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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS Division _____

STATE OF KANSAS, ex rel.,)
PHILL KLINE, Attorney General)
Plaintiff,))) Case No. <u>65 (</u> (14\
v.)
CONCIERGE MANAGEMENT, LLC d/b/a Vantage America)))
Defendants)
)
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)	

JOURNAL ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

NOW on this 7th day of September, 2005, Plaintiff's Journal Entry of Consent Judgment comes before the Court pursuant to K.S.A. 50-632(b). Plaintiff, the State of Kansas, ex rel. Phill Kline, Attorney General, appears by and through Bryan J. Brown, Deputy Attorney General. Defendant appears by and through Jeffey Bulman.

Whereupon, the parties advise the Court that they have stipulated and agreed to the following matters:

- 1. Phill Kline is the Attorney General of the State of Kansas.
- 2. The Attorney General's authority to bring this action is derived from the

- statutory and common law of the State of Kansas, specifically the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, K.S.A. 50-623 *et seq*.
- 3. Defendant Concierge Management, LLC d/b/a Vantage America is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the state of Illinois. The principal office of the corporation is located at 1275 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025. Defendant Concierge Management may be served with process by serving its registered agent, F & L Corp., 321 N. Clark Street, Suite 2800, Chicago, Illinois 60610.
- 4. Defendant is a suppliers who markets, promotes, advertises or otherwise distributes a discount card that purports to offer discounts or access to discounts in health-related purchases from health care providers in Kansas, as defined in K.S.A. 50-1,100(a) and K.S.A. 50-1,101(a). As such, Defendant is subject to the Kansas Discount Card Act, K.S.A. 50-1,100 through K.S.A. 50-1,105.
- 5. The Court has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over the parties for the sole purpose of entering into this Consent Judgment and any subsequent enforcement thereof.
- 6. Defendant stipulates and waives any objection to venue in Shawnee County for the sole purpose of entering into this Consent Judgment and any subsequent enforcement thereof.
- 7. The Plaintiff alleges Defendant engaged in the following unconscionable acts and practices in violation of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, specifically K.S.A. 50-1,101 and K.S.A. 50-1,103:

- a. Defendant violated the Kansas Discount Card Act by failing to provide each prospective customer before purchase or at the time of confirmation required by K.S.A. 50-672 a written list for each type of service offered in conjunction with the discount card containing the name, address and phone number of the 25 closest health care providers in the prospective customer's service area that are contractually bound to honor the discount card, in violation of K.S.A. 50-1,101(b)(4)(A), or in the alternative, to provide customers with a 30-day right to cancel and mail a written list of the closest 25 health care providers in the prospective customer's service area that are contractually bound to honor the discount card within seven calendar days of the transaction, in violation of K.S.A. 50-1,101(b)(4)(B).
- b. Upon commencing business in Kansas, Defendant failed to maintain a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 issued by a surety company authorized to do business in Kansas, or establish a surety account in the amount of \$50,000.00 at a federally insured bank, savings and loan association or federal bank located in Kansas, in violation of K.S.A. 50-1,101(b)(6).
- c. Upon commencing business in Kansas, Defendant failed to designate a resident agent who is a resident of Kansas for service of process and is registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office, in violation of K.S.A. 50-1,103.
- 8. Defendant voluntarily agrees to this Consent Judgment without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law.
- 9. Defendant agrees to refrain from and to be permanently enjoined from engaging in those acts and practices alleged to be unconscionable in Paragraph Seven (7) of this Consent Judgment. Defendant agrees that engaging in such acts or similar acts after the date of this Consent Judgment shall constitute a violation of this Order and civil penalties will be imposed for each subsequent violation.
- 10. The provisions of this Consent Judgment will be applicable to Defendant,

- and every employee, agent or representative of Defendant.
- 11. Defendant agrees to make available and/or disclose the provisions of this Consent Judgment to its employees, agents and representatives within five days of signing the Consent Judgment.
- 12. Defendant agrees to be permanently enjoined from entering into, forming, organizing or reorganizing into any partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship or any other legal structures, for the purpose of avoiding compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment.
- 13. Defendant agrees to pay \$10,000.00 in civil penalties and investigative fees to the "Office of the Attorney General" of the State of Kansas. Payment shall be made by cashier's check, payable to the Office of the Attorney General, and shall be delivered to the Attorney General of the state of Kansas at the time of Defendant's signing this Consent Judgment.
- 14. Defendant has made a full refund of all monies paid to Defendant by Kansas consumers Raymond and Cheryl Jones and Stephanie Norquist. Defendant agrees to make full refunds of all monies paid to Linda Ulrich.
- 15. Jurisdiction is retained by this Court for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to this Consent Judgment to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders and directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the modification of any of the provisions hereof, for the enforcement of compliance herewith, and for the punishment of violations thereof.
- 16. If any portion, provision, or part of this Consent Judgment is held to be

- invalid, unenforceable, or void for any reason whatsoever, that portion shall be severed from the remainder and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions, portions or parts.
- 17. Compliance with this Consent Judgment does not relieve Defendant of any obligation imposed by federal, state or local law, nor shall the Attorney General be precluded from taking appropriate legal action to enforce civil or criminal statutes under his jurisdiction.
- 18. The parties understand that this Consent Judgment shall not be construed as an approval or sanction by the Attorney General of the business practices of Defendant nor shall Defendant represent the decree as such an approval. The parties further understand that any failure by the State of Kansas or by the Attorney General to take any action in response to any information submitted pursuant to the Consent Judgment shall not be construed as an approval of or sanction of any representations, acts or practices indicated by such information, nor shall it preclude action thereon at a later date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the stipulation and agreement of the parties contained herein are adopted and approved as the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Court and any monies owed hereunder by Defendant immediately become a judgment upon filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that judgment is entered against Defendant in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$10,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant pay all costs associated with this action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that pursuant to the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, and the provisions of K.S.A. 50-632(b) the Court hereby approves the terms of the Consent Judgment and adopts the same as the order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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