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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	VERONICA ZAMORA,) Case No.: 1:17-cv-00544 DAD JLT
12	Plaintiff,) ORDER RE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
13	v.)
14	LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA,)
15	Defendant.))
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17	At the request of counsel, the Court set an early settlement conference to occur on July 18,	
18	2017. (Doc. 11) Thus, the Court ORDERS :	
19	1. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the Court, the attorneys who will try the case	
20	shall appear at the Settlement Conference with the parties and the person or persons having full	
21	authority to negotiate and settle the case on terms discussed at the conference. Consideration of	
22	settlement is a serious matter that requires preparation prior to the settlement conference. Set forth	
23	below are the procedures the Court will employ, absent good cause, in conducting the conference:	
24	a. <u>At least 21 days before the settlement conference</u> , Plaintiff SHALL submit to	
25	Defendant via fax or e-mail, a written itemization of damages and a meaningful settlement demand	
26	which includes a brief explanation of why such a settlement is appropriate;	
27	b. Thereafter, no later than 14 days before the settlement conference , Defendant	
28	SHALL respond via fax or e-mail, with an acceptance of the offer or with a meaningful counteroffer,	
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c. If settlement is not achieved, each party SHALL attach copies of their settlement offers
to their Confidential Settlement Conference Statement, as described below. Copies of these
documents shall not be filed on the court docket.

d. <u>No later than July 11, 2017</u>, the parties shall submit, directly to Judge Thurston's
chambers by e-mail to JLTOrders@caed.uscourts.gov, a Confidential Settlement Conference
Statement. The statement should not be filed with the Clerk of the Court nor served on any other
party, although the parties may file a Notice of Lodging of Settlement Conference Statement. Each
statement shall be clearly marked "confidential" with the date and time of the Settlement Conference
indicated prominently thereon;

e. The Confidential Settlement Conference Statement shall include the following:
i. A brief statement of the facts of the case;
ii. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other grounds upon which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the parties' likelihood of prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a description of the major issues in dispute;

- iii. A summary of the proceedings to date;
- iv. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial and trial;

v. The relief sought;

vi. The party's position on settlement, including present demands and offers and a history of past settlement discussions, offers and demands.

24 || IT IS SO ORDERED.

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/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE