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10. **MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.** Disputes between the Licensee and ACMSS™ not resolved by direct discussion shall be submitted to mediation pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The Parties shall select the mediator within fifteen (15) days of the request for mediation. Engaging in mediation is a condition precedent to any form of binding dispute resolution. If neither direct discussions nor mediation successfully resolves the dispute, and if the Parties do not mutually agree otherwise in writing, then the Parties shall submit the matter to binding arbitration to be conducted before one arbitrator. All claims, disputes and matters in question arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement shall be decided by arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA then in effect. All claims and proceedings shall remain confidential. This agreement to arbitrate shall be specifically enforceable under the Federal Arbitration Act. An award entered in an arbitration proceeding shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction. The costs of any binding dispute resolution procedures and reasonable attorneys' fees shall be borne by the non-prevailing Party, as determined by the arbitrator, up to an amount that shall not exceed \$7,500, and the Parties shall share equally the full amount of the arbitrators' and AAA's administrative fees of arbitration. All mediation, arbitration and litigation proceedings shall be held in Orange County, California. Neither Party may commence arbitration if the claim or cause of action would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations had the claim or cause of

action been filed in a state or federal court. An award entered in an arbitration proceeding pursuant to this Agreement shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment may be entered upon an award in any court having jurisdiction. Licensee HEREBY VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT WHICH IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY PROCEEDING, LITIGATION, OR COUNTERCLAIM BASED ON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

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