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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF BCBSD, INC., BY
WELLPOINT HEALTH NETWORKS, INC. BEFORE THE INSURANCE
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

**PUBLIC HEARING—IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES
IN INTEREST AND INTERESTED PERSONS**

WellPoint Health Networks, Inc., a California domiciled stock health insurance company has filed an application before Insurance Commissioner Donna Lee Williams to acquire BCBSD, Inc., a Delaware domiciled non-profit health service corporation under Title 18 Chapter 50 of the Delaware Code. The Commissioner hereby gives notice that she intends to hold a public hearing in furtherance of such application although no hearing date has been established relating to the merits of the application.

Any person who seeks to be determined a party in interest to this proceeding, or any person interested in testifying in person or participating by legal counsel at the hearing, must submit, in writing, his or her name, the name of his or her organization, if any, the name of his or her counsel, if any, and a brief statement of the reason why he, she or the organization which he or she represents should be declared a party, or has an interest in participating at the hearing, to Deputy Attorney General Michael J. Rich, at the Delaware Department of Insurance, 841 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904-2465. The foregoing written statement must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. August 16, 2002, by mail, hand, parcel service, or fax delivery (302-739-5566). If fax delivered, the original signed document must be received by the Delaware Insurance Department within ten (10) days. Duplicate notice of such written statement shall be simultaneously filed with David S. Swayze, Esquire, Attorney for WellPoint and BCBSD at ReedSmith LLP, Suite 1500, 1201 North Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801 (fax 302-778-7575) and Deputy Attorney General Marsha Kramarck, Attorney for the Department of Justice, at 820 N. French St., Wilmington, DE 19801 (fax 302-577-6630) by the same means of delivery as for the Delaware Insurance Department.

The Hearing Officer appointed by the Commissioner hereafter will hold a public hearing at the office of the Delaware Insurance Department, 841 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904 at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday September 18, 2002 to hear argument in support of or in opposition to such requests for party status by the applicant or parties to the proceeding. There will be no opportunity to receive public comment on the applications for party status or participation in the hearing or any other matter relating to the application at said public hearing.