with the Court

no later than	_, <b>2024</b> , <i>and</i> be mailed or delive	red to the following counsel so that
it is <b>received no later than</b>	, 2024:	
<u>Court</u>	<b>Lead Counsel</b>	<b>Defendants' Counsel</b>
Clerk of the Court	Robbins Geller Rudman &	Ropes & Gray LLP
United States District Court	Dowd LLP	Martin J. Crisp
Southern District of New York	Ellen Gusikoff Stewart	1211 Avenue of the Americas
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S.	655 West Broadway, Suite	New York, NY 10036
Courthouse	1900	Counsel to the LifeStance
500 Pearl Street	San Diego, CA 92101	Defendants
New York, NY 10007		-and-
		Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
		Brian S. Weinstein
		450 Lexington Avenue
		New York, NY 10017
		Counsel to the Underwriter
		Defendants

49. You do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing to have your written objection considered by the Court. However, any member of the Class who has complied with the procedures described in this Question 14 and below in Question 18 may appear at the Settlement Hearing and be heard, to the extent allowed by the Court. An objector may appear in person or arrange, at his, her, or its own expense, for a lawyer to represent him, her, or it at the Settlement Hearing.

### 15. What is the difference between objecting and seeking exclusion?

50. Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. You can still recover money from the Settlement. You can object *only* if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself from the Class, you have no basis to object because the Settlement and the Action no longer affect you.

#### THE SETTLEMENT HEARING

- 16. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?
- 51. The Court will hold the Settlement Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_\_, .m., in Courtroom 14B at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007.
- 52. At this hearing, the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff will consider whether: (i) the Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and should be approved; (ii) the Plan of Allocation is fair and reasonable, and should be approved; and (iii) the application of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of Litigation Expenses is reasonable and should be approved. The Court will take into consideration any written objections filed in accordance with the instructions in Question 14 above. We do not know how long it will take the Court to make these decisions.
- 53. The Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing without another individual notice being sent to members of the Class. If you want to attend the hearing, you should check with Lead Counsel beforehand to be sure that the date and/or time has not changed, or periodically check the Settlement website at www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com to see if the Settlement Hearing stays as scheduled or is changed.

### 17. Do I have to come to the Settlement Hearing?

### 18. May I speak at the Settlement Hearing?

### IF YOU DO NOTHING

## 19. What happens if I do nothing at all?

56. If you do nothing and you are a member of the Class, you will receive no money from this Settlement and you will be precluded from starting a lawsuit, continuing with a lawsuit, or being part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Plaintiff's Claims. To share in the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Claim Form (*see* Question 8 above). To start, continue, or be a part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Plaintiff's Claims, you must exclude yourself from the Class (*see* Question 10 above).

### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

### 20. Are there more details about the Settlement?

57. This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are contained in the Stipulation. You may review the Stipulation filed with the Court or other documents in the case during business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, Southern District

of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007. (Please check the Court's website, www.nysd.uscourts.gov, for information about Court closures before visiting.) Subscribers to PACER, a fee-based service, can also view the papers filed publicly in the Action through the Court's on-line Case Management/Electronic Case Files System at https://www.pacer.gov.

Settlement, as well as additional information about the Settlement by visiting the website dedicated to the Settlement, www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com. You may also call the Claims Administrator toll free at (877) 884-3360 or write to the Claims Administrator at *LifeStance Securities Settlement*, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., PO Box 173090, Milwaukee, WI 53217. **Please do not call the Court with questions about the Settlement**.

#### PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND

### 21. How will my claim be calculated?

- 59. The Plan of Allocation set forth below is the plan for calculating claims and distributing the proceeds of the Settlement that is being proposed by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel to the Court for approval. The Court may approve this Plan of Allocation or modify it without additional notice to the Class. Any order modifying the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website at: www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com.
- 60. As noted above, the Settlement Amount and the interest it earns is the Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund, after deduction of Court-approved attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court is the Net Settlement Fund. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to members of the Class who timely submit valid Claim Forms that show a "Recognized Claim" according to the

proposed Plan of Allocation (or any other plan of allocation approved by the Court). members of the Class who do not timely submit valid Claim Forms will not share in the Net Settlement Fund, but will still be bound by the Settlement.

61. The objective of this Plan of Allocation is to distribute the Net Settlement Fund among claimants who allegedly suffered economic losses as a result of the alleged wrongdoing. To design this Plan, Lead Counsel conferred with Lead Plaintiff's damages consultant. This Plan is intended to be generally consistent with the statutory measure of damages under Section 11(e) of the Securities Act. The Plan of Allocation, however, is not a formal damages analysis and the calculations made pursuant to the Plan are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that members of the Class might have been able to recover after a trial. The calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are also not estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants. An individual member of the Class's recovery will depend on, for example: (i) the total number and value of claims submitted; (ii) when the claimant purchased or otherwise acquired LifeStance common stock; and (iii) whether and when the claimant sold his, her, or its shares of LifeStance common stock. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purposes of making pro rata allocations of the Net Settlement Fund. The Claims Administrator will determine each Authorized Claimant's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's "Recognized Claim."

#### CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

62. For purposes of determining whether a claimant has a "Recognized Claim," if a member of the Class has more than one purchase or sale of LifeStance common stock during the Class Period, all purchases and sales will be matched on a "First in First Out" (FIFO) basis. Class

Period sales will be matched first against any holdings at the beginning of the Class Period and then against purchases in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase made during the Class Period.

- 63. A "Recognized Loss Amount" will be calculated for each purchase of LifeStance common stock during the Class Period from June 10, 2021 through November 8, 2021, that is listed in the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided. To the extent that the calculation of a claimant's Recognized Loss Amount results in a negative number, that number will be set to zero.
- 64. For each share of LifeStance common stock purchased in the IPO, or on the open market from June 10, 2021, through August 11, 2021, inclusive, and
  - A. sold prior to August 11, 2022, the recognized loss per share is the difference between (a) the purchase price per share, not exceeding the IPO price of \$18.00 per share, minus (b) the sales price per share; or
  - B. *retained at the end of August 10, 2022*, the recognized loss per share is \$10.14 per share.<sup>4</sup>
- 65. For each share of LifeStance common stock *purchased on the open market from*August 12, 2021, through November 8, 2021, inclusive, and
  - A. sold prior to November 9, 2021, the recognized loss per share is \$0;
  - B. sold from November 9, 2021, through August 10, 2022, inclusive, the recognized loss per share is the lesser of:
    - i. \$3.20 per share,<sup>5</sup> or

The \$10.14 per share loss represents a statutory limitation on recoverable damages and equals the difference between LifeStance's IPO price of \$18 per share minus LifeStance's \$7.86 per share closing price on August 10, 2022, when the first suit was filed. The \$10.21 per share loss is also less than the sum of LifeStance's two statistically significant price declines on August 12, 2021, of \$10.28 per share, and on November 9, 2021, of \$3.20 per share, following the two corrective disclosures.

- ii. the difference between (a) the purchase price per share, minus (b) the sales price per share; or
- C. retained at the end of August 10, 2022, the recognized loss per share is the lesser of:
  - i. \$3.20 per share,<sup>6</sup> or
  - ii. the difference between (a) the purchase price per share, minus (b) \$7.86 per share.<sup>7</sup>

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION

- 66. The sum of a claimant's Recognized Loss Amounts will be the claimant's "Recognized Claim."
- 67. If the sum total of Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants who are entitled to receive payment out of the Net Settlement Fund is greater than the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive his, her, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. The *pro rata* share will be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total of Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If the Net Settlement Fund exceeds the sum total amount of the Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants entitled to receive payment out of the Net Settlement Fund, the excess amount in the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed *pro rata* to all Authorized Claimants entitled to receive payment.
- 68. Purchases and sales of LifeStance common stock will be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" or "sale" date. The

The \$3.20 per share amount represents LifeStance's statistically significant price decline on November 9, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The \$3.20 per share amount represents LifeStance's statistically significant price decline on November 9, 2021.

The \$7.86 per share amount equals LifeStance's closing price on August 10, 2022, when the first suit was filed.

receipt or grant of shares of LifeStance common stock by gift, inheritance, or operation of law during the Class Period will not be deemed an eligible purchase or sale of these shares of LifeStance common stock for the calculation of a claimant's Recognized Claim, nor will the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase of such shares of such LifeStance common stock unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased such shares of LifeStance common stock during the Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such shares of LifeStance common stock; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

- 69. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, the Recognized Loss Amount on any portion of a purchase that matches against (or "covers") a "short sale" is zero. The Recognized Loss Amount on a "short sale" that is not covered by a purchase is also zero.
- 70. In the event that a claimant newly establishes a short position during the Class Period, the earliest subsequent Class Period purchase will be matched against such short position on a FIFO basis and will not be entitled to a recovery.
- 71. LifeStance common stock is the only security eligible for recovery under the Plan of Allocation. With respect to LifeStance common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the LifeStance common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price is the exercise price of the option.
- 72. The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose prorated payment is \$10.00 or greater. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

- 73. Distributions will be made to eligible Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed and after the Court has finally approved the Settlement. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise) after at least six (6) months from the date of initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator will, if feasible and economical after payment of Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, if any, redistribute such balance among Authorized Claimants who have cashed their checks in an equitable and economic fashion. Once it is no longer feasible or economical to make further distributions, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund after re-distribution(s) and after payment of outstanding Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and attorneys' fees and expenses, if any, shall be contributed to the Investor Protection Trust or such other private, nonprofit, non-sectarian 501(c)(3) organization approved by the Court.
- 74. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court will be conclusive against all claimants. No person will have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, their damages expert, the Claims Administrator, or other agent designated by Lead Counsel, arising from determinations or distributions to claimants made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or further orders of the Court. Lead Plaintiff, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, and all other Released Parties will have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund, the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or non-performance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of Taxes owed by the Settlement Fund or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

75. Each claimant is deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the United States

District Court for the Southern District of New York with respect to his, her, or its claim.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES BROKERS AND NOMINEES

76. If you purchased LifeStance common stock during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of a person or entity other than yourself, the Court has directed that WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST EITHER: (a) provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator and the Claims Administrator is ordered to send the Notice and Claim Form ("Claims Packet") promptly to such identified beneficial owners; or (b) request additional copies of the Claims Packet from the Claims Administrator, which will be provided to you free of charge, and WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of receipt, mail the Claims Packet directly to all such beneficial owners. If you choose to follow procedure (b), the Court has also directed that, upon making that mailing, YOU MUST SEND A STATEMENT to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and keep a record of the names and mailing addresses used. Nominees shall also provide email addresses for all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator, to the extent they are available. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including up to \$0.03 for providing names, addresses, and email addresses to the Claims Administrator per record; up to a maximum of \$0.03 per Claims Packet mailed by the nominee, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator; or \$0.03 per Claims Packet sent by email. Those expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation and timely compliance with the

above directives.	All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims
Administrator:	

LifeStance Securities Settlement c/o A.B. Data, Ltd. PO Box 173090 Milwaukee, WI 53217

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

# **EXHIBIT A-2**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NIZAR S. NAYANI, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC.,
MICHAEL K. LESTER, J. MICHAEL
BRUFF, ROBERT BESSLER, DARREN
BLACK, JEFFREY CRISAN, WILLIAM
MILLER, JEFFREY RHODES, ERIC
SHUEY, KATHERINE WOOD, MORGAN
STANLEY & CO. LLC, GOLDMAN SACHS
& CO. LLC, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES
LLC, JEFFERIES LLC, TPG CAPITAL BD,
LLC, UBS SECURITIES LLC, and WILLIAM
BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR

### **CLASS ACTION**

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

EXHIBIT A-2

### I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To reco	ver as a member of t	the Class based o	on your claim	s in the action	entitled
Nayani v. LifeStance He	ealth Group, Inc., et al	., Civil Action No	o. 1:22-cv-068	333-JSR (S.D.N	I.Y.) (the
"Action"),1 you must co	omplete and, on page	below, sign	this Proof of C	Claim and Relea	ase Form
("Claim Form"). If you	ı fail to submit a timel	ly and properly ac	ldressed (as e	xplained in par	agraph 2
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Settlement Fund create	ed in connection with	the proposed Se	ttlement. Su	bmission of th	is Claim
Form, however, does no	ot assure that you will	l share in the proc	eeds of the S	ettlement of the	Action.
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LifeStance Securities Settlement
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
PO Box 173090
Milwaukee, WI 53217
Online submissions: www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com

3. If you are a member of the Class and you do not timely request exclusion in response to the Notice dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, you are bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment entered in the Action, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM OR RECEIVE A PAYMENT.

This Proof of Claim and Release Form incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation"), which can be obtained at www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com.

### II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

- 1. If you purchased or otherwise acquired shares of LifeStance Health Group, Inc. ("LifeStance") common stock during the period beginning June 10, 2021 through November 8, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period") and held the stock in your name, you are the beneficial owner as well as the record owner. If, however, you purchased LifeStance common stock during the Class Period through a third party, such as a brokerage firm, you are the beneficial owner and the third party is the record owner.
- 2. Use **Part I** of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each beneficial owner of LifeStance common stock that forms the basis of this claim, as well as the owner of record if different. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL OWNERS OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH OWNERS.
- 3. All joint owners must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them and their authority must accompany this claim and their titles or capacities must be stated. The last four digits of the Social Security (or full taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

### III. IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS

1. Use **Part II** of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in LifeStance Common Stock" to supply all required details of your transaction(s). If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

- 2. On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, and sales of LifeStance common stock, whether the transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.
- 3. List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day and year of each transaction you list.
- 4. The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of LifeStance common stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale.
- 5. Copies of broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions must be attached to your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim. THE PARTIES DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN LIFESTANCE COMMON STOCK.
- 6. NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. (This is different than the online claim portal on the Settlement website.) All such claimants MUST submit a manually signed paper Claim Form whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to submit your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at (877) 884-3360 or info@lifestancesecuritiessettlement.com to obtain the required file layout. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

## PART I – CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

The Claims Administrator will use this information for all communications regarding this Claim Form. If this information changes, you MUST notify the Claims Administrator in writing at the address above. Complete names of all persons and entities must be provided.

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## PART II: TRANSACTIONS IN LIFESTANCE COMMON STOCK

1. PURCHASES DU	RING THE C	LASS PERIOD – Separa	ntely list each and every						
purchase of LifeStance	e common stoc	k from after the opening of	of trading on June 10, 2021						
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# IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

If none, write "0" or "zero." (Must submit documentation.)

1. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the claimant(s) or the person(s) acting on behalf of the claimant(s) certify(ies) that: I (We) submit this Claim Form under the terms of the Plan of Allocation of Net Settlement Fund described in the accompanying Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member(s) and for purposes of enforcing the

releases set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I (we) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment entered in connection with the Settlement in the Action, including the releases set forth therein. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim, such as additional documentation for transactions in eligible LifeStance common stock, if required to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same transactions in LifeStance common stock during the Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

### V. RELEASES, WARRANTIES, AND CERTIFICATION

- 1. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I am (we are) a Class Member as defined in the Notice, that I am (we are) not excluded from the Class, that I am (we are) not one of the "Released Defendant Parties" as defined in the accompanying Notice.
- 2. As a Class Member, I (we) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, and forever compromise, settle, release, resolve, relinquish, waive, and discharge with prejudice the Released Plaintiff's Claims as to each and all of the Released Defendant Parties (as these terms are defined in the accompanying Notice). This release shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes effective on the Effective Date.
- 3. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.
- 4. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) purchases and sales of LifeStance common stock that occurred during the Class Period and the number of shares of common stock held by me (us) to the extent requested.

5. I (We) certify that I am (we	are) NOT subject to backup tax withholding. (If you
have been notified by the Internal Revenue	e Service that you are subject to backup withholding,
please strike out the prior sentence.)	
I (We) declare under penalty of perj	ury under the laws of the United States of America that
all of the foregoing information supplied by	y the undersigned is true and correct.
Executed this day of	, 2024
Signature of Claimant	Type or print name of Claimant
Signature of Joint Claimant, if any	Type or print name of Joint Claimant
Signature of person signing on behalf of Claimant	Type or print name of person signing on behalf of Claimant

### **REMINDER CHECKLIST:**

- 1. Please sign this Claim Form.
- 2. DO NOT USE RED PEN OR HIGHLIGHTER ON THE CLAIM FORM OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.
- 3. Attach only copies of supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
  - 4. Keep a copy of your Claim Form for your records.
- 5. If you desire an acknowledgement of receipt of your Claim Form, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- 6. If you move after submitting this Claim Form please notify the Claims Administrator of the change in your address, otherwise you may not receive additional notices or payment.

# THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR MAILED NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

LifeStance Securities Litigation Claims Administrator c/o A.B. Data, Ltd. PO Box 173090 Milwaukee, WI 53217

Online submissions: www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com

# **EXHIBIT A-3**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NIZAR S. NAYANI, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC.,
MICHAEL K. LESTER, J. MICHAEL
BRUFF, ROBERT BESSLER, DARREN
BLACK, JEFFREY CRISAN, WILLIAM
MILLER, JEFFREY RHODES, ERIC
SHUEY, KATHERINE WOOD, MORGAN
STANLEY & CO. LLC, GOLDMAN SACHS
& CO. LLC, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES
LLC, JEFFERIES LLC, TPG CAPITAL BD,
LLC, UBS SECURITIES LLC, and WILLIAM
BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR

## **CLASS ACTION**

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

EXHIBIT A-3

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO OR WHICH PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC. ("LIFESTANCE") COMMON STOCK IN AND/OR TRACEABLE TO LIFESTANCE'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING ON OR ABOUT JUNE 10, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2021 ("CLASS").

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all members of the proposed Class, and LifeStance, Michael K. Lester, J. Michael Bruff, Robert Bessler, Darren Black, Jeffrey Crisan, William Miller, Jeffrey Rhodes, Eric Shuey, and Katherine Wood (the "Individual Defendants" and, together with LifeStance, the "LifeStance Defendants"), and Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, TPG Capital BD, LLC, UBS Securities LLC, and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with the LifeStance Defendants, "Defendants"), have reached a proposed settlement of the claims in the above-captioned class action (the "Action") in the amount of \$50,000,000 (the "Settlement").

A hearing will be held before the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_\_, m., in Courtroom 14B of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007 (the "Settlement Hearing") to determine whether the Court should: (i) approve the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (ii) dismiss the Action with prejudice as provided in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated October 13, 2023; (iii) approve the proposed Plan of Allocation for distribution of the proceeds of the Settlement (the "Net Settlement Fund") to Class Members; and (iv) approve Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. The Court may change the date of the Settlement Hearing without providing another notice. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearing, including any changes to the date or time of the hearing, will be posted to the Settlement

website, www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com. You do NOT need to attend the Settlement Hearing to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund.

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CLASS, YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED

BY THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A MONETARY

PAYMENT. If you have not yet received a full Notice and Claim Form, you may obtain copies of these documents by visiting the website for the Settlement, www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com, or by contacting the Claims Administrator at:

LifeStance Securities Litigation
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
PO Box 173090
Milwaukee, WI 53217
www.LifeStanceSecuritiesSettlement.com
(877) 884-3360

Inquiries, other than requests for information about the status of a claim, may also be made to Lead Counsel:

Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Ellen Gusikoff Stewart 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101 settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com (800) 449-4900

If you are a member of the Class and wish to exclude yourself from the Class, you must
submit a written request for exclusion in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice so
that it is <i>received no later than</i>
Class, you will not be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court relating to the
Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable, and you will not be eligible to share in the distribution
of the Net Settlement Fund.
Any objections to the proposed Settlement, Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application,
and/or the proposed Plan of Allocation must be filed with the Court, either by mail or in person, and
be mailed to counsel for the Parties in accordance with the instructions in the Notice, such that they
are received no later than
PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT, DEFENDANTS, OR DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE.
DATED:, 2023 BY ORDER OF THE COURT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

# **EXHIBIT B**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NIZAR S. NAYANI, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

LIFESTANCE HEALTH GROUP, INC.,
MICHAEL K. LESTER, J. MICHAEL
BRUFF, ROBERT BESSLER, DARREN
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BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06833-JSR

## **CLASS ACTION**

[PROPOSED] FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT

EXHIBIT B

### WHEREAS:

A. On October 13, 2023, Nizar S. Nayani ("Lead Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all other members of the Class, on the one hand, and LifeStance Health Group, Inc. ("LifeStance"), Michael K. Lester, J. Michael Bruff, Robert Bessler, Darren Black, Jeffrey Crisan, William Miller, Jeffrey Rhodes, Eric Shuey, and Katherine Wood (the "Individual Defendants" and, together with LifeStance, the "LifeStance Defendants"), and Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, TPG Capital BD, LLC, UBS Securities LLC, and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with the LifeStance Defendants, "Defendants"), on the other hand, entered into a Stipulation of Settlement (the "Stipulation") in the above-entitled litigation (the "Action");

- B. Pursuant to the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Approving Form and Manner of Notice, and Setting Date for Hearing on Final Approval of Settlement, entered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Preliminary Approval Order"), the Court scheduled a hearing for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_:\_\_\_\_.m. (the "Settlement Hearing") to, among other things: (i) determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court; (ii) determine whether a judgment as provided for in the Stipulation should be entered; and (iii) rule on Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application;
- C. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court ordered that the Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses (the "Notice") and a Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Claim Form"), substantially in the forms attached to the Preliminary Approval Order as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on or before twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date of entry of the

Preliminary Approval Order ("Notice Date") to all potential members of the Class who could be identified through reasonable effort, and that the Summary Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses (the "Summary Notice"), substantially in the form attached to the Preliminary Approval Order as Exhibit 3, be published in *The Wall Street Journal* and transmitted over *PR Newswire* within seven (7) calendar days of the Notice Date;

- D. The Notice and the Summary Notice advised potential members of the Class of the date, time, place, and purpose of the Settlement Hearing. The Notice further advised that any objections to the Settlement were required to be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the Parties such that they were received by \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024;
  - E. The provisions of the Preliminary Approval Order as to notice were complied with;
- F. On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_\_\_, Lead Plaintiff moved for final approval of the Settlement, as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order. The Settlement Hearing was duly held before this Court on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at which time all interested Persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and
- G. This Court has duly considered Lead Plaintiff's motion for final approval of the Settlement, the declarations, memoranda of law submitted in support thereof, the Stipulation, and all of the submissions and arguments presented with respect to the proposed Settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, after due deliberation, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (i) the Stipulation filed with the Court on October 13, 2023; and (ii) the Notice, which was filed with the Court on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024. Capitalized terms not defined in this Judgment shall have the meaning set forth in the Stipulation.

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all Parties to the Action, including all members of the Class who have not requested exclusion from the Class.
- 3. All potential members of the Class who have timely and validly requested exclusion from the Class are identified in Exhibit A hereto.
- 4. The Court finds that the mailing and publication of the Notice, Summary Notice, and Claim Form: (i) complied with the Preliminary Approval Order; (ii) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (iii) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated to apprise members of the Class of the effect of the Settlement, of the proposed Plan of Allocation, of Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of Litigation Expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of the Action, of members of the Class's right to object or seek exclusion from the Class, and of their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (iv) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (v) satisfied the notice requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA"). No member of the Class is relieved from the terms of the Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such member of the Class failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the members of the Class to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, were fully discharged and that the statutory waiting period has elapsed. Thus, the Court hereby determines that all members of the Class are bound by this Judgment.
  - 5. There have been \_\_\_\_ objections to the Settlement.

- 6. Pursuant to Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby approves the Settlement and finds that in light of the benefits to the Class, the complexity and expense of further litigation, the risks of establishing liability and damages, and the costs of continued litigation, said Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, having considered and found that: (a) Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have adequately represented the Class; (b) the Settlement was negotiated at arm's-length between experienced counsel with the assistance of an experienced mediator; (c) relief provided for the Class in the Settlement is adequate, having taken into account (i) the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal; (ii) the effectiveness of any proposed method of distributing relief to the Class, including the method of processing members of the Class's claims; (iii) the terms of any proposed award of attorneys' fees, including timing of payment; and (iv) any agreement required to be identified under Rule 23(e)(3); and (d) the proposed Plan of Allocation treats members of the Class equitably relative to each other. Accordingly, the Settlement is hereby approved in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the releases provided for in the Stipulation; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants) and shall be consummated in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Stipulation.
- 7. The Amended Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the "Complaint"), filed on December 19, 2022, is dismissed in its entirety, with prejudice, and without costs to any Party, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation.
- 8. The Court finds that during the course of the Action, the Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 9. Upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and each and every other member of the Class, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every one of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against each and every one of the Released Defendant Parties and shall forever be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims, including any claims pursuant to the PSLRA for contribution/indemnity or claims that are otherwise dependent on liability in this Action, against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties.
- 10. Upon the Effective Date, the Released Defendant Parties, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every one of the Released Defendants' Claims against each and every one of the Released Plaintiff Parties and shall forever be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any and all of the Released Plaintiff Parties.
- 11. Notwithstanding paragraphs 9-10 above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.
- 12. Each Class Member, whether or not such member of the Class executes and delivers a Claim Form, is bound by this Judgment, including, without limitation, the release of claims as set forth in the Stipulation.

- 13. This Judgment and the Stipulation, whether or not consummated, and any discussion, negotiation, proceeding, or agreement relating to the Stipulation, the Settlement, and any matter arising in connection with settlement discussions or negotiations, proceedings, or agreements, shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of the Parties or their respective counsel, for any purpose other than in an action to enforce the terms hereof, and in particular:
- (a) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Released Defendant Parties with respect to the truth of any allegation by Lead Plaintiff and the Class, or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any litigation, including, but not limited to, the Released Plaintiff's Claims, or of any liability, damages, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind by any of the Released Defendant Parties or any person or entity whatsoever;
- (b) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any fault, misrepresentation, or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by Defendants, or against or to the prejudice of Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Class as evidence of any infirmity in the claims of Lead Plaintiff, or the other members of the Class;
- (c) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties, Lead Plaintiff, any other member of the Class, or their respective counsel, as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, damages, negligence, fault, infirmity, or other wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way

referred to for any other reason against or to the prejudice of any of the Released Defendant Parties, Lead Plaintiff, other members of the Class, or their respective counsel, in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

- (d) do not constitute, and shall not be construed against any of the Released Defendant Parties, Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Class, as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount that could be or would have been recovered after trial; and
- (e) do not constitute, and shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission, concession, or presumption against Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Class that any of their claims are without merit or infirm or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount.
- 14. The administration of the Settlement, and the decision of all disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of any claim or right of any Person to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, shall remain under the authority of this Court.
- 15. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated, and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation, and the Settlement Fund shall be returned in accordance with paragraph 45 of the Stipulation.
- 16. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

17. The Parties are hereby directed to consummate the Stipulation and to perform its

terms.

18. A separate order shall be entered regarding Lead Counsel's application for attorneys'

fees and payment of expenses as allowed by the Court. A separate order shall be entered regarding

the proposed Plan of Allocation for the Net Settlement Fund. Such orders shall in no way disturb or

affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment. Such orders shall in no

way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of

the Settlement.

19. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains

continuing jurisdiction over: (i) implementation of the Settlement; (ii) the allowance, disallowance,

or adjustment of any member of the Class's claim on equitable grounds and any award or

distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) disposition of the Settlement Fund; (iv) any applications for

attorneys' fees, costs, interest, and payment of expenses in the Action; (v) all Parties for the purpose

of construing, enforcing and administering the Settlement and this Judgment; and (vi) other matters

related or ancillary to the foregoing. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Judgment

and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is respectfully directed.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

THE HONORABLE JED S. RAKOFF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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