

DELAWARE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On May 22, 2003, Donna Lee H. Williams, the Insurance Commissioner for the State of Delaware, issued a Rule to BCBSD, Inc. and CareFirst, Inc. to appear and show cause why (1) the effect of the Maryland legislation enacted into law on May 22, 2003 will not contravene the Affiliation Order entered by the Insurance Commissioner on March 20, 2000, (2) the Affiliation Order entered on March 20, 2000, should not be terminated, (3) BCBSD's participation in the CareFirst Affiliation should not be withdrawn, (4) any assets, licenses, authorities, or the like yielded by BCBSD to CareFirst should not be returned and (5) any other and necessary order should not be entered protecting the rights of Delaware citizens to the full benefits offered prior to the Affiliation Order of March 20, 2000.

The Commissioner will conduct a Public Hearing on the Rule starting on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Delaware Insurance Department, 841 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, which hearing shall continue from day to day or otherwise in the discretion of the Commissioner.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Delaware Administrative Procedures Act 29 *Del. C.* Chapter 101 and 18 *Del. C.* § 323 and is limited to the matters raised in or arising out of the Rule to Show Cause.