

PUBLIC NOTICE

On August 15, 2002 WellPoint Health Networks, Inc. withdrew its application for the acquisition and conversion of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware, Inc. As a result all pending proceedings in this matter are terminated. The Delaware Insurance Department will keep this webpage link open in the event there are further filings or developments relating to the status of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware, Inc. The text of a press release issued by WellPoint on August 15, 2002 reads as follows:

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., Aug 15, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- WellPoint Health Networks Inc. (NYSE:WLP) announced that it has voluntarily withdrawn its Form A application previously submitted to the Delaware Department of Insurance in connection with WellPoint's pending merger with CareFirst, Inc. WellPoint is voluntarily withdrawing its Form A application in Delaware in order to delay additional expenses for advisers and consultants while WellPoint awaits the completion of a preliminary valuation analysis in the State of Maryland. The withdrawal in Delaware does not affect WellPoint's pending applications in Maryland and the District of Columbia relating to the CareFirst transaction.

As WellPoint has previously disclosed, in connection with the pending Maryland regulatory process, The Blackstone Group is in the process of conducting a preliminary valuation analysis of CareFirst on behalf of the Maryland Insurance Administration. WellPoint currently expects that this preliminary analysis will be completed during the third quarter of 2002. Once this analysis has been completed, WellPoint will analyze its effect on the proposed transaction. WellPoint is also currently assessing the impact of recently adopted Maryland legislation on the transaction.

WellPoint expects that it will re-file an amended Form A application with the Delaware Department of Insurance in the future after it completes its review of The Blackstone Group analysis.

WellPoint Health Networks Inc. serves the health care needs of more than 13 million medical members and approximately 45 million specialty members nationwide through Blue Cross of California, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri, HealthLink and UNICARE. WellPoint offers a broad spectrum of quality network-based health products including open access PPO, POS and hybrid products, HMO and specialty products. Specialty products include pharmacy benefit management, dental, utilization management, vision, mental health, life and disability insurance, long term care insurance, flexible spending accounts, COBRA administration, and Medicare supplements. WellPoint may be found on the web at www.wellpoint.com.

Cautionary Statement: Certain statements contained in this release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and

changes in circumstances. Actual results could differ materially due to, among other things, operational and other difficulties associated with integrating acquired business, general business conditions, competition among managed care companies, rising health care costs, trends in medical loss ratios, health care reform, delay in receipt of regulatory approvals and other developments with regard to pending transactions and other regulatory issues. Additional risk factors are listed from time to time in WellPoint's various SEC reports, including but not limited to, its Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2001.