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WELLPOINT GRANTED REQUESTED 30-DAY SUSPENSION OF DELAWARE ACQUISITION REVIEW

DOVER, DE - Insurance Commissioner Donna Lee H. Williams today stated as follows:

"Following the Order issued by the Maryland Insurance Administration disapproving the proposed conversion of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield to for-profit status, I received a letter from WellPoint Health Networks, Inc., requesting that Delaware suspend its investigation of the proposed transaction for 30 days pending their review of the Maryland Order. In light of the 30 day appeal period in Maryland, I have decided to grant their request."