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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to Commission file number: 001-16751

ANTHEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

35-2145715

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (Address of principal executive offices)

46204 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes □ No □ Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes □ No ☑ Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☑ No □

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer \square Accelerated filer \square

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The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant (assuming solely for the purposes of this calculation that all Directors and executive officers of the registrant are "affiliates") as of June 30, 2014 was approximately \$29,462,836,859.

As of February 5, 2015, 266,787,463 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K incorporates by reference information from the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 13, 2015.

Anthem, Inc.

Annual Report on Form 10-K For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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This Annual Report on Form 10-K, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, that reflect our views about future events and financial performance. When used in this report, the words "may," "will," "should," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "plan," "believe," "feel," "predict," "project," "potential," "intend" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which are generally not historical in nature. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, financial projections and estimates and their underlying assumptions; statements regarding plans, objectives and expectations with respect to future operations, products and services; and statements regarding future performance. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date hereof. You are also urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us, which attempt to advise interested parties of the factors that affect our business, including "Risk Factors" set forth in Part I, Item 1A hereof and our reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, from time to time. Except to the extent otherwise required by federal securities laws, we do not undertake any obligation to republish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

On November 5, 2014, the shareholders of the Company approved a proposal to amend our articles of incorporation to change our name to Anthem, Inc. from WellPoint, Inc. The name change was effective December 2, 2014. References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the terms "we," "our," "us," "Anthem" or the "Company" refer to Anthem, Inc., an Indiana corporation, and, unless the context otherwise requires, its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

General

We are one of the largest health benefits companies in terms of medical membership in the United States, serving 37.5 million medical members through our affiliated health plans as of December 31, 2014. We are an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, or BCBSA, an association of independent health benefit plans. We serve our members as the Blue Cross licensee for California and as the Blue Cross and Blue Shield, or BCBS, licensee for Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri (excluding 30 counties in the Kansas City area), Nevada, New Hampshire, New York (as BCBS in 10 New York City metropolitan and surrounding counties, and as Blue Cross or BCBS in selected upstate counties only), Ohio, Virginia (excluding the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.) and Wisconsin. In a majority of these service areas we do business as Anthem Blue Cross, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, and Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, or Empire Blue Cross (in our New York service areas). We also conduct business through arrangements with other BCBS licensees in the states of South Carolina and Texas. We conduct business through our AMERIGROUP Corporation, or Amerigroup, subsidiary, in Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Washington. We also serve customers throughout the country as HealthLink, UniCare (including a non-risk arrangement with the state of Massachusetts), and in certain Arizona, California, Nevada, New York and Virginia markets through our CareMore Health Group, Inc., or CareMore, subsidiary. We are licensed to conduct insurance operations in all 50 states through our subsidiaries.

In February 2015, we reported that we were the target of a sophisticated external cyber attack. The attackers gained unauthorized access to certain of our information technology systems and obtained personal information related to many of our current and former members and employees. We are in the process of determining the extent of this cyber attack and are supporting federal law enforcement efforts to identify the responsible parties. For additional information about the cyber attack, see Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies - *Data Breach*," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

On February 17, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Simply Healthcare Holdings, Inc., or Simply Healthcare, a leading managed care company for people enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare programs in the state of Florida. This acquisition, which was originally announced on December 22, 2014, aligns with our strategy for continued growth in our Government Business segment. As a result, we will, through our affiliated Medicaid and Medicare plans, serve more than half a million members in the state of Florida.

We have a vision of becoming America's valued health partner. Together we are transforming health care with trusted and caring solutions and as a result, we focus on delivering quality products and services that give members access to the care they need. With an unyielding commitment to meeting the needs of our diverse customers, we are guided by the following values:

- Accountable
- Caring
- Easy to do business with
- Innovative
- Trustworthy

We offer a broad spectrum of network-based managed care plans to large and small employer, individual, Medicaid and Medicare markets. Our managed care plans include: preferred provider organizations, or PPOs; health maintenance organizations, or HMOs; point-of-service, or POS, plans; traditional indemnity plans and other hybrid plans, including consumer-driven health plans, or CDHPs; and hospital only and limited benefit products. In addition, we provide a broad array of managed care services to self-funded customers, including claims processing, underwriting, stop loss insurance, actuarial services, provider network access, medical cost management, disease management, wellness programs and other administrative services. We provide an array of specialty and other insurance products and services such as dental, vision, life

and disability insurance benefits, radiology benefit management and analytics-driven personal health care. We also provide services to the federal government in connection with the Federal Employee Program, or FEP. We also sold contact lenses, eyeglasses and other ocular products through our 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc., or 1-800 CONTACTS, business which was divested on January 31, 2014.

The increased focus on health care costs by employers, the government and consumers has continued to drive the growth of alternatives to traditional indemnity health insurance. HMO, PPO and hybrid plans, such as POS plans and CDHPs, are among the various forms of managed care products that have been developed. Through these types of products, insurers attempt to contain the cost of health care by negotiating contracts with hospitals, physicians and other providers to deliver high quality health care to members at favorable rates. These products usually feature medical management and other quality and cost optimization measures such as pre-admission review and approval for certain non-emergency services, pre-authorization of outpatient surgical procedures, network credentialing to determine that network doctors and hospitals have the required certifications and expertise, and various levels of care management programs to help members better understand and navigate the health care system. In addition, providers may have incentives to achieve certain quality measures, may share medical cost risk or may have other incentives to deliver quality medical services in a cost-effective manner. Also, certain plans offer members incentives for healthy behaviors, such as smoking cessation and weight management. Members are charged periodic, prepaid premiums and generally pay copayments, coinsurance and/or deductibles when they receive services. While the distinctions between the various types of plans have lessened over recent years, PPO, POS and CDHP products generally provide reduced benefits for out-of-network services, while traditional HMO products generally provide little to no reimbursement for non-emergency out-of-network utilization, but often offer more generous benefit coverage. An HMO plan may also require members to select one of the network primary care physicians to coordinate their care and approve any specialist or other services.

Economic factors and greater consumer and employer sophistication and accountability have resulted in an increased demand for choice in both product/benefit designs and provider network configurations. As a result we continue to offer our broad access PPO networks with multiple benefit designs, but are also focused on leveraging our emerging provider collaboration initiatives with our Accountable Care Organization, or ACO, partnerships to develop both narrow and tiered network offerings. This array of network and product configurations allows both the employer and the employee to design and select the combination of benefit designs (e.g., traditional PPOs, high deductibles, HRAs, HSAs, gatekeeper based products, tiered copays) and networks (e.g., broad, narrow, tiered, closed and open) that optimize choice, quality and price at the consumer, employer and market level. We believe we are well-positioned in each of our states to respond to these market preferences.

For our fully-insured products, we charge a premium and assume all of the health care risk. Under self-funded and partially-insured products, we charge a fee for services, and the employer or plan sponsor reimburses us for all or most of the health care costs. In addition, we charge a premium to provide administrative services to Large Group employers that maintain self-funded health plans and we underwrite stop loss insurance for self-funded plans.

Our medical membership includes seven different customer types:

- Local Group
- Individual
- National Accounts
- BlueCard ®
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- FEP

BCBS-branded business generally refers to members in our service areas licensed by the BCBSA. Non-BCBS-branded business refers to members in our non-BCBS-branded Amerigroup and CareMore plans, as well as HealthLink and UniCare members. In addition to the above medical membership, we also serve customers who purchase one or more of our other products or services that are often ancillary to our health business.

Our products are generally developed and marketed with an emphasis on the differing needs of our customers. In particular, our product development and marketing efforts take into account the differing characteristics between the various customers served by us, as well as the unique needs of educational and public entities, labor groups, federal employee health and benefit programs, national employers and state-run programs servicing low-income, high-risk and under-served markets. Each business unit is responsible for product design, pricing, enrolling, underwriting and servicing customers in specific customer types. Overall, we seek to establish pricing and product designs to provide value for our customers while achieving an appropriate level of profitability for each of our customer categories balanced with the competitive objective to grow market share. We believe that one of the keys to our success has been our focus on these distinct customer types, which better enables us to develop benefit plans and services that meet our customers' unique needs.

We market our products through direct marketing activities and an extensive network of independent agents, brokers and retail partnerships for Individual and Medicare customers, and for certain Local Group customers with a smaller employee base. Products for National Accounts and Local Group customers with a larger employee base are generally sold through independent brokers or consultants retained by the customer and working with industry specialists from our in-house sales force. In the Individual and Small Group markets, we offer on-exchange products through state or federally facilitated marketplaces, referred to as public exchanges; and off-exchange products. Federal premium subsidies are available only for certain members who purchase certain public exchange products.

Each of the BCBS member companies, of which there were 37 independent primary licensees as of December 31, 2014, works cooperatively in a number of ways that create significant market advantages, especially when competing for very large multi-state employer groups. As a result of this cooperation, each BCBS member company is able to take advantage of other BCBS licensees' substantial provider networks and discounts when any BCBS member works or travels outside of the state in which their policy is written. This program is referred to as BlueCard® and is a source of revenue when we provide member services in the states where we are the BCBS licensee to individuals who are customers of BCBS plans not affiliated with us. This program also provides a national provider network for our members when they travel to other states.

For additional information describing each of our customer types, detailed marketing efforts and changes in medical membership over the last three years, see Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our results of operations depend in large part on accurately predicting health care costs and our ability to manage future health care costs through adequate product pricing, medical management, product design and negotiation of favorable provider contracts.

The aging of the population and other demographic characteristics and advances in medical technology continue to contribute to rising health care costs. Our managed care plans and products are designed to encourage providers and members to participate in quality, cost-effective health benefit programs by using the full range of our innovative medical management services, quality initiatives and financial incentives. Our significant market share and high business retention rates enable us to realize the long-term benefits of investing in preventive and early detection programs. Our ability to provide cost-effective health benefits products and services is enhanced through a disciplined approach to internal cost containment, prudent management of our risk exposure and successful integration of acquired businesses. In addition, our ability to manage selling, general and administrative costs continues to be a driver of our overall profitability.

Our future results of operations will also be impacted by certain external forces and resulting changes in our business model and strategy. In 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or ACA, as well as the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, or collectively, Health Care Reform, became law, causing significant changes to the U.S. health care system. Since then, significant regulations have been enacted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, the Department of Labor and the Department of the Treasury. The legislation and regulations are far-reaching and are intended to expand access to health insurance coverage over time by increasing the eligibility thresholds for most state Medicaid programs and providing certain other individuals and small businesses with tax credits to subsidize a portion of the cost of health insurance coverage. As a result of the complexity of the law, its impact on health care in the United States and the continuing modification and interpretation of Health Care Reform rules, we continue to analyze and refine our estimates of the ultimate impact of Health Care Reform on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations. Health Care Reform provides growth opportunities for health insurers, but also introduces new risks and

uncertainties, and required changes in the way products are designed, underwritten, priced, distributed and administered. For additional discussion, see "Regulation," herein and Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In addition to the external forces discussed in the preceding paragraph, our results of operations are impacted by levels and mix of membership. In recent history, we experienced membership declines due to unfavorable economic conditions driving increased unemployment. In addition, we believe the self-insured portion of our group membership base will continue to increase as a percentage of total group membership. These membership trends could have a material adverse effect on our future results of operations. See Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" and Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Private exchanges have recently gained significant visibility in the marketplace based on the promise of helping employers reduce costs, increase consumer engagement and manage the complexities created by the ACA and other market forces. While private exchanges have been a distribution channel in the Medicare and Individual markets for some time, the heightened level of activity and investment among the consulting and broker communities and other health insurance carriers has generated an increasing level of interest among employers in the Commercial market. To date, adoption levels have been lower than analyst predictions, but expectations for significant longer term growth remain. While the ultimate volume, pace of growth and winning business models remain highly uncertain, we believe private exchanges will provide opportunities for growth and will serve a significant role in our future strategy.

Our approach to the private exchange market has been broad-based and we believe we are well positioned to adapt with the market as it evolves. In 2011, we jointly acquired Bloom Health with Health Care Service Corporation and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and today it offers this advanced consumer experience platform to employers as Anthem Health Marketplace. We also currently participate in four large national consultant-led exchanges, several regional broker-led exchanges and various individual, commercial and Medicare exchanges. Although overall private exchange activity has been limited, we have experienced positive membership gains among early adopters, reinforcing the strength of our market position and the value we deliver to employers and consumers. We will continue to assess this highly dynamic market, build out internal capabilities and enhance partnerships to ensure we are best positioned to capitalize on future growth.

We believe we are well-positioned to deliver what customers want: innovative, choice-based and affordable products; distinctive service; simplified transactions; and better access to information for quality care. Our local presence, combined with our national expertise, has created opportunities for collaborative programs that reward physicians and hospitals for clinical quality and excellence. We feel that our commitment to health improvement and care management provides added value to customers and health care professionals. We believe that an essential ingredient for practical and sustainable improvements in health care is raising health care quality while managing costs for total cost affordability. We have identified initiatives that we believe will deliver better health care while reducing costs. These include driving innovation in paying and partnering with providers to compel improved cost, quality and health along with finding new, effective ways to manage risk and engage the member as a consumer. In addition, we seek to achieve efficiencies from our national scale while optimizing service performance for our customers. Finally, we seek to continue to rationalize our portfolio of businesses and products, and align our investments to capitalize on new opportunities to drive growth in both our existing and new markets in the future.

We continue to enhance interactions with customers, providers, brokers, agents, employees and other stakeholders through web-enabled technology and improving internal operations. Our approach includes not only sales and distribution of health benefits products on the Internet, but also implementation of advanced capabilities that improve services benefiting customers, agents, brokers, and providers while optimizing administrative costs. These enhancements can also help improve the quality, coordination and safety of health care through increased communications between patients and their physicians.

We intend to continue pursuing our vision of becoming America's valued health partner by transforming health care with trusted and caring solutions and by delivering quality products and services that give members access to the care they need. At the same time, we will focus on earnings per share, or EPS, growth through organic membership gains, improvements in our operating cost structure, strategic acquisitions and the efficient use of capital.

Significant Transactions

While Health Care Reform has caused significant changes to the U.S. health care system in recent years, the more significant transactions that have occurred over the last five years that have impacted or will impact our capital structure or that have or will influence how we conduct our business operations include:

- Acquisition of Simply Healthcare (2015);
- Use of Capital—Board of Directors declaration of dividends on common stock (2011 through 2014) and a 42.9% increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.6250 per share (2015); authorization for repurchases of our common stock (2014 and prior); and debt repurchases and new debt issuance (2014 and prior);
- Acquisition of Amerigroup and the related debt issuance (2012);
- Acquisition of 1-800 CONTACTS (2012) and subsequent divestiture (2014); and
- Acquisition of CareMore (2011).

For additional information regarding certain of these transactions, see Note 3, "Business Acquisitions and Divestitures," Note 12, "Debt," and Note 14, "Capital Stock," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Competition

The managed care industry is highly competitive, both nationally and in our local markets. Competition continues to be intense due to aggressive marketing, business consolidations, a proliferation of new products, the impact of Health Care Reform, and increased quality awareness and price sensitivity among customers.

Managed care industry participants compete for customers mainly on the following factors:

- quality of service;
- price;
- access to provider networks;
- access to care management and wellness programs, including health information;
- innovation, breadth and flexibility of products and benefits;
- reputation (including National Committee on Quality Assurance, or NCQA, accreditation status);
- · brand recognition; and
- financial stability.

Over the last few years, a health plan's ability to interact with employers, members and other third parties (including health care professionals) via the Internet has become a more important competitive factor, and we have made significant investments in technology to enhance our electronic interaction with providers, employers, members and third parties.

We believe our exclusive right to market products under the most recognized brand in the industry, BCBS, in our most significant markets provides us with an advantage over our competition. Our provider networks in our markets enable us to achieve efficiencies and distinctive service levels enabling us to offer a broad range of health benefits to our customers on a more cost-effective basis than many of our competitors. We strive to distinguish our products through provider access, service, care management, product value and brand recognition.

Pricing in our Commercial and Specialty Business segment (defined below), including our Individual and Small Group lines of business, remains competitive, but rational, and we strive to price our health care benefit products consistent with anticipated underlying medical trends. We believe our pricing strategy, based on predictive modeling, proprietary research and data-driven processes, as well as our overall investments for Health Care Reform, have positioned us to benefit from the potential growth opportunities available in fully-insured commercial products as a result of Health Care Reform. While the ultimate level of public exchange enrollment cannot be predicted, we have experienced a greater number of policy

applications for new members through the public exchanges than expected, including geographical regions with lower price competition. The public exchanges may increase the risk that our products will be selected by individuals who have a higher risk profile or utilization rate than the pool of participants we anticipated when we established the pricing for these public exchange products. However, the risk characteristics of new applicants in 2014 tracked closely to the risk levels utilized in the development of our pricing assumptions. Although it is not yet clear whether our products sold on the public exchanges will be more or less profitable products, we believe that our pricing strategy, brand name and network quality will provide a strong foundation for commercial risk membership growth opportunities in the future.

To build our provider networks, we compete with other health benefits plans for the best contracts with hospitals, physicians and other providers. We believe that physicians and other providers primarily consider member volume, reimbursement rates, timeliness of reimbursement and administrative service capabilities along with the reduction of non-value added administrative tasks when deciding whether to contract with a health benefits plan.

At the sales and distribution level, we compete for qualified agents and brokers to recommend and distribute our products. Strong competition exists among insurance companies and health benefits plans for agents and brokers with demonstrated ability to secure new business and maintain existing accounts. We believe that the quality and price of our products, support services, reputation and prior relationships, along with a reasonable commission structure are the factors agents and brokers consider in choosing whether to market our products. We believe that we have good relationships with our agents and brokers, and that our products, support services and commission structure compare favorably to those of our competitors in all of our markets. Typically, we are the largest competitor in each of our Blue-branded markets and, thus, are a closely watched target by other insurance competitors.

Reportable Segments

We currently manage our operations through three reportable segments: Commercial and Specialty Business, Government Business and Other. We regularly evaluate the appropriateness of our reportable segments, particularly in light of organizational changes, merger and acquisition activity and changing laws and regulations. Therefore, these reportable segments may change in the future.

Our Commercial and Specialty Business and Government Business segments both offer a diversified mix of managed care products, including PPOs, HMOs, traditional indemnity benefits and POS plans, as well as a variety of hybrid benefit plans including CDHPs, hospital only and limited benefit products.

Our Commercial and Specialty Business segment includes our Local Group, National Accounts, Individual and Specialty businesses. Business units in the Commercial and Specialty Business segment offer fully-insured health products; provide a broad array of managed care services to self-funded customers including claims processing, underwriting, stop loss insurance, actuarial services, provider network access, medical cost management, disease management, wellness programs and other administrative services; and provide an array of specialty and other insurance products and services such as dental, vision, life and disability insurance benefits, radiology benefit management and analytics-driven personal health care guidance.

Our Government Business segment includes Medicare and Medicaid businesses, National Government Services, or NGS, and services provided to the federal government in connection with FEP. Medicare business includes services such as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D, and Medicare Supplement. Medicaid business includes our managed care alternatives through publicly funded health care programs, including Medicaid; Temporary Assistance for Needy Family programs, or TANF; programs for seniors and people with disabilities, or SPD; programs for long-term services and support, or LTSS; Children's Health Insurance Programs, or CHIP; and ACA-related Medicaid expansion programs. NGS acts as a Medicare contractor in several regions across the nation.

Our Other segment includes other businesses that do not meet the quantitative thresholds for an operating segment as defined by Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, guidance, as well as corporate expenses not allocated to the other reportable segments.

Through our participation in various federal government programs, we generated approximately 21.0%, 20.3% and 23.7% of our total consolidated revenues from agencies of the U.S. government for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013

and 2012, respectively. These revenues are contained in the Government Business segment. An immaterial amount of our total consolidated revenues are derived from activities outside of the U.S.

For additional information regarding the operating results of our segments, see Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Note 19, "Segment Information," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Products and Services

A general description of our products and services is provided below:

Preferred Provider Organization: PPO products offer the member an option to select any health care provider, with benefits reimbursed by us at a higher level when care is received from a participating network provider. Coverage is subject to co-payments or deductibles and coinsurance, with member cost sharing usually limited by out-of-pocket maximums.

Consumer-Driven Health Plans: CDHPs provide consumers with increased financial responsibility, choice and control regarding how their health care dollars are spent. Generally, CDHPs combine a high-deductible PPO plan with an employer-funded and/or employee-funded personal care account, which may result in tax benefits to the employee. Some or all of the dollars remaining in the personal care account at year-end can be rolled over to the next year for future health care needs.

Traditional Indemnity: Indemnity products offer the member an option to select any health care provider for covered services. Coverage is subject to deductibles and coinsurance, with member cost sharing usually limited by out-of-pocket maximums.

Health Maintenance Organization: HMO products include comprehensive managed care benefits, generally through a participating network of physicians, hospitals and other providers. A member in one of our HMOs must typically select a primary care physician, or PCP, from our network. PCPs generally are family practitioners, internists or pediatricians who provide necessary preventive and primary medical care, and are generally responsible for coordinating other necessary health care services. We offer HMO plans with varying levels of copayments, which result in different levels of premium rates.

Point-of-Service: POS products blend the characteristics of HMO, PPO and indemnity plans. Members can have comprehensive HMO-style benefits through participating network providers with minimum out-of-pocket expenses (co-payments) and also can go directly, without a referral, to any provider they choose, subject to, among other things, certain deductibles and coinsurance. Member cost sharing is limited by out-of-pocket maximums.

ACA Public Exchange and Off-Exchange Products: The ACA required the modification of existing products and development of new products to meet the requirements of the legislation, subject to certain transitional relief. Individual and Small Group products cover essential health benefits as defined in the ACA along with many other requirements and cost sharing features. Individual and Small Group products offered on and off the public exchanges meet the definition of the "metal" product requirements (bronze, silver, gold and platinum) and each metal product must satisfy a specific actuarial value. Health insurers participating on the public exchanges must offer at least one silver and one gold product.

In our Individual markets we offer bronze, silver and gold products, both on and off the public exchanges, in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin. Additionally, we offer platinum products, both on and off the public exchanges, in the states of California and New York.

In our Small Group markets, we offer bronze, silver and gold products, both on and off the public exchanges, in the states of Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio and Virginia and we offer bronze, silver and gold products, off the public exchanges, in the states of California, New York and Wisconsin. Additionally, we offer platinum products, off the public exchanges, in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri and Virginia.

Administrative Services: In addition to fully-insured products, we provide administrative services to Large Group employers that maintain self-funded health plans. These administrative services include underwriting, actuarial services, medical cost management, disease management, wellness programs, claims processing and other administrative services for self-funded employers. Self-funded health plans are also able to use our provider networks and to realize savings through our

negotiated provider arrangements, while allowing employers the ability to design certain health benefit plans in accordance with their own requirements and objectives. We also underwrite stop loss insurance for self-funded plans.

BlueCard ® : BlueCard ® host members are generally members who reside in or travel to a state in which an Anthem subsidiary is the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield licensee and who are covered under an employer sponsored health plan serviced by a non-Anthem controlled BCBS licensee, which is the "home" plan. We perform certain administrative functions for BlueCard ® host members, for which we receive administrative fees from the BlueCard ® members' home plans. Other administrative functions, including maintenance of enrollment information and customer service, are performed by the home plan.

Medicare Plans: We offer a wide variety of plans, products and options to individuals age 65 and older such as Medicare supplement plans, Medicare Advantage (including private fee-for-service plans and special needs plans), Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans, or Medicare Part D, and Medicare-Medicaid Plans, or MMPs. Medicare supplement plans typically pay the difference between health care costs incurred by a beneficiary and amounts paid by Medicare. Medicare Advantage plans provide Medicare beneficiaries with a managed care alternative to traditional Medicare and often include a Medicare Part D benefit. In addition, our Medicare Advantage special needs plans provide tailored benefits to Medicare beneficiaries who have chronic diseases and also cover certain dual eligible customers, who are low-income seniors and persons under age 65 with disabilities who are enrolled in MMPs. Medicare Part D offers a prescription drug plan to Medicare and MMP beneficiaries. MMPs are managed care products serving members who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. We offer these plans to customers through our health benefit subsidiaries throughout the country, including Amerigroup and CareMore.

Individual Plans: We offer a full range of health insurance plans with a variety of options and deductibles for individuals under age 65 who are not covered by employer-sponsored coverage. Some of our products target certain demographic populations such as uninsured younger individuals between the ages of 19 and 29, families, those transitioning between jobs or early retirees. Individual policies are generally sold through independent agents and brokers, retail partnerships, our in-house sales force or via the Internet. Individual business is sold on a fully-insured basis. We offer public exchange products and off-exchange products. Federal premium subsidies are available only for certain public exchange products. Individual customers are generally more sensitive to product pricing and, to a lesser extent, the configuration of the network, and the efficiency of administration.

Medicaid Plans and Other State-Sponsored Programs: We have contracts to serve members enrolled in publicly funded health care programs, including Medicaid, TANF, SPD, LTSS, CHIP, and ACA-related Medicaid expansion programs. The Medicaid program makes federal matching funds available to all states for the delivery of health care benefits for low income and/or high medical risk individuals. These programs are managed by the individual states based on broad federal guidelines. TANF is a state and federally funded program designed for the population consisting primarily of low-income children and their guardians. SPD is a federal income supplement program designed for Supplemental Security Income recipients, however, states can broaden eligibility criteria. This population consists of low-income seniors and people with disabilities. LTSS is a state and federally funded program that offers states a broad and flexible set of program design options and refers to the delivery of long-term services and support for our members who receive home and community- or institution-based services for long-term care. CHIP is a state and federally funded program that provides health care coverage to children not otherwise covered by Medicaid or other insurance programs. Our Medicaid plans also cover certain dual eligible customers, as previously described above, who also receive Medicare benefits. We provide Medicaid and other State-Sponsored services in California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Pharmacy Products: We market and sell an integrated prescription drug product to both fully-insured and self-funded customers through our health benefit subsidiaries throughout the country. This comprehensive product includes features such as drug formularies, a pharmacy network and maintenance of a prescription drug database and mail order capabilities. Since December 1, 2009, we have delegated certain functions and administrative services related to our integrated prescription drug products to Express Scripts, Inc., or Express Scripts, under a ten year contract, excluding some Amerigroup subsidiaries and certain self-insured members, which have exclusive agreements with different pharmacy benefit management, or PBM, service providers. It is expected that those Amerigroup subsidiaries will complete their transition to the Express Scripts agreement during 2015. Express Scripts manages the network of pharmacy providers, operates mail order pharmacies and

processes prescription drug claims on our behalf, while we sell and support the product for clients, make formulary decisions and set drug benefit design strategy and provide front line member support.

Life Insurance: We offer an array of competitive individual and group life insurance benefit products to both Large Group and Small Group customers in conjunction with our health plans. The life products include term life and accidental death and dismemberment.

Disability: We offer short-term and long-term disability products, usually in conjunction with our health plans.

Radiology Benefit Management: We offer outpatient diagnostic imaging management services to health plans. These services include utilization management for advanced diagnostic imaging procedures, network development and optimization, patient safety, claims adjudication and provider payment.

Personal Health Care Guidance: We offer leading evidence-based and analytics-driven personal health care guidance. These services help improve the quality, coordination and safety of health care, enhance communications between patients and their physicians, and reduce medical costs.

Dental: Our dental plans include networks in certain states in which we operate. Many of the dental benefits are provided to customers enrolled in our health plans and are offered on both a fully-insured and self-funded basis. Our members also have access to additional dental providers through our participation in the National Dental GRID, a national dental network developed by and for BCBS plans. The National Dental GRID includes dentists in all 50 states and provides multi-state customers with a national solution providing in-network discounts across the country. Additionally, we offer managed dental services to other health care plans to assist those plans in providing dental benefits to their customers.

Vision Services and Products: Our vision plans include networks within the states in which we operate. Many of the vision benefits are provided to customers enrolled in our health plans and are offered on both a fully-insured and self-funded basis. In addition to vision plans, we sold contact lenses, eyeglasses and other ocular products through our 1-800 CONTACTS subsidiary which we divested on January 31, 2014.

Medicare Administrative Operations: Through our subsidiary, NGS, we serve as a fiscal intermediary, carrier and Medicare administrative contractor providing administrative services for the Medicare program, which generally provides coverage for persons who are 65 or older and for persons who are disabled or with end-stage renal disease. Part A of the Medicare program provides coverage for services provided by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and other health care facilities. Part B of the Medicare program provides coverage for services provided by physicians, physical and occupational therapists and other professional providers, as well as certain durable medical equipment and medical supplies.

Networks and Provider Relations

Our relationships with physicians, hospitals and professionals that render health care services to our members are guided by local, regional and national standards for network development, reimbursement and contract methodologies. While following industry standards, we are simultaneously seeking to lead transformation efforts within our health care system, moving from our current fragmented model premised on episodic intervention to one based on proactive, coordinated care built around the needs of the patient. A key element of this transformation involves a transition from traditional fee-for-service payment models to models where providers are paid based on the value, both in quality and affordability, of the care they deliver.

We establish "market-based" hospital reimbursement payments that we believe are fair, but aggressive, and among the most competitive in the market. We also seek to ensure that physicians in our network are paid in a timely manner at appropriate rates. In many instances, we deploy multi-year contracting strategies, including case rates or fixed rates, to limit our exposure to medical cost inflation and to increase cost predictability. We maintain both broad and narrow provider networks to ensure member choice, based on both price and access needs, while implementing programs designed to improve the quality of care our members receive. Increasingly, we are supplementing our broad based networks with smaller or more cost-effective networks that are designed to be attractive to a more price-sensitive customer segment, such as public exchange customers.

Our reimbursement strategies vary across markets and depend on the degree of consolidation and integration of physician groups and hospitals. Fee-for-service is currently our predominant reimbursement methodology for physicians, but

as noted above, we are transitioning providers to value-based payment contracts. More traditional physician fee schedules are developed at the state level based on an assessment of several factors and conditions, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or CMS, resource-based relative value system, or RBRVS, medical practice cost inflation and physician supply. We utilize CMS RBRVS fee schedules as a reference point for fee schedule development and analysis. The RBRVS structure was developed, maintained, and updated by CMS and is used by the Medicare program and other major payers. In addition, we have implemented and continue to expand physician incentive contracting, or "pay for performance", which ties physician payment levels to performance on clinical measures.

While we generally do not delegate full financial responsibility to our physician providers in the form of capitation-based reimbursement, there are certain markets where the market dynamics result in this being a useful method to lower costs and reduce underwriting risk, thus we do utilize this payment method in those markets.

Our hospital contracts provide for a variety of reimbursement arrangements depending on local market dynamics and current hospital utilization efficiency. Most hospitals are reimbursed a fixed amount per day or reimbursed a per-case amount, per admission, for inpatient covered services. A small percentage of hospitals, primarily rural, sole community hospitals, are reimbursed on a discount from approved charge basis for covered services. Our "per-case" reimbursement methods utilize many of the same attributes contained in Medicare's Diagnosis Related Groups, or DRG, methodology. Hospital outpatient services are reimbursed by fixed case rates, fee schedules or percent of approved charges. Our hospital contracts recognize unique hospital attributes, such as academic medical centers or community hospitals, and the volume of care performed for our members. To improve predictability of expected costs, we frequently use a multi-year contracting approach with providers. In addition, the majority of our hospital contracts include a "pay for performance" component where reimbursement levels are linked to improved clinical performance, patient safety and medical error reduction.

Although fee-for-service combined with pay for performance remains our predominant payment model today, our provider engagement and contracting strategies are moving away from "unit price" or volume-based payment models to payment models that align compensation with the value delivered as measured by health care, quality and cost. We launched the most significant of these efforts, our Enhanced Personal Health Care program, in the fourth quarter of 2012. This program augments traditional fee-for-service with shared savings opportunities for providers when actual health care costs are below projected costs, and providers meet specific quality measures. The quality measures are based on nationally accepted, credible standards (e.g. NCQA, the American Diabetes Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics) and span preventive, acute and chronic care. We understand, however, that payment incentives alone are insufficient to create the large-scale, system-wide transformation required to achieve meaningful impacts on cost, quality and member experience. Accordingly, we invested in care delivery transformation and population health management support structures to help providers succeed under value-based payment models. This support includes our web-based population health management technology and teams of dedicated expert consultants who work alongside providers, sharing best practices, and helping them leverage our data to the benefit of their patients. In some of these arrangements, participating physician practices receive a per-member, per-month clinical coordination fee to compensate them for important care management activities that occur outside of the patient visit, (e.g. purchasing an electronic health record or hiring care management nurses) all of which have been shown to reduce healthcare costs and improve care outcomes. Since the launch of Enhanced Personal Health Care, we now have arrangements with provider organizations covering nearly 40% of our primary care physicians and have rolled this program out in each of the fourteen states where we operate as a licensee of the BCBSA.

Medical Management Programs

Our medical management programs include a broad array of activities that facilitate improvements in the quality of care provided to our members and promote cost-effective medical care. These medical management activities and programs are administered and directed by physicians and trained nurses. The goals of our medical management strategies are to ensure that the care delivered to our members is supported by appropriate medical and scientific evidence, is received on a timely basis and occurs in the most appropriate location.

Precertification: A traditional medical management program involves assessment of the appropriateness of certain hospitalizations and other medical services prior to the service being rendered. For example, precertification is used to determine whether a set of hospital and medical services is being appropriately applied to the member's clinical condition, in accordance with criteria for medical necessity as that term is defined in the member's benefits contract. All of our health plans have implemented precertification programs for common high-tech radiology studies, including cardiac diagnostic

testing, addressing an area of historically significant cost trends. Through our AIM Specialty Health, or AIM, subsidiary we promote appropriate, safe and affordable member care in imaging as well as oncology, sleep management and specialty pharmacy benefits. These expanded specialty benefit management solutions leverage clinical expertise and technology to engage our provider communities and members in more effective and efficient use of outpatient services.

Care Coordination: Another traditional medical management strategy we use is care coordination, which is based on nationally recognized criteria developed by third-party medical specialists. With inpatient care coordination, the requirements and intensity of services during a patient's hospital stay are reviewed, at times by an onsite skilled nurse professional in collaboration with the hospital's medical and nursing staff, in order to coordinate care and determine the most effective transition of care from the hospital setting. In addition, guidance for many continued stay cases is reviewed with physician medical directors to ensure appropriate utilization of medical services. We also coordinate care for outpatient services to help ensure that patients with chronic conditions who receive care from multiple physicians are able to manage the exchange of information between physicians and coordinate office visits to their physicians.

Case Management: We have implemented a medical management strategy focused on identifying the small percentage of the membership that will require a high level of intervention to manage their health care needs. The registered nurses and medical directors focus on members likely to be readmitted to the hospital and help them coordinate their care through pharmacy compliance, post-hospital care, follow-up visits to see their physician and support in their home.

Formulary management: We have developed formularies, which are selections of drugs based on clinical quality and effectiveness. A pharmacy and therapeutics committee of physicians uses scientific and clinical evidence to ensure that our members have access to the appropriate drug therapies.

Medical policy: A medical policy group, comprised of physician leaders from various areas of the country, working in cooperation with academic medical centers, practicing community physicians and medical specialty organizations such as the American College of Radiology and national organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Cancer Society, determines our national policy for the application of new medical technologies and treatments.

Quality programs: We are actively engaged with our hospital and physician networks to enable them to improve medical and surgical care and achieve better outcomes for our members. We endorse, encourage and incentivize hospitals and physicians to support national initiatives to improve the quality of clinical care and patient outcomes and to reduce medication errors and hospital infections. We have demonstrated our leadership in developing hospital quality programs.

External review procedures: We work with outside experts through a process of external review to provide our members scientifically and clinically, evidence-based medical care. When we receive member concerns, we have formal appeals procedures that ultimately allow coverage disputes related to medical necessity decisions under the benefits contract to be settled by independent expert physicians.

Service management: In HMO and POS networks, primary care physicians serve as the overall coordinators of members' health care needs by providing an array of preventive health services and overseeing referrals to specialists for appropriate medical care. In PPO networks, patients have access to network physicians without a primary care physician serving as the coordinator of care.

Estimate Your Cost & Anthem Care Comparison: These health care provider comparison tools disclose typical cost estimates and quality data for common services at contracted providers, with cost estimates accounting for facility, professional and ancillary services. The cost estimates bundle related services typically performed at the time of the procedure, not just for the procedure itself. Users can review cost data for over 350 procedures in 49 states. The Estimate Your Cost tool also includes member out-of-pocket cost estimates based on a member's own benefit coverage, deductible, and out of pocket maximum. We also offer information on overall facility ratings and patient experience using trusted third party data. We continue to work on enhancing and evolving our tools to assist members in making informed and value-based health care decisions. In addition, we collaborate with an external independent vendor to support employers wanting to purchase a transparency and consumer engagement web solution with certain additional functionality.

Personal Health Care Guidance: These services help improve the quality, coordination and safety of health care, enhance communications between patients and their physicians, and reduce medical costs. Examples of services include

member and physician messaging, providing access to evidence-based medical guidelines, physician quality profiling, and other consulting services.

Anthem Health Guide: Anthem Health Guide integrates customer service with clinical and wellness coaching to provide easier navigation of health care services for our members. Members are supported by a team of nurses, coaches, educators, and social workers using voice, click-to-chat, secure email and mobile technology. Our Smart Engagement Platform supports this integrated team using our smart engagement triggers for speech recognition, preventative and clinical gaps in care and highlighting when we have members who are identified for current health care support. This caring team of professionals also supports our members with our shared decision making support portfolio.

Care Management Programs

We continue to expand our 360° Health suite of integrated care management programs and tools. 360° Health offers the following programs, among others, that have been proven to increase quality and reduce medical costs for our members:

ConditionCare and FutureMoms are care management and maternity management programs that serve as adjuncts to physician care. Skilled nurse professionals with added support from our team of dietitians, social workers, pharmacists, health educators and other health professionals help participants understand their condition, their doctor's orders and how to become a better self-manager of their condition. We also offer members infertility consultation through our SpecialOffers@Anthem program, a comprehensive and integrated assembly of discounted health and wellness products and services from a variety of the nation's leading retailers.

24/7 NurseLine offers access to qualified, registered nurses anytime. This allows our members to make informed decisions about the appropriate level of care and avoid unnecessary worry. This program also includes a referral process to the nearest urgent care facility, a robust audiotape library, accessible by phone, with more than 400 health and wellness topics, as well as on-line health education topics designed to educate members about symptoms and treatment of many common health concerns.

ComplexCare is an advanced care management program that reaches out to participants with multiple health care issues who are at risk for frequent and high levels of medical care in order to offer support and assistance in managing their health care needs. ComplexCare identifies candidates through claims analysis using predictive modeling techniques, the use of health risk assessment data, utilization management reports and referrals from a physician or one of our other programs, such as the 24/7 NurseLine.

MyHealth Advantage utilizes integrated information systems and sophisticated data analytics to help our members improve their compliance with evidence-based care guidelines, providing personal care notes that alert members to potential gaps in care, enable more prudent health care choices, and assist in the realization of member out-of-pocket cost savings. Key opportunities are also shared with physicians through Availity [®] at the time of membership eligibility verification. Availity [®] is an electronic data interchange system that allows for the exchange of health information among providers over a secure network.

MyHealth Coach provides our members with a professional guide who helps them navigate the health care system and make better decisions about their well-being. MyHealth Coach proactively reaches out to people who are at risk for serious health issues or have complex health care needs. Our health coaches help participants understand and manage chronic conditions, handle any health and wellness related services they need and make smart lifestyle choices.

HealthyLifestyles helps employees transform unhealthy habits into positive ones by focusing on behaviors that can have a positive effect on their health and their employer's financial well-being. HealthyLifestyles programs include smoking cessation, weight management, stress management, physical activity and diet and nutrition.

MyHealth@Anthem is our secure web-based solution, complementing other programs by reinforcing telephonic coaching and mail campaigns. The website engages participants in regularly assessing their health status, gives them feedback about their progress, and tracks important health measures such as blood pressure, weight and blood glucose levels.

Behavioral Health Case Management provides oversight of the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services as an integrated component of the health plan. The program assists providers and members with referrals, transitional care, episodic emergency care and other needs.

Employee Assistance Programs provide many resources that allow members to balance work and personal life by providing quick and easy access to confidential resources to help meet the challenges of daily life. Examples of services available in person as well as via telephone or internet are counseling for child care, health and wellness, financial issues, legal issues, adoption and daily living.

Health Care Quality Initiatives

Increasingly, the health care industry is able to define quality health care based on preventive health measurements, outcomes of care and optimal care management for chronic disease. A key to our success has been our ability to work with our network physicians and hospitals to improve the quality and outcomes of the health care services provided to our members. Our ability to promote quality medical care has been recognized by the NCQA, the largest and most respected national accreditation program for managed care health plans.

Several quality health care measures, including the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, or HEDIS ®, have been incorporated into the NCQA's accreditation processes. HEDIS ® measures range from preventive services, such as screening mammography and pediatric immunization, to elements of care, including decreasing the complications of diabetes and improving treatment for patients with heart disease. For health plans, NCQA's highest accreditation status of Excellent is granted only to those plans that demonstrate levels of service and clinical quality that meet or exceed NCQA's rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement. Plans earning this accreditation level must also achieve HEDIS ® results that are in the highest range of national or regional performance. Details for each of our plans' accreditation levels can be found at www.ncqa.org.

We have created an innovative program called the State Health Index, or SHI, to quantify and track our success in improving the health of our communities. SHI presents a comprehensive picture of a community's health in the 24 states served by our affiliated health plans. It is compiled from public data and includes 14 health indicators in four domains: Maternity Care, Preventive Care, Lifestyle, and Morbidity/Mortality. The metrics are utilized to identify opportunities for health improvement and leverage our strengths to build partnerships with community coalitions, patient advocacy organizations, and local and state public health departments. We analyze states' performance measures and prioritize measures for focused improvement. Together with Anthem Foundation, Inc. and state leadership, we create or enhance programs to improve the health of the entire population in these states - not just for our members.

Our wholly-owned health outcomes research subsidiary, HealthCore, Inc., or HealthCore, generates consistent and actionable evidence to support decision making while helping to guide fresh initiatives for a range of stakeholders in the healthcare industry. By leveraging a rich array of medical and pharmacy utilization data queried from administrative claims, patients surveys, medical charts and laboratory diagnostics, among other health records, HealthCore's multi-disciplinary research teams uncover a broad spectrum of safety, effectiveness, pharmacoepidemiology, and health economics evidence. HealthCore's real world evidence and comparative effectiveness research, among others, have played roles in the product planning and development campaigns of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and today it lists most of the leading biologics and drug manufacturers as clients or alliance partners. Its health plan research has led to better insights into evidence-based treatment approaches, the development of value-based initiatives to drive access and adherence to treatment, and the crafting of incentives to modify patient and provider behavior. One of HealthCore's predominant initiatives is its governmental and academic collaborations that include cooperation with some of the country's top universities and federal agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers of Disease Control of the National Institutes of Health, and it is an active contributor to the safety surveillance Sentinel program. As a notable contributor to the health outcomes evidence base, HealthCore's research findings are broadly disseminated during presentations at national and international medical meetings and are published in a variety of respected peer-reviewed medical and health services journals.

Our AIM subsidiary supports quality by implementing clinical appropriateness and patient safety solutions for advanced imaging procedures, cardiology, sleep medicine, specialty pharmaceuticals and oncology, including drugs covered under medical benefit and radiation therapy. These programs, based on widely accepted clinical guidelines, promote the most appropriate use of diagnostic and therapeutic services to improve the quality of overall health care delivered to our members and members of other health plans that are covered under AIM's programs. To provide additional impact to its clinical appropriateness program, AIM has also implemented a provider assessment program, OptiNet [®], which promotes more informed selection of diagnostic imaging and testing facilities by providing cost and facility information to physician offices at the point that a procedure is ordered. We have also leveraged AIM's provider network assessment information to

proactively engage and educate our members about imaging providers and sleep testing choices based on site capabilities and cost differences. This program is another example of how we facilitate improvements in the quality of care provided to our members and promote cost effective medical care. In addition, AIM radiology, cardiology, sleep medicine, radiation therapy, network assessment and member engagement solutions have been evaluated as quality improvement expenses under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or NAIC, medical loss ratio, or MLR, regulations. Fees for these programs can be included in calculations of a health plan's MLR.

Our wholly-owned analytics-driven subsidiary, Resolution Health, Inc., or RHI, delivers programs to improve the safety, quality and coordination of health care for our members. RHI uses evidence-based proprietary rules and algorithms based on established clinical guidelines and standards of independent accreditation organizations, medical specialty societies, and government agencies such as the National Quality Forum, or NQF, and NCQA. RHI analyzes claims and other data to identify actions that can improve health outcomes at the individual member level. When appropriate, RHI delivers personalized confidential messages ("Personalized Health Insights") to members, providers and care managers. RHI's Personalized Health Insights support total population health management and the results of RHI analyses are used across our enterprise to support HEDIS and other clinical quality measures.

Pricing and Underwriting of Our Products

We price our products based on our assessment of current health care claim costs and emerging health care cost trends, combined with charges for administrative expenses, risk and profit, including charges for ACA taxes and fees. We continually review our product designs and pricing guidelines on a national and regional basis so that our products remain competitive and consistent with our profitability goals and strategies.

In applying our pricing to each employer group and customer, we maintain consistent, competitive, disciplined underwriting standards. We employ our proprietary accumulated actuarial data in determining underwriting and pricing parameters. Where allowed by law and regulation, we underwrite large groups based on each group's aggregate claim experience. Also, we employ credit underwriting procedures with respect to our self-funded products.

In most circumstances, our pricing and underwriting decisions follow a prospective rating process in which a fixed premium is determined at the beginning of the contract period. For fully-insured business, any deviation, favorable or unfavorable, from the medical costs assumed in determining the premium is our responsibility. Some of our larger groups employ retrospective rating reviews, where positive experience is partially refunded to the group, and negative experience is charged against a rate stabilization fund established from the group's favorable experience, or charged against future favorable experience.

BCBSA Licenses

We are a party to license agreements with the BCBSA that entitle us to the exclusive, and in certain areas, non-exclusive use of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in assigned geographic territories. BCBSA is a national trade association of Blue Cross and Blue Shield licensees, the primary function of which is to promote and preserve the integrity of the BCBS names and marks, as well as provide certain coordination among the member companies. Each BCBSA licensee is an independent legal organization and is not responsible for obligations of other BCBSA member organizations. We have no right to market products and services using the BCBS names and marks outside of the states in which we are licensed to sell BCBS products. We are required to pay an annual license fee to the BCBSA based on enrollment and also to comply with various operational, governance and financial standards set forth in the licenses.

We believe that we and our licensed affiliates are currently in compliance with these standards. The standards under the license agreements may be modified in certain instances by the BCBSA. See Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional details of our licensing requirements and the impact if we were not to comply with these license agreements.

Regulation

General

Our operations are subject to comprehensive and detailed state, federal and international regulation throughout the jurisdictions in which we do business. As discussed below, the regulatory aspects of the U.S. health care system have been and will continue to be significantly affected by Health Care Reform. Supervisory agencies, including state health, insurance and corporation departments, have broad authority to:

- grant, suspend and revoke licenses to transact business;
- regulate many aspects of our products and services;
- monitor our solvency and reserve adequacy;
- scrutinize our investment activities on the basis of quality, diversification and other quantitative criteria; and
- impose monetary and criminal sanctions for non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

To carry out these tasks, these regulators periodically examine our operations and accounts.

Regulation of Insurance Company and HMO Business Activity

The governments of the states in which we conduct business, as well as the federal government, have adopted laws and regulations that govern our business activities in various ways. Further, Health Care Reform has resulted in increased federal regulation that significantly impacts our business. These laws and regulations, which vary significantly from state to state and on the federal level, restrict how we conduct our businesses and result in additional burdens and costs to us. Areas of governmental regulation include but are not limited to:

- medical loss ratios:
- tax deductibility of certain compensation and Health Care Reform related fees;
- licensure:
- premium rates;
- benefits;
- · eligibility requirements;
- guaranteed availability and renewability;
- service areas;
- market conduct:
- sales and marketing activities, including use and compensation of brokers and other distribution channels;
- quality assurance procedures;
- plan design and disclosures, including mandated benefits;
- underwriting, marketing, pricing and rating restrictions for insurance products;
- utilization review activities:
- prompt payment of claims;
- member rights and responsibilities;
- collection, access or use of protected health information;
- data reporting, including financial data and standards for electronic transactions;
- payment of dividends;
- provider rates of payment;

- surcharges on provider payments;
- provider contract forms;
- provider access standards;
- premium taxes, assessments for the uninsured and/or underinsured, insolvency guaranty payments, federal taxes, public exchange fees
 and premium stabilization programs;
- member and provider complaints and appeals;
- financial condition (including reserves and minimum capital or risk based capital requirements and investments);
- · reimbursement or payment levels for government funded business; and
- corporate governance and financial reporting.

These state and federal laws and regulations are subject to amendments and changing interpretations in each jurisdiction.

States generally require health insurers and HMOs to obtain a certificate of authority prior to commencing operations. If we were to establish a health insurance company or an HMO in any jurisdiction where we do not presently operate, we generally would have to obtain such a certificate. The time necessary to obtain such a certificate varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Each health insurer and HMO must file periodic financial and operating reports with the states in which it does business. In addition, health insurers and HMOs are subject to state examination and periodic license renewal. The health benefits business also may be adversely impacted by court and regulatory decisions that expand the interpretations of existing statutes and regulations. It is uncertain whether we can recoup, through higher premiums or other measures, the increased costs of mandated benefits or other increased costs caused by potential legislation, regulation or court rulings. See Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The ACA has created significant changes and will continue to create significant changes for health insurance markets for the next several years. Specifically, many of the near-term changes were effective for certain groups and individuals on their first renewal on or after September 2010, including a prohibition on lifetime limits, certain annual limits, member cost-sharing on specified preventive benefits, pre-existing condition exclusions for children, increased restrictions on rescinding coverage and extension of coverage of dependents to the age of 26. Certain requirements for insurers were also effective in 2011, including changes to Medicare Advantage payments and the minimum MLR provision that requires insurers to pay rebates to customers when insurers do not meet or exceed the specified MLR thresholds. Most of the provisions of the ACA with more significant effects on the health insurance marketplace, both state and federal, went into effect on January 1, 2014, including a requirement that insurers guarantee the issuance of coverage to all individuals regardless of health status, strict rules on how health insurance is rated, the assessment of new taxes and fees (including annual fees on health insurance companies), the creation of public exchanges for Individuals and Small Groups, the availability of premium subsidies for certain Individual products, and substantial expansions in eligibility for Medicaid.

Despite significant preparation for the advent of the public exchanges, there have been many technical difficulties in their implementation, which entail uncertainties associated with mix and volume of business. In November 2013, CMS notified the various state Insurance Commissioners that, under a transitional policy, health insurance coverage in the Individual or Small Group markets that is renewed for a policy year starting between January 1, 2014 and October 1, 2014 that would otherwise have been deemed non-compliant with certain market reforms under Health Care Reform will not be considered by CMS to be out of compliance with respect to such market reforms, provided certain conditions are met. CMS further encouraged state agencies responsible for enforcing the specified market reforms to adopt the same transitional policy with respect to this coverage. Some states have adopted the transitional policy, some have declined to adopt it and yet others have not taken a position.

Additionally, in March 2014 a second round of transition relief was issued by CMS, providing that health insurance coverage in the Individual or Small Group markets that is renewed for a policy year beginning on or before October 1, 2016, that would otherwise have been deemed non-compliant with certain market reforms under Health Care Reform, will not be considered by CMS to be out of compliance with respect to such market reforms, provided certain conditions are met. Again, some states have adopted this transitional policy, some have not and others have not taken a position.

Due to the impact of the transitional policies, insurers in the ACA compliant Individual market, including Anthem, may be adversely selected by individuals who will have a higher acuity level than the anticipated pool of participants in the public exchange markets. In addition, the risk adjustment, reinsurance, and risk corridor premium stabilization programs of Health Care Reform, or Health Care Reform Premium Stabilization Programs, established to apportion risk amongst insurers, may not be effective in appropriately mitigating the financial risks related to our public exchange products. These factors, along with the limited information about the individuals who have access to these newly established public exchanges that was available when we established premiums, may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations if premiums are not adequate or do not appropriately reflect the acuity of these individuals. Any variation from our expectations regarding acuity, enrollment levels, adverse selection, or other assumptions utilized in setting adequate premium rates could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.

In addition, there have been other material changes and delays in the implementation of the ACA that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows. These include:

- Delay in the effective date of the employer mandate from 2014 to 2015;
- Delay of the commencement of the 2015 open enrollment period from October 15 to November 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015;
 and
- Other unanticipated regulatory changes and delays.

These delays and changes may have a material and significant impact on anticipated enrollment in public exchange and off-exchange products, thus affecting the risk pools and premium rates. The technical difficulties in implementing the public exchanges have impacted the sharing of enrollment information between the federal government and health insurers. Finally, implementation of the ACA brings with it significant oversight responsibilities by health insurers that may result in increased governmental audits, increased assertions of False Claims Act violations, and an increased risk of other litigation.

The ACA continues to require additional guidance and specificity to be provided by HHS, the Department of Labor, CMS and the Department of the Treasury. These regulatory agencies continue to consider recommendations from external groups, such as the NAIC. Many provisions have final rules available for review while some proposed regulations have been released for comment or have yet to be released and others are in-process. Of particular note is the yet to be issued regulation pertaining to administrative simplification to create uniformity in implementing electronic standards. We continue to carefully evaluate each rule as it is issued; and, therefore, it continues to be too early to fully understand the impacts of the legislation on our overall business. Some of the more significant considerations of the ACA are described below:

MLR regulations were issued by HHS in December 2011; however, significant changes could still occur to the MLR requirements
through additional regulatory guidance and/or modification of the regulation. The minimum MLR thresholds by line of business, as
defined by HHS, are as follows:

Line of Business	
Large Group	85
Small Group	80
Individual	80

New York state regulations require us to meet a more restrictive MLR threshold of 82% for both Small Group and Individual lines of business. The minimum MLR thresholds disclosed above are based on definitions of an MLR calculation provided by HHS, or specific states, as applicable, and differ from our calculation of "benefit expense ratio" based on premium revenue and benefit expense as reported in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Furthermore, the definitions of the lines of business differ under the various state and federal regulations and may not correspond to our lines of business. Definitions under the MLR regulation also impact insurers differently depending upon their organizational structure or tax status, which could result in a competitive advantage to some insurance providers that may not be available to us, resulting in an uneven playing field in the industry. Significant changes to the MLR requirements may occur through additional regulatory action by HHS.

Health Care Reform also imposed a separate minimum MLR threshold of 85% for Medicare Advantage plans beginning in 2014. Medicare Advantage plans that do not meet this threshold will have to pay a minimum MLR rebate. If a plan's MLR is below 85% for three consecutive years beginning with 2014, enrollment will be restricted. A Medicare Advantage plan contract will be terminated if the plan's MLR is below 85% for five consecutive years.

Approximately 67.0% and 32.2% of our premium revenue and medical membership, respectively, were subject to the minimum MLR regulations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014. Approximately 63.1% and 27.3% of our premium revenue and medical membership, respectively, were subject to the minimum MLR regulations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013.

- The ACA required states to establish public exchanges by January 1, 2014 through which qualified individuals and qualified small employers may access coverage. If a state failed to establish a public exchange, the federal government established a public exchange in that state. To date sixteen states plus the District of Columbia have elected to operate state-based public exchanges. The remaining states have either a federal partnership public exchange (six states) or a federally operated public exchange (twenty-eight states). In the states in which we offer products on public exchanges, six states have passed legislation or executive orders establishing state-based public exchanges (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Kentucky, Nevada and New York).
- The ACA required the modification of existing products and development of new products to meet the requirements of the legislation, subject to certain transitional relief. Individual and Small Group products must cover essential health benefits as defined in the ACA along with many other requirements and cost sharing features. Individual and Small Group products must meet the definition of the "metal" product requirements (bronze, silver, gold and platinum). Each metal product must satisfy a specific actuarial value. Health insurers participating on public exchanges must offer at least one silver and one gold product. Additionally, effective January 1, 2014, health insurers were required to cancel or discontinue the sale of existing non-ACA-compliant Individual and Small Group products, subject to the conditions of the November 2013 and March 2014 CMS transitional policies discussed above.
- Regulations became effective in September 2011 that require filings for premium rate increases for Small Group and Individual products above specified thresholds, generally 10%, to be reviewed. The regulations provide for state insurance regulators to conduct the reviews, except for cases where a state does not have an "effective" rate review program or in federal enforcement states, in which cases HHS will conduct the reviews for any rate increase filed.
- The Health Care Reform Premium Stabilization Programs introduce new requirements to the MLR calculation, beginning with the 2014 benefit year for the Individual and Small Group markets. The risk adjustment program is a permanent program that transfers dollars from insurers who enroll individuals with lower relative health risk to insurers who enroll individuals with higher relative health risk. Risk adjustment payments/receipts will be determined separately for each state and for Individual and Small Group. The second premium stabilization program is the transitional reinsurance program, a temporary program that runs from 2014 through 2016. The transitional reinsurance program is intended to help stabilize premiums by reimbursing issuers of ACA-compliant non-grandfathered Individual market plans for eligible claims between a defined attachment point and ceiling, at a coinsurance rate defined by HHS. The program will be funded through assessments per covered enrollee upon the commercial health insurance market and sponsors of self-funded health benefit plans of approximately \$12.0 billion, \$8.0 billion and \$5.0 billion in 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively. The final premium stabilization program is the temporary risk corridor program, also a three year program through 2016, that protects insurers from inaccurate pricing of Individual and Small Group qualified health plans and substantially similar off-exchange products. Beginning in 2014, MLR rebate calculations are adjusted to reflect the impact of the Health Care Reform Premium Stabilization Programs.
- Through December 31, 2013 and depending on the laws in each state, health insurers were allowed to consider factors such as health status, gender and age in determining the appropriate premium for products in the Individual and Small Group markets. Some states have adopted rules that limit the variation between the highest and lowest premium for the identical insurance policy. The differential in pricing is commonly referred to as "rating bands". The process of using these rating bands allowed health insurers to appropriately price for products and to spread the risk more broadly across all policyholders. Except for policies issued under the CMS transitional policies, beginning in 2014, the ACA precludes health insurers from using health status and gender in the determination of the appropriate insurance premium. In addition, rating bands for age cannot vary by more than 3 to 1 and the rating

bands for tobacco use cannot vary by more than 1.5 to 1. The ongoing use of the 3 to 1 rating bands may have a significant impact on the majority of Individual and Small Group customers and could lead to adverse selection in the market as well as increased variability in projecting future premiums for those customer markets.

- In 2014 significant new taxes and fees became effective for health insurers, some of which may or may not be passed through to customers. The most significant of the taxes and fees is the annual Health Insurance Provider Fee, or HIP Fee, on health insurers that write certain types of health insurance on U.S. risks. The annual HIP Fee is allocated to health insurers based on the ratio of the amount of an insurer's net premium revenues written during the preceding calendar year to an adjusted amount of health insurance for all U.S. health risk for those certain lines of business written during the preceding calendar year. The HIP Fee is non-deductible for federal income tax purposes. The total amount to be collected from allocations to health insurers in 2014 was \$8.0 billion, and our portion of the HIP Fee for 2014 was \$893.3 million. The final calculation and payment of the HIP Fee occurred in the third quarter of 2014 and was recognized as a general and administrative expense. The annual HIP Fee to be allocated to all health insurers increases to \$11.3 billion for 2015 and 2016, \$13.9 billion for 2017 and \$14.3 billion for 2018. For 2019 and beyond, the annual HIP Fee will increase from the amount for the preceding year by the rate of premium growth for the preceding year.
- Medicare Advantage reimbursement rates will not increase as much as they would otherwise due to a new payment formula promulgated by the ACA that is expected to significantly reduce reimbursements in the future. We also expect further and ongoing regulatory guidance on a number of issues related to Medicare, evolving methodology for ratings and quality bonus payments, and potential action on an audit methodology to review data submitted under "risk adjuster" programs.

In June 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision affirming that the majority of the provisions of the ACA were constitutional. However, the provision of the ACA related to the mandatory expansion of state Medicaid programs was declared unconstitutional. One case pertaining to the constitutionality of the contraceptive mandate was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court during the past year, in which the Supreme Court held that closely-held for-profit businesses are entitled to object to the contraceptive mandate. Another pending case pertains to challenges to the premium tax subsidies and whether the subsidies are available for eligible residents in all states or only those residents in states which have established state-based public exchanges.

Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act became law in 2010. The Dodd-Frank Act represents a far-reaching overhaul of the framework for the U.S. financial services industry. Even though we are primarily a health benefits company, our business has been impacted by the Dodd-Frank Act. Many of its provisions require the adoption of rules for implementation, including those that govern which non-bank financial companies may become subject to the oversight of the Federal Reserve. These non-bank financial companies are defined as those that could pose a threat to the economy's financial stability either due to the potential of material financial distress at the company or due to the company's ongoing activities. While we are not currently considered a non-bank financial company for purposes of Federal Reserve oversight, future regulations or interpretations could change that result. Further, our investments in derivative instruments became subject to rules regarding the reporting and clearing of transactions and new margin requirements.

In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act creates a Federal Insurance Office, with limited powers that include information-gathering and subpoena authority. Although the Federal Insurance Office does not have authority over health insurance, it may have authority over other parts of our business, such as life insurance.

HIPAA and Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act

The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, imposes obligations for issuers of health insurance coverage and health benefit plan sponsors. This law requires guaranteed renewability of health care coverage for most group health plans and certain individuals. Also, the law limited exclusions based on preexisting medical conditions.

The administrative simplification provisions of HIPAA imposed a number of requirements on covered entities (including insurers, HMOs, group health plans, providers and clearinghouses). These requirements include uniform standards of common electronic health care transactions; privacy and security regulations; and unique identifier rules for employers,

health plans and providers. Additional federal privacy and security requirements, including breach notification, improved enforcement and additional limitations on use and disclosure of protected health information were passed through the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health, or HITECH, Act provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and corresponding implementing regulations. CMS posted the Interim Final Rule with Comment, or IFC, adopting operating rules for two electronic transactions: eligibility for a health plan and health care claims status. Based on the comments received on the IFC, CMS has decided not to change any of the policies established in the rule. Thus, the interim final rule became the final rule. The rule had a January 1, 2013 compliance date and we believe we have effectively complied with the requirements of the rule.

The federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act generally places restrictions on the disclosure of non-public information to non-affiliated third parties, and requires financial institutions, including insurers, to provide customers with notice regarding how their non-public personal information is used, including an opportunity to "opt out" of certain disclosures. State departments of insurance and certain federal agencies adopted implementing regulations as required by federal law. In addition, a number of states have adopted data security laws and/or regulations, regulating data security and/or requiring security breach notification, which may apply to us in certain circumstances.

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

The provision of services to certain employee welfare benefit plans is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or ERISA, a complex set of laws and regulations subject to interpretation and enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Labor. ERISA regulates certain aspects of the relationships between us, the employers that maintain employee welfare benefit plans subject to ERISA and participants in such plans. Some of our administrative services and other activities may also be subject to regulation under ERISA. In addition, certain states require licensure or registration of companies providing third party claims administration services for benefit plans. We provide a variety of products and services to employee welfare benefit plans that are covered by ERISA. Plans subject to ERISA can also be subject to state laws and the question of whether and to what extent ERISA preempts a state law has been, and will continue to be, interpreted by many courts.

HMO and Insurance Holding Company Laws, including Risk-Based Capital Requirements

We are regulated as an insurance holding company and are subject to the insurance holding company acts of the states in which our insurance company and HMO subsidiaries are domiciled. These acts contain certain reporting requirements as well as restrictions on transactions between an insurer or HMO and its affiliates. These holding company laws and regulations generally require insurance companies and HMOs within an insurance holding company system to register with the insurance department of each state where they are domiciled and to file with those states' insurance departments certain reports describing capital structure, ownership, financial condition, certain intercompany transactions and general business operations. In addition, various notice and reporting requirements generally apply to transactions between insurance companies and HMOs and their affiliates within an insurance holding company system, depending on the size and nature of the transactions. Some insurance holding company laws and regulations require prior regulatory approval or, in certain circumstances, prior notice of certain material intercompany transfers of assets as well as certain transactions between insurance companies, HMOs, their parent holding companies and affiliates. Among other provisions, state insurance and HMO laws may restrict the ability of our regulated subsidiaries to pay dividends.

Additionally, the holding company acts of the states in which our subsidiaries are domiciled restrict the ability of any person to obtain control of an insurance company or HMO without prior regulatory approval. Under those statutes, without such approval (or an exemption), no person may acquire any voting security of an insurance holding company, which controls an insurance company or HMO, or merge with such a holding company, if as a result of such transaction such person would "control" the insurance holding company. "Control" is generally defined as the direct or indirect power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person and is presumed to exist if a person directly or indirectly owns or controls 10% or more of the voting securities of another person.

The states of domicile of our regulated subsidiaries have statutory risk-based capital, or RBC, requirements for health and other insurance companies and HMOs based on the RBC Model Act. These RBC requirements are intended to assess the capital adequacy of life and health insurers and HMOs, taking into account the risk characteristics of a company's investments and products. In general, under these laws, an insurance company or HMO must submit a report of its RBC level to the insurance department or insurance commissioner of its state of domicile for each calendar year. The law requires

increasing degrees of regulatory oversight and intervention as a company's RBC declines. As of December 31, 2014, the RBC levels of our insurance and HMO subsidiaries exceeded all RBC thresholds.

Guaranty Fund Assessments

Under insolvency or guaranty association laws in most states, insurance companies can be assessed for amounts paid by guaranty funds for policyholder losses incurred when an insurance company becomes insolvent. Most state insolvency or guaranty association laws currently provide for assessments based upon the amount of premiums received on insurance underwritten within such state (with a minimum amount payable even if no premium is received). Under many of these guaranty association laws, assessments against insurance companies that issue policies of accident or sickness insurance are made retrospectively. Some states permit insurers to recover assessments paid through full or partial premium tax offsets or through future policyholder assessments.

States' adoption of the revised NAIC Model Guaranty Fund Act will tend to decrease our liability for insolvent insurers. The revised act reduces the premium base on which assessments are calculated, by omitting Medicare Parts C and D premium from the assessment base.

While the amount and timing of any future assessments cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that future guaranty association assessments for insurer insolvencies will not have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and capital resources with the exception of potential exposure related to the Penn Treaty Network America Insurance Company and its subsidiary American Network Insurance Company insolvency as discussed in Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies", to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Employees

At December 31, 2014, we had approximately 51,500 employees. Our employees are an important asset, and we seek to develop them to their full potential. We believe that our relationship with our employees is good.

Available Information

We are a large accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act) and are required, pursuant to Item 101 of Regulation S-K, to provide certain information regarding our website and the availability of certain documents filed with or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Our Internet website is www.antheminc.com. We have included our Internet website address throughout this Annual Report on Form 10-K as textual reference only. The information contained on our Internet website is not incorporated into this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We make available, free of charge, by mail or through our Internet website, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with or furnish it to the SEC. We also include on our Internet website our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Standards of Ethical Business Conduct and the charter of each standing committee of our Board of Directors. In addition, we intend to disclose on our Internet website any amendments to, or waivers from, our Standards of Ethical Business Conduct that are required to be publicly disclosed pursuant to rules of the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE. Anthem, Inc. is an Indiana corporation incorporated on July 17, 2001.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and presented elsewhere by management from time to time. Such factors, among others, may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations and you should carefully consider them. It is not possible to predict or identify all such factors. Consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete statement of all our potential risks or uncertainties. Because of these and other factors, past performance should not be considered an indication of future performance.

Federal Health Care Reform together with the changes in federal and state regulations that have been, and continue to be, enacted to implement it, could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

The passage of Health Care Reform during 2010 and subsequent regulations represent significant changes to the U.S. health care system. The legislation and regulations are far-reaching and are intended to expand access to health insurance coverage over time by increasing the eligibility thresholds for most state Medicaid programs and providing certain other individuals and small businesses with tax credits to subsidize a portion of the cost of health insurance coverage. The legislation includes a requirement that most individuals obtain health insurance coverage beginning in 2014. In addition, the new laws impose significant fees, assessments and taxes on us and other health insurers, health plans and other industry participants. Health Care Reform imposes an annual industry-wide health insurer fee which was \$8.0 billion beginning in 2014 and growing to \$14.3 billion by 2018 and increasing annually thereafter. This health insurance fee is not deductible for income tax purposes and will be allocated pro rata among us and other industry participants based on net premiums written. Health Care Reform also imposes industry-wide reinsurance assessments of \$12.0 billion in 2014, and \$8.0 billion and \$5.0 billion in 2015 and 2016, respectively. Insurance companies will pay the fees based upon insured members whereas self-insured entities will pay them directly to HHS. As we are one of the nation's largest health benefits companies, we expect our share of the Health Care Reform fees, assessments and taxes will continue to be significant. There is some uncertainty whether we will be able to include all or a portion of these fees, assessments and taxes in our premium rates.

Health Care Reform also imposes new regulations on the health insurance sector, including, but not limited to, guaranteed coverage and expanded benefit requirements; prohibitions on some annual and all lifetime limits on amounts paid on behalf of or to our members; increased restrictions on rescinding coverage; establishment of minimum MLR and customer rebate requirements; creation of a federal rate review process; a requirement to cover preventive services on a first dollar basis; the establishment of public exchanges and essential benefit packages and greater limitations on how we price certain of our products. The legislation also reduces the reimbursement levels for our health plans participating in the Medicare Advantage program over time. There are also limitations on the amount of executive compensation that is deductible for income tax purposes.

The legislation also contains risk adjustment provisions applicable to the Individual and Small Group markets that took effect in 2014. These risk adjustment provisions effectively transfer funds from health plans with relatively lower risk enrollees to plans with relatively higher risk enrollees to help protect against adverse selection. Effectively adapting to these risk adjustment provisions has required us to modify our operational and strategic initiatives to focus on and manage different populations of potential members than we have in the past. If we are not able to successfully design and implement operational and strategic initiatives to adapt to these changes in certain of our markets, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Some of the provisions of Health Care Reform became effective immediately upon enactment, while most of the other provisions became effective in January 2014, with the remaining provisions to be phased in over the next several years. These changes could impact us through potential disruption to the employer-based market, potential cost shifting in the health care delivery system to insurance companies and limitations on the ability to increase premiums to meet costs. We have dedicated, and will continue to dedicate, material resources and incurred, and will continue to incur, material expenses to implement and comply with Health Care Reform at both the state and federal levels, including implementing and complying with future regulations that provide guidance on and clarification of significant portions of the legislation. The Health Care Reform law and regulations are likely to have significant effects on our future operations, which, in turn, could impact the value of our business model and results of operations, including potential impairments of our goodwill and other intangible assets. Difficulties and delays with regard to implementation of provisions of Health Care Reform in 2013 and 2014, including with regard to the functionality of the public exchanges and the lack of full cooperation and coordination between federal and state authorities as to implementation of Health Care Reform, have increased uncertainties and made our planning relating to Health Care Reform more difficult and unpredictable, which increases the risk that we will experience unanticipated adverse consequences arising out of Health Care Reform.

Finally, federal and state regulatory agencies may further restrict our ability to obtain new product approvals, implement changes in premium rates or impose additional restrictions, under new or existing laws that could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in the regulation of our business by state and federal regulators may adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Our insurance, managed health care and HMO subsidiaries are subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the insurance, managed health care or HMO regulatory authorities of each state in which they are licensed or authorized to do business, as well as to regulation by federal and local agencies. We cannot assure that future regulatory action by state insurance or HMO authorities or federal regulatory authorities will not have a material adverse effect on the profitability or marketability of our health benefits or managed care products or on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, because of our participation in government-sponsored programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, a number of our subsidiaries are also subject to regulation by CMS and state Medicaid agencies, and to changes in government regulations or policy with respect to, among other things, reimbursement levels, eligibility requirements and additional governmental participation which could also adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we cannot ensure that application of the federal and/or state tax regulatory regime that currently applies to us will not, or future tax regulation by either federal and/or state governmental authorities concerning us could not, have a material adverse effect on our business, operations or financial condition.

State legislatures will continue to focus on health care delivery and financing issues. Most states are very focused on how to manage and reduce their budgets and are exploring ways to mitigate costs. As such, some states have acted to reduce or limit increases to premium payments. Others have enacted, or are contemplating enacting, significant reform of their health insurance markets to include provisions affecting both public programs and privately-financed health insurance arrangements. In addition, California has enacted legislation to establish minimum benefit expense ratio thresholds and continues to consider legislative proposals to require prior regulatory approval of premium rate increases. If enacted into law, these state proposals could have a material adverse impact on our business, cash flows, operations or financial condition.

The U.S. Supreme Court has determined that significant portions of the ACA, including the provisions regarding public exchanges, are constitutional. As a result, some states have developed their own public exchanges, while other states are relying on HHS to operate the public exchange in their states or are implementing partnership exchanges with the federal government. These multiple public exchange options have led to increased uncertainties and made our planning for these public exchanges more difficult. The Supreme Court decision also permitted states to opt out of the elements of Health Care Reform that require expansion of Medicaid coverage in January 2014 without losing their current federal Medicaid funding. A number of states in which we offer Medicaid products, including Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, have indicated their current decision to opt out of Medicaid expansion, at least for the present time. If states allow certain programs to expire or choose to opt out of Medicaid expansion, we could experience reduced Medicaid enrollment and reduced growth opportunities.

The U.S Supreme Court is now considering a case that challenges the premium tax subsidies and whether the subsidies are available for eligible residents in all states or only those residents in states which have established state-based public exchanges. In January 2014, the D.C District Court upheld the subsidies for both state-based and federal public exchanges and in November 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a writ of certiorari and is expected to decide the case during its current term, which ends in June 2015. If the decision alters the availability of the subsidies, it may have a material adverse effect on our enrollment, cash flows and results of operations.

Additionally, from time to time, Congress has considered, or may consider in the future, various forms of managed care reform legislation which, if adopted, could fundamentally alter the treatment of coverage decisions under ERISA. There have been legislative attempts to limit ERISA's preemptive effect on state laws and litigants' ability to seek damages beyond the benefits offered under their plans. If adopted, such limitations could increase our liability exposure, could permit greater state regulation of our operations, and could expand the scope of damages, including punitive damages, litigants could be awarded. While we cannot predict if any of these initiatives will ultimately become effective or, if enacted, what their terms will be, their enactment could increase our costs, expose us to expanded liability or require us to revise the ways in which we conduct business.

Our inability to contain health care costs, implement increases in premium rates on a timely basis, maintain adequate reserves for policy benefits or maintain our current provider agreements may adversely affect our business and profitability.

Our profitability depends in large part on accurately predicting health care costs and on our ability to manage future health care costs through underwriting criteria, medical management, product design and negotiation of favorable provider contracts. Last minute changes in the implementation of Health Care Reform at the end of 2013 and in the spring of 2014, in particular those relating to difficulties with the functionality of the public exchanges, may erode the Individual and Small Group pools so that our assumptions underlying the pricing and design of our public exchange products prove to be inaccurate in a way that materially adversely affects the expected profitability of those products. Government-imposed limitations on Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement have also caused the private sector to bear a greater share of increasing health care costs. Changes in health care practices, demographic characteristics, inflation, new technologies, the cost of prescription drugs, clusters of high cost cases, changes in the regulatory environment and numerous other factors affecting the cost of health care may adversely affect our ability to predict and manage health care costs, as well as our business, financial condition and results of operations. Relatively small differences between predicted and actual health care costs as a percentage of premium revenues can result in significant changes in our results of operations, particularly with respect to our products sold through the public exchanges, as we and our competitors have limited experience with pricing such products or the utilization rates for medical or other covered services by members who purchase our products through such exchanges. The public exchanges may increase the risk that our products will be selected by individuals who have a higher risk profile or utilization rate than the pool of participants we anticipated when we established the pricing for these public exchange products. Therefore, health care benefit costs in excess of our cost projections reflected in our public exchange product pricing cannot be recovered in the current premium period through higher premiums; however, in certain circumstances, Federal risk adjustment mechanisms, including risk adjustment payments, risk corridors and reinsurance, could help offset health care benefit costs in excess of our projections. If it is determined that our assumptions regarding cost trends, utilization, enrollment, adverse selection, acuity and other assumptions utilized in setting our premium rates are significantly different than actual results, even with these risk adjustment mechanisms, our income statement and financial position could be adversely affected.

In addition to the challenge of managing health care costs, we face pressure to contain premium rates. Our customers may renegotiate their contracts to seek to contain their costs or may move to a competitor to obtain more favorable premiums. Further, federal and state regulatory agencies may restrict our ability to implement changes in premium rates. For example, the ACA includes an annual rate review requirement to prohibit unreasonable rate increases, and our plans may be excluded from participating in the public exchanges if they are deemed to have a history of "unreasonable" rate increases. Fiscal concerns regarding the continued viability of programs such as Medicare and Medicaid may cause decreasing reimbursement rates, delays in premium payments or a lack of sufficient increase in reimbursement rates for government-sponsored programs in which we participate. A limitation on our ability to increase or maintain our premium or reimbursement levels or a significant loss of membership resulting from our need to increase or maintain premium or reimbursement levels could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

The reserves that we establish for health insurance policy benefits and other contractual rights and benefits are based upon assumptions concerning a number of factors, including trends in health care costs, expenses, general economic conditions and other factors. To the extent the actual claims experience is less favorable than estimated based on our underlying assumptions, our incurred losses would increase and future earnings could be adversely affected.

Our profitability is dependent in part upon our ability to contract on favorable terms with hospitals, physicians and other health care providers. The failure to maintain or to secure cost-effective health care provider contracts may result in a loss of membership or higher medical costs, which could adversely affect our business. In addition, ACO practice management companies, which aggregate physician practices for administrative efficiency and marketing leverage, and other organizational structures that physicians, hospitals and other care providers choose may change the way that these providers interact with us and may change the competitive landscape. Such organizations or groups of physicians may compete directly with us, which may impact our relationship with these providers or affect the way that we price our products and estimate our costs and may require us to incur costs to change our operations, and our results of operations, financial position and cash flow could be adversely affected. Further, our inability to contract with providers, or if providers attempt to use their market position to negotiate more favorable contracts or place us at a competitive disadvantage, or the inability of providers to provide adequate care, could adversely affect our business. In addition, we do not have contracts with all providers that

render services to our members and, as a result, do not have a pre-established agreement about the amount of compensation those out-of-network providers will accept for the services they render, which can result in significant litigation or arbitration proceedings.

A significant reduction in the enrollment in our health benefits programs could have an adverse effect on our business and profitability.

A significant reduction in the number of enrollees in our health benefits programs could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Factors that could contribute to a reduction in enrollment include: reductions in workforce by existing customers; general economic downturn that results in business failures and high unemployment rates; employers no longer offering certain health care coverage as an employee benefit or electing to offer this coverage on a voluntary, employee-funded basis; state and federal regulatory changes; failure to obtain new customers or retain existing customers; premium increases and benefit changes; our exit from a specific market; negative publicity and news coverage; participation on public exchanges and related underwriting changes; and failure to attain or maintain nationally recognized accreditations.

There are various risks associated with participating in Medicaid and Medicare programs, including dependence upon government funding and the timing of payments, compliance with government contracts and increased regulatory oversight.

We contract with various state and federal agencies, including CMS, to provide managed health care services, including Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement plans, Medicare approved prescription drug plans, Medicaid, TANF, SPD, LTSS, CHIP and ACA-related Medicaid expansion programs. We also provide various administrative services for several other entities offering medical and/or prescription drug plans to their Medicare eligible members through our affiliated companies and we offer employer group waiver plans which provide medical and/or prescription drug coverage to retirees. We are also participating in Medicare and Medicaid dual eligible programs in several states. These programs in our Government Business segment have been the subject of recent regulatory reform initiatives, including Health Care Reform, which are still in the process of being implemented. It is difficult to predict the future impact of Health Care Reform on our Government Business segment due to Health Care Reform's complexity, gradual and delayed implementation, and possible amendment. Changes in Health Care Reform have required us to make investments in new products, services and technologies, which investments may not be realized due to possible delays and amendments that continue to occur. Health Care Reform, other regulatory reform initiatives or additional changes in existing laws or regulations, or their interpretations, could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flow, financial condition and results of operations.

Revenues from the Medicare and Medicaid programs are dependent, in whole or in part, upon annual funding from the federal government and/or applicable state governments. The base premium rate paid by each state or federal agency differs depending upon a combination of various factors such as defined upper payment limits, a member's health status, age, gender, county or region, benefit mix, member eligibility category and risk scores. Future levels of Medicare and Medicaid rates may be affected by continued government efforts to contain costs and may be further affected by state and federal budgetary constraints. If the federal government or any state in which we operate were to decrease rates paid to us, or pay us less than the amount necessary to keep pace with our cost trends, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, certain of our contracts with the states are subject to cancellation in the event of the unavailability of state funds. In addition, the various states' new Medicare and Medicaid dual eligible programs are still subject to uncertainty surrounding payment rates and other requirements, which could affect where we seek to participate in these new programs. An unexpected reduction, inadequate government funding or significantly delayed payments for these programs may adversely affect our revenues, cash flow and financial results.

A portion of our premium revenue comes from CMS through our Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D contracts. As a consequence, our Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans are dependent on federal government funding levels. The premium rates paid to Medicare plans are established based on benchmarks which are now tied to a percentage of Medicare fee for service, although the rates differ depending on a combination of factors, including upper payment limits established by CMS, a member's health profile and status, age, gender, county or region, benefit mix, member eligibility categories and risk scores. Beginning in 2014, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans became subject to MLR rules. Continuing government efforts to contain health care related expenditures, including prescription drug cost, and other federal budgetary constraints that result in changes in the Medicare program, including changes with respect to funding, could lead to

reductions in the amount of reimbursement, or other changes that could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flow, financial condition and results of operations. Risks associated with the Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans include potential uncollectability of receivables resulting from processing and/or verifying enrollment, inadequacy of underwriting assumptions, inability to receive and process correct information (including inability due to systems issues by the federal government, the applicable state government or us), uncollectability of premiums from members, increased medical or pharmaceutical costs, overpayments identified as a result of ongoing auditing and monitoring activities, and the limited enrollment periods in this business. While we believe we have adequately reviewed our assumptions and estimates regarding these complex and wide-ranging programs under Medicare Parts C and D, including those related to collectability of receivables and establishment of liabilities, the actual results may be materially different than our assumptions and estimates and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. There is also the possibility that Medicare Advantage Special Needs plans will not be re-authorized by Congress. Without Congressional action, these plans will expire on December 31, 2016. If the Special Needs plans are not re-authorized, there could be a loss of revenue and it would become more difficult to coordinate Medicare benefits with other coverage.

Our contracts with the various state governmental agencies and CMS contain certain provisions regarding data submission, provider network maintenance, quality measures, claims payment, continuity of care, call center performance and other requirements specific to state and federal program regulations. If we fail to comply with these requirements, we may be subject to fines, penalties, liquidated damages and retrospective adjustments in payments made to our health plans, that could impact our profitability. Additionally, we could be required to file a corrective plan of action with additional penalties for noncompliance, including a negative impact on future membership enrollment levels. Further, certain of our CMS and state Medicaid contracts are subject to a competitive procurement process, and if our existing contracts are not renewed or if we are not awarded new contracts as a result of this competitive procurement process, this could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to the contractual requirements affecting our participation in Medicaid and Medicare programs, we are also subject to various state and federal health care laws and regulations, including those directed at preventing fraud and abuse in government funded programs. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations could result in investigations or litigation, with the imposition of fines, restrictions or exclusions from program participation or the imposition of corporate integrity agreements or other agreements with a federal or state governmental agency that could adversely impact our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Further, CMS has been conducting audits of our Medicare Advantage health plans to validate the diagnostic data and patient claims that are submitted to CMS. These audits may result in retrospective adjustments in payments made to our health plans. In addition, if we fail to report and correct errors discovered through our own auditing procedures or during a CMS audit or otherwise fail to comply with the applicable laws and regulations, we could be subject to fines, civil penalties or other sanctions which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to participate in these programs, and on our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. The ACA also established recovery audit programs for Medicare Parts C and D. The Medicare Part D Recovery Audit Contractor, or RAC, has been auditing Medicare Part D claims and recouping overpayments since 2012. A Medicare Part C RAC has not yet been named but CMS expects to award a Medicare Part C RAC contract in the near future, which could increase the amount of audits and subsequent recoupments by the federal government.

The ACA also authorized state Medicaid programs to implement RAC programs similar to Medicare RAC programs and a number of states have done so. This could increase the amount of audits and subsequent recoupment by the federal and state governments, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, there are an increasing number of investigations regarding compliance with various provisions of the ACA. These investigations are being conducted by both CMS and state regulators. As a result, we could be subject to multiple investigations of the same issue. These investigations, and possible resulting enforcement actions, could result in penalties and the imposition of corrective action plans and/or changes to industry practices, which could adversely affect our ability to market our products.

Regional concentrations of our business may subject us to economic downturns in those regions.

Most of our revenues are generated in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. Due to this concentration of business in these states, we are exposed to potential losses resulting from the risk of state specific or regional economic downturns impacting these states. If such negative economic conditions do not improve, we may experience a reduction in existing and new business, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

The health benefits industry is subject to negative publicity, which could adversely affect our business and profitability.

The health benefits industry is subject to negative publicity, which can arise from, among other things, the ongoing debate over Health Care Reform. Negative publicity may result in increased regulation and legislative review of industry practices, which may further increase our costs of doing business and adversely affect our profitability by: adversely affecting our ability to market our products and services; requiring us to change our products and services; or increasing the regulatory burdens under which we operate.

In addition, as long as we use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in marketing our health benefits products and services, any negative publicity concerning the BCBSA or other BCBSA licensees may adversely affect us and the sale of our health benefits products and services. Any such negative publicity could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

We face competition in many of our markets and customers and brokers have flexibility in moving between competitors.

As a health benefits company, we operate in a highly competitive environment and in an industry that is currently subject to significant changes from legislative reform, business consolidations, new strategic alliances, aggressive marketing practices by other health benefits organizations and market pressures brought about by an informed and organized customer base, particularly among large employers. For example, we began to compete for sales on public exchanges in 2014, which has required, and will continue to require, us to develop or acquire the tools (including social media tools) necessary to interact with the exchanges and with consumers using the exchanges, increase our focus on individual customers and improve our consumer-focused sales and marketing, customer interfaces and product offerings. These factors have produced and will likely continue to produce significant pressures on the profitability of health benefits companies.

We also will have to respond to pricing and other actions taken by existing competitors and potentially disruptive new entrants. Due to the price transparency provided by public exchanges, in the market for individual health insurance we face competitive pressures from existing and new competitors. These risks may be enhanced if employers shift to defined contribution health care benefits plans and make greater utilization of private insurance exchanges or encourage their employees to purchase health insurance on the public exchanges. We can provide no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully on these public exchanges or that we will be able to benefit from any opportunities presented by such exchanges. If we are not competitive on these public exchanges or are unsuccessful in reducing our cost structure, our future growth and profitability may be adversely impacted.

We are currently dependent on the non-exclusive services of independent agents and brokers in the marketing of our health care products, particularly with respect to individuals, seniors and small employer group customers. We face intense competition for the services and allegiance of these independent agents and brokers, who may also market the products of our competitors. Our relationship with our brokers and independent agents could be adversely impacted by changes in our business practices to address Health Care Reform legislation, including potential reductions in commissions and consulting fees paid to agents and brokers. We cannot ensure that we will be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors or that competitive pressures faced by us will not materially and adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

We face intense competition to attract and retain employees. Further, managing key executive succession and retention is critical to our success.

We are dependent on retaining existing employees, attracting additional qualified employees to meet current and future needs and achieving productivity gains from our investment in technology. We face intense competition for qualified employees, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to attract and retain such employees or that such competition among potential employers will not result in increasing salaries. An inability to retain existing employees or attract additional employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

We would be adversely affected if we fail to adequately plan for succession of our President and Chief Executive Officer and other senior management and retention of key executives. While we have succession plans in place for members of our senior management, and continue to review and update those plans, and we have employment arrangements with certain key executives, these plans and arrangements do not guarantee that the services of our senior executives will continue to be available to us or that we will be able to attract and retain suitable successors.

A change in our health care product mix may impact our profitability.

Our health care products that involve greater potential risk generally tend to be more profitable than administrative services products and those health care products where the employer groups assume the underwriting risks. Individuals and small employer groups are more likely to purchase our higher-risk health care products because such purchasers are generally unable or unwilling to bear greater liability for health care expenditures. Typically, government-sponsored programs also involve our higher-risk health care products. It is not yet clear whether our products sold on the public exchanges will be more or less profitable products. A shift of enrollees from more profitable products to less profitable products could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

As a holding company, we are dependent on dividends from our subsidiaries. These dividends are necessary to pay our outstanding indebtedness. Our regulated subsidiaries are subject to state regulations, including restrictions on the payment of dividends, maintenance of minimum levels of capital and restrictions on investment portfolios.

We are a holding company whose assets include all of the outstanding shares of common stock (or other ownership interest) of our subsidiaries including our intermediate holding companies and regulated insurance and HMO subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries are separate legal entities. As a holding company, we depend on dividends from our subsidiaries. Furthermore, our subsidiaries are not obligated to make funds available to us, and creditors of our subsidiaries will have a superior claim to certain of our subsidiaries' assets. Among other restrictions, state insurance and HMO laws may restrict the ability of our regulated subsidiaries to pay dividends. In some states we have made special undertakings that may limit the ability of our regulated subsidiaries to pay dividends. In addition, our subsidiaries' ability to make any payments to us will also depend on their earnings, the terms of their indebtedness, business and tax considerations and other legal restrictions. Our ability to repurchase shares or pay dividends in the future to our shareholders and meet our obligations, including paying operating expenses and debt service on our outstanding and future indebtedness, will depend upon the receipt of dividends from our subsidiaries. An inability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends in the future in an amount sufficient for us to meet our financial obligations may materially adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Most of our regulated subsidiaries are subject to RBC standards, imposed by their states of domicile. These laws are based on the RBC Model Act adopted by the NAIC and require our regulated subsidiaries to report their results of risk-based capital calculations to the departments of insurance and the NAIC. Failure to maintain the minimum RBC standards could subject our regulated subsidiaries to corrective action, including state supervision or liquidation. Our regulated subsidiaries are currently in compliance with the risk-based capital or other similar requirements imposed by their respective states of domicile. As discussed in more detail below, we are a party to license agreements with the BCBSA which contain certain requirements and restrictions regarding our operations, including minimum capital and liquidity requirements, which could restrict the ability of our regulated subsidiaries to pay dividends.

Our regulated subsidiaries are subject to state laws and regulations that require diversification of our investment portfolios and limit the amount of investments in certain riskier investment categories, such as below-investment-grade fixed maturity securities, mortgage loans, real estate and equity investments, which could generate higher returns on our investments. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations might cause investments exceeding regulatory limitations to

be treated as non-admitted assets for purposes of measuring statutory surplus and risk-based capital, and, in some instances, require the sale of those investments.

We have substantial indebtedness outstanding and may incur additional indebtedness in the future. Such indebtedness could also adversely affect our ability to pursue desirable business opportunities.

Our debt service obligations require us to use a portion of our cash flow to pay interest and principal on debt instead of for other corporate purposes, including funding future expansion. If our cash flow and capital resources are insufficient to service our debt obligations, we may be forced to seek extraordinary dividends from our subsidiaries, sell assets, seek additional equity or debt capital or restructure our debt. However, these measures might be unsuccessful or inadequate in permitting us to meet scheduled debt service obligations.

We may also incur future debt obligations that might subject us to restrictive covenants that could affect our financial and operational flexibility. Our breach or failure to comply with any of these covenants could result in a default under our credit agreement. If we default under our credit agreement, the lenders could cease to make further extensions of credit or cause all of our outstanding debt obligations under our credit agreement to become immediately due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest. If the indebtedness under our notes or our credit agreement is accelerated, we may be unable to repay or finance the amounts due. Indebtedness could also limit our ability to pursue desirable business opportunities, and may affect our ability to maintain an investment grade rating for our indebtedness.

A downgrade in our credit ratings could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Claims-paying ability and financial strength ratings by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations are an important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies and health benefits companies. Each of the credit rating agencies reviews its ratings periodically and there can be no assurance that our current credit ratings will be maintained in the future. We believe our strong credit ratings are an important factor in marketing our products to customers, since credit ratings information is broadly disseminated and generally used throughout the industry. If our credit ratings are downgraded or placed under review, with possible negative implications, such actions could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. These credit ratings reflect each credit rating agency's opinion of our financial strength, operating performance and ability to meet our obligations to policyholders and creditors, and are not evaluations directed toward the protection of investors in our common stock.

We face risks related to litigation.

We are, or may in the future, be a party to a variety of legal actions that may affect any business, such as employment and employment discrimination-related suits and administrative charges before government agencies, employee benefit claims, breach of contract actions, tort claims and intellectual property-related litigation. In addition, because of the nature of our business, we are subject to a variety of legal actions relating to our business operations, including the design, administration and offering of our products and services. These could include claims relating to the denial of health care benefits; the rescission of health insurance policies; development or application of medical policy; medical malpractice actions; product liability claims; allegations of anti-competitive and unfair business activities; provider disputes over compensation; provider tiering programs; termination of provider contracts; the recovery of overpayments from providers; self-funded business; disputes over co-payment calculations; reimbursement of out-of-network claims; the failure to disclose certain business or corporate governance practices; the failure to comply with various state or federal laws, including but not limited to, ERISA and the Mental Health Parity Act; and customer audits and contract performance, including government contracts. These actions or proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we are also involved in, or may in the future be party to, pending or threatened litigation of the character incidental to the business transacted, arising out of our operations or our 2001 demutualization, including, but not limited to, breaches of security and violations of privacy requirements (including as a result of the cyber attack reported by us in February 2015, as more fully described under Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies - *Data Breach*," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K), shareholder actions, compliance with federal and state laws and regulations (including *qui tam* or "whistleblower" actions), or sales and

acquisitions of businesses or assets. We are from time to time involved as a party in various governmental investigations, audits, reviews and administrative proceedings, including challenges to the award of government contracts by disappointed bidders. These investigations, audits and reviews include routine and special investigations by various state insurance departments, state attorneys general and the U.S. Attorney General. Such investigations could result in the imposition of civil or criminal fines, penalties and other sanctions. Liabilities that may result from these actions could have a material adverse effect on our cash flows, results of operations or financial position.

Recent court decisions and legislative activity may increase our exposure for any of these types of claims. In some cases, substantial non-economic (including injunctive relief), treble or punitive damages may be sought. We currently have insurance coverage for some of these potential liabilities. Other potential liabilities may not be covered by insurance, insurers may dispute coverage or the amount of insurance may not be enough to cover the damages awarded. In addition, certain types of damages may not be covered by insurance, and insurance coverage for all or certain forms of liability may become unavailable or prohibitively expensive in the future. Any adverse judgment against us resulting in such damage awards could have an adverse effect on our cash flows, results of operations and financial condition.

Further, litigation brought against the federal and some state governments over Health Care Reform could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations as changes to Health Care Reform resulting from this litigation create uncertainty over the applicability and enforceability of portions of the law and the various regulations, which impacts our strategy and could negatively impact our future growth opportunities.

Our future obligations for state guaranty association assessments could increase in the event that Health Care Reform and its implementation result in increased insolvencies of health plans.

Under insolvency or guaranty association laws in most states, insurance companies can be assessed for amounts paid by guaranty funds for policyholder losses incurred when an insurance company becomes insolvent. Most state insolvency or guaranty association laws provide for assessments based upon the amount of premiums received on insurance underwritten within such state. While in the past, health insurance company insolvencies have been infrequent, the changes to the U.S. health care system and markets and related uncertainties from implementation of Health Care Reform may result in increased insolvencies of health insurance companies covered by these state insolvency or guaranty association laws. In that event, we may experience increased guaranty association assessments for health insurer insolvencies, the amount and timing of which cannot be predicted with certainty.

There are various risks associated with providing health care services.

The direct provision of health care services by our CareMore subsidiary involves risks of additional litigation arising from medical malpractice actions based on our treatment decisions or brought against us or our physician associates for alleged malpractice or professional liability claims arising out of the delivery of health care and related services. In addition, liability may arise from maintaining health care premises that serve the public. If we fail to maintain adequate insurance coverage for these liabilities, or if such insurance is not available, the resulting costs could adversely affect our cash flows, financial condition or results of operations.

Additionally, many states in which we operate our CareMore subsidiary limit the practice of medicine to licensed individuals or professional organizations comprised of licensed individuals. Business corporations generally may not exercise control over the medical decisions of physicians ("corporate practice of medicine") and we are not licensed to practice medicine. Rules and regulations relating to the practice of medicine, fee-splitting between physicians and referral sources, and similar issues vary from state to state. Further, certain federal and state laws, including those covering our Medicare and Medicaid plans, prohibit the offer, payment, solicitation, or receipt of any form of remuneration to induce, or in return for, the referral of patient care opportunities, including, but not limited to, Medicare patients ("anti-kickback rules"), and also generally prohibit physicians from making referrals to any entity providing certain designated health services if the referring physician or related person has an ownership or financial interest in the entity ("self-referral rules").

We believe that our health care service operations comply with applicable rules and regulations regarding the corporate practice of medicine, fee-splitting, anti-kickback, self-referral and similar issues. However, any enforcement actions by governmental officials alleging non-compliance with these rules and regulations could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition or results of operations.

We are a party to license agreements with the BCBSA that entitle us to the exclusive and in certain areas non-exclusive use of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in our geographic territories. The termination of these license agreements or changes in the terms and conditions of these license agreements could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks as identifiers for our products and services under licenses from the BCBSA. Our license agreements with the BCBSA contain certain requirements and restrictions regarding our operations and our use of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks, including: minimum capital and liquidity requirements imposed by the BCBSA; enrollment and customer service performance requirements; participation in programs that provide portability of membership between plans; disclosures to the BCBSA relating to enrollment and financial conditions; disclosures as to the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield system in contracts with third parties and in public statements; plan governance requirements; a requirement that at least 80% (or, in the case of Blue Cross of California, substantially all) of a licensee's annual combined local net revenue, as defined by the BCBSA, attributable to health care plans and related services within its service areas must be sold, marketed, administered or underwritten under the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks; a requirement that at least 66 2/3% of a licensee's annual combined national net revenue, as defined by the BCBSA, attributable to health care plans and related services must be sold, marketed, administered or underwritten under the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks; a requirement that neither a plan nor any of its licensed affiliates may permit an entity other than a plan or a licensed affiliate to obtain control of the plan or the licensed affiliate or to acquire a substantial portion of its assets related to licensable services; a requirement that we divide our Board of Directors into three classes serving staggered three-year terms; a requirement that we guarantee certain contractual and financial obligations of our licensed affiliates; and a requirement that we indemnify the BCBSA against any claims asserted against it resulting from the contractual and financial obligations of any subsidiary that serves as a fiscal intermediary providing administrative services for Medicare Parts A and B. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements could result in a termination of the license agreements.

The standards under the license agreements may be modified in certain instances by the BCBSA. For example, from time to time there have been proposals considered by the BCBSA to modify the terms of the license agreements to restrict various potential business activities of licensees. These proposals have included, among other things, a limitation on the ability of a licensee to make its provider networks available to insurance carriers or other entities not holding a Blue Cross or Blue Shield license. To the extent that such amendments to the license agreements are adopted in the future, they could have a material adverse effect on our future expansion plans or results of operations. Further, BCBS licensees have certain requirements to perform administrative services for members of other BCBS licensees. If we or another BCBS licensee is not in compliance with all legal requirements or are unable to perform administrative services as required, this could have an adverse effect on our members and our ability to maintain our licenses, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Upon the occurrence of an event causing termination of the license agreements, we would no longer have the right to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks or to sell Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance products and services in one or more of our service areas. Furthermore, the BCBSA would be free to issue a license to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in these service areas to another entity. Our existing Blue Cross and Blue Shield members would be provided with instructions for obtaining alternative products and services licensed by the BCBSA. Events that could cause the termination of a license agreement with the BCBSA include failure to comply with minimum capital requirements imposed by the BCBSA, failure to comply with governance requirements such as maintaining a classified board structure, a change of control or violation of the BCBSA ownership limitations on our capital stock, impending financial insolvency and the appointment of a trustee or receiver or the commencement of any action against a licensee seeking its dissolution. We believe that the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks are valuable identifiers of our products and services in the marketplace.

Upon termination of a license agreement, the BCBSA would have the right to impose a "Re-establishment Fee" upon us, which would be used in part to fund the establishment of a replacement Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield licensee in the vacated service area. The fee is set at \$98.33 per licensed enrollee. As of December 31, 2014 we reported 28.6 million Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield enrollees. If the Re-establishment Fee was applied to our total Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield enrollees, we would be assessed approximately \$2.8 billion by the BCBSA. Accordingly, termination of the license agreements would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Large-scale medical emergencies may have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Large-scale medical emergencies can take many forms and can cause widespread illness and death. For example, federal and state law enforcement officials have issued warnings about potential terrorist activity involving biological and other weapons. In addition, natural disasters such as hurricanes and the potential for a wide-spread pandemic of influenza coupled with the lack of availability of appropriate preventative medicines can have a significant impact on the health of the population of wide-spread areas. If the United States were to experience widespread bioterrorism or other attacks, large-scale natural disasters in our concentrated coverage areas or a large-scale pandemic or epidemic, our covered medical expenses could rise and we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations or, in the event of extreme circumstances, our viability could be threatened.

We have built a significant portion of our current business through mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances and we expect to pursue such opportunities in the future.

The following are some of the risks associated with mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances (collectively, "business combinations") that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations:

- some of the acquired businesses may not achieve anticipated revenues, earnings or cash flow, business opportunities, synergies, growth prospects and other anticipated benefits;
- the goodwill or other intangible assets established as a result of our business combinations may be incorrectly valued or become non-recoverable;
- we may assume liabilities that were not disclosed to us or which were under-estimated;
- we may experience difficulties in integrating acquired businesses, be unable to integrate acquired businesses successfully or as quickly
 as expected, and be unable to realize anticipated economic, operational and other benefits in a timely manner, which could result in
 substantial costs and delays or other operational, technical or financial problems;
- business combinations could disrupt our ongoing business, distract management, result in the loss of key employees, divert resources, result in tax costs or inefficiencies and make it difficult to maintain our current business standards, controls, information technology systems, policies and procedures;
- we may finance future business combinations by issuing common stock for some or all of the purchase price, which could dilute the ownership interests of our shareholders;
- we may also incur additional debt related to future business combinations; and
- we would be competing with other firms, some of which may have greater financial and other resources, to acquire attractive companies.

The value of our intangible assets may become impaired.

Due largely to our past mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, goodwill and other intangible assets represent a substantial portion of our assets. If we make additional acquisitions it is likely that we will record additional intangible assets on our consolidated balance sheets.

In accordance with applicable accounting standards, we periodically evaluate our goodwill and other intangible assets to determine whether all or a portion of their carrying values may no longer be recoverable, in which case a charge to income may be necessary. This impairment testing requires us to make assumptions and judgments regarding the estimated fair value of our reporting units, including goodwill and other intangible assets (with indefinite lives). In addition, certain other intangible assets with indefinite lives, such as trademarks, are also tested separately. Estimated fair values developed based on our assumptions and judgments might be significantly different if other reasonable assumptions and estimates were to be used. If estimated fair values are less than the carrying values of goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives in future impairment tests, or if significant impairment indicators are noted relative to other intangible assets subject to amortization, we may be required to record impairment losses against future income.

Any future evaluations requiring an impairment of our goodwill and other intangible assets could materially affect our results of operations and shareholders' equity in the period in which the impairment occurs. A material decrease in shareholders' equity could, in turn, negatively impact our debt ratings or potentially impact our compliance with existing debt covenants.

In addition, the estimated value of our reporting units may be impacted as a result of business decisions we make associated with the implementation of the various Health Care Reform regulations. Such decisions, which could unfavorably affect our ability to support the carrying value of certain goodwill and other intangible assets, could result in impairment charges in future periods.

Adverse securities and credit market conditions may significantly affect our ability to meet liquidity needs.

The securities and credit markets have in the past experienced higher than normal volatility, although current market conditions are more stable. In some cases, the markets have exerted downward pressure on availability of liquidity and credit capacity for certain issuers. We need liquidity to pay our operating expenses, make payments on our indebtedness and pay capital expenditures. The principal sources of our cash receipts are premiums, administrative fees, investment income, other revenue, proceeds from the sale or maturity of our investment securities, proceeds from borrowings and proceeds from the issuance of common stock under our employee stock plans.

Our access to additional financing will depend on a variety of factors such as market conditions, the general availability of credit, the volume of trading activities, the overall availability of credit to our industry, our credit ratings and credit capacity, as well as the possibility that customers or lenders could develop a negative perception of our long- or short-term financial prospects. Similarly, our access to funds may be impaired if regulatory authorities or rating agencies take negative actions against us. If one or a combination of these factors were to occur, our internal sources of liquidity may prove to be insufficient, and in such case, we may not be able to successfully obtain additional financing on favorable terms. One of our sources of liquidity is our \$2,500.0 million commercial paper program. Should commercial paper issuance be unavailable, we have the ability to use a combination of cash on hand and/or our \$2,000.0 million senior revolving credit facility to redeem any outstanding commercial paper upon maturity. Additionally, we believe the lenders participating in our senior credit facility would be willing and able to provide financing in accordance with their legal obligations. We did not have any borrowings outstanding under our commercial paper program at December 31, 2014.

The value of our investments is influenced by varying economic and market conditions, and a decrease in value may result in a loss charged to income.

The market values of our investments vary from time to time depending on economic and market conditions. For various reasons, we may sell certain of our investments at prices that are less than the carrying value of the investments. In addition, in periods of declining interest rates, bond calls and mortgage loan prepayments generally increase, resulting in the reinvestment of these funds at the then lower market rates. In periods of rising interest rates, the market values of our fixed maturity securities will generally decrease, which could result in material unrealized or realized losses on investments in future periods. In addition, defaults by issuers, primarily from investments in corporate and municipal bonds, who fail to pay or perform their obligations, could reduce net investment income, which would adversely affect our profitability. We cannot assure you that our investment portfolios will produce positive returns in future periods.

In accordance with FASB guidance for debt and equity investments, we classify fixed maturity and equity securities in our investment portfolio as "available-for-sale" or "trading" and report those securities at fair value. Current and long-term available-for-sale investment securities represented a significant percentage of our total consolidated assets at December 31, 2014. Also, in accordance with applicable FASB accounting guidance, we review our investment securities to determine if declines in fair value below cost are other-than-temporary. This review is subjective and requires a high degree of judgment. We conduct this review on a quarterly basis analyzing both quantitative and qualitative factors. Such factors considered include the length of time and the extent to which market value has been less than cost, financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, recommendations of investment advisors and forecasts of economic, market or industry trends.

Changes in the economic environment, including periods of increased volatility of the securities markets, can increase the difficulty of assessing investment impairment and the same influences tend to increase the risk of potential impairment of these assets. We believe we have adequately reviewed our investment securities for impairment and we believe that we have

appropriately estimated the fair values of our investment securities. However, over time, the economic and market environment may provide additional insight, which could change our judgment regarding the fair value of certain securities and/or impairment. Given the sometimes rapidly changing market conditions and the significant judgments involved, there is continuing risk that further declines in fair value may occur and material other-than-temporary impairments may be charged to income in future periods, resulting in realized losses.

We may not be able to realize the value of our deferred tax assets.

In accordance with applicable accounting standards, we separately recognize deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities. Such deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities represent the tax effect of temporary differences between financial reporting and tax reporting measured at tax rates enacted at the time the deferred tax asset or liability is recorded.

At each financial reporting date, we evaluate our deferred tax assets to determine the likely realization of the benefit of the temporary differences. Our evaluation includes a review of the types of temporary differences that created the deferred tax asset; the amount of taxes paid on both capital gains and ordinary income in prior periods and available for a carry-back claim; the forecasted future taxable income, and therefore, the likely future deduction of the deferred tax item; and any other significant issues that might impact the realization of the deferred tax asset. If it is "more likely than not" that all or a portion of the deferred tax asset may not be realized, we establish a valuation allowance. Significant judgment is required in determining an appropriate valuation allowance.

Any future increase in the valuation allowance would result in additional income tax expense and a decrease in shareholders' equity, which could materially affect our financial position and results of operations in the period in which the increase occurs. A material decrease in shareholders' equity could, in turn, negatively impact our debt ratings or potentially impact our compliance with existing debt covenants.

An unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential member or employee information, including by cyber attack or other security breach, could cause a loss of data, give rise to remediation or other expenses, expose us to liability under federal and state laws, and subject us to litigation and investigations, which could have an adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

As part of our normal operations, we collect, process and retain sensitive and confidential member and employee information. We are subject to various federal, state and international laws and rules regarding the use and disclosure of sensitive or confidential member and provider information, including HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and numerous state laws governing personal information. Despite the security measures we have in place to help ensure compliance with applicable laws and rules, our facilities and systems, and those of our third party service providers, are vulnerable to cyber attacks, security breaches, acts of vandalism, computer viruses, misplaced or lost data, programming and/or human errors or other similar events.

In February 2015, we reported the discovery that certain of our information technology systems had been the target of an external cyber attack, as more fully described under Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies - *Data Breach*," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We are in the process of determining the extent of this cyber attack; however, at this time we believe that personal information of many of our current and former members and employees was obtained in the cyber attack. We have incurred expenses to investigate and remediate this matter and expect to continue to incur expenses of this nature in the foreseeable future. Although we are unable to quantify the ultimate magnitude of such expenses at this time, they may be significant. In addition, we are currently responding to a number of governmental inquiries and are subject to purported class action lawsuits and other claims relating to the cyber attack, and in the future we may be subject to additional litigation and governmental investigations. These investigations and claims could divert the attention of management from the operation of our business, result in reputational damage and have a material adverse impact on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations. While we have contingency plans and insurance coverage for potential liabilities of this nature, these may not be sufficient to cover all claims and liabilities.

In addition, we cannot ensure that we will be able to identify, prevent or contain the effects of additional cyber attacks or other cybersecurity risks in the future that bypass our security measures or disrupt our information technology systems or business. As a result, cybersecurity and the continued development and enhancement of our controls, processes and practices

designed to protect our systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage and unauthorized access, remain a priority for us. Noncompliance with any privacy or security laws and regulations, or any security breach, cyber attack or cybersecurity breach, and any incident involving the misappropriation, loss or other unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, sensitive or confidential member information, whether by us or by one of our vendors, could require us to expend significant resources to continue to modify or enhance our protective measures and to remediate any damage. In addition, this could result in interruptions to our operations and damage our reputation, and could also result in regulatory enforcement actions, material fines and penalties, litigation or other actions which could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

The failure to effectively maintain and upgrade our information systems could adversely affect our business.

Our business depends significantly on effective information systems, and we have many different information systems for our various businesses. As a result of our merger and acquisition activities, we have acquired additional systems. Our information systems require an ongoing commitment of significant resources to maintain and enhance existing systems and develop new systems in order to keep pace with continuing changes in information processing technology, emerging cybersecurity risks and threats, evolving industry and regulatory standards including the minimum MLR rebates, public exchanges and other aspects of Health Care Reform, compliance with legal requirements (such as a new set of standardized diagnostic codes, known as ICD-10), private insurance exchanges and changing customer preferences. In addition, we may from time to time obtain significant portions of our systems-related or other services or facilities from independent third parties, which may make our operations vulnerable to such third parties' failure to perform adequately.

Our failure to maintain effective and efficient information systems, or our failure to efficiently and effectively consolidate our information systems to eliminate redundant or obsolete applications, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. If the information we rely upon to run our business were found to be inaccurate or unreliable or if we fail to maintain our information systems and data integrity effectively, we could have a decrease in membership, have problems in determining medical cost estimates and establishing appropriate pricing and reserves, have disputes with customers and providers, have regulatory problems, sanctions or penalties imposed, have increases in operating expenses or suffer other adverse consequences. In addition, federal regulations require that we begin using ICD-10 by October 2015, which has required and will continue to require significant information technology investment. If we fail to adequately implement ICD-10 or comply with the operating rules, we may incur losses with respect to the resources invested and have other material adverse effects on our business and results of operations. Also, as we convert or migrate members to our more efficient and effective systems, the risk of disruption in our customer service is increased during the migration or conversion process and such disruption could have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flow, financial condition and results of operations.

We continue to implement initiatives for more effective and efficient information technology systems by modernizing interactions with customers, brokers, agents, providers, employees and other stakeholders through web-enabling technology and redesigning internal operations. We cannot assure you that we will be able to fully implement all desired products or systems in a timely and effective manner. The failure to implement and maintain the most advanced technological capabilities could result in competitive and cost disadvantages to us as compared to our competitors.

We are dependent on the success of our relationships with third parties for various services and functions, including pharmacy benefit management services.

We contract with various third parties to perform certain functions and services and provide us with certain information technology systems. Certain of these third parties provide us with significant portions of our requirements, and we could become overly dependent on key vendors, which could cause us to lose core competencies. A termination of our agreements with, or disruption in the performance of, one or more of these service providers could result in service disruptions or unavailability, reduced service quality and effectiveness, increased or duplicative costs, an inability to meet our obligations to our customers or require us to seek alternative service providers on less favorable contract terms, any of which could adversely affect our business, reputation, cash flows, financial condition and operating results.

In particular, we are a party to an agreement with Express Scripts whereby Express Scripts is the exclusive provider of PBM services to our plans, excluding some Amerigroup subsidiaries and certain self-insured members, which have exclusive agreements with different PBM service providers. It is expected that those Amerigroup subsidiaries will complete their

transition to the Express Scripts agreement during 2015. The Express Scripts PBM services include, but are not limited to, pharmacy network management, home delivery, pharmacy customer service, claims processing, rebate management, drug utilization and specialty pharmaceutical management services. Accordingly, the agreement contains certain financial and operational requirements obligating both Express Scripts and us. The failure of either party to meet the respective requirements could potentially serve as a basis for early termination of the contract. If this relationship was terminated for any reason, we may not be able to find alternative partners in a timely manner or on acceptable financial terms. As a result, we may not be able to meet the full demands of our customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation and results of operations. In addition, our failure to meet certain minimum script volume requirements results in financial penalties that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Indiana law, other applicable laws, our articles of incorporation and bylaws, and provisions of our BCBSA license agreements may prevent or discourage takeovers and business combinations that our shareholders might consider in their best interest.

Indiana law and our articles of incorporation and bylaws may delay, defer, prevent or render more difficult a takeover attempt that our shareholders might consider in their best interests. For instance, they may prevent our shareholders from receiving the benefit from any premium to the market price of our common stock offered by a bidder in a takeover context. Even in the absence of a takeover attempt, the existence of these provisions may adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock if they are viewed as discouraging takeover attempts in the future.

We are regulated as an insurance holding company and subject to the insurance holding company acts of the states in which our insurance company subsidiaries are domiciled, as well as similar provisions included in the health statutes and regulations of certain states where these subsidiaries are regulated as managed care companies or HMOs. The insurance holding company acts and regulations and these similar health provisions restrict the ability of any person to obtain control of an insurance company or HMO without prior regulatory approval. Under those statutes and regulations, without such approval (or an exemption), no person may acquire any voting security of a domestic insurance company or HMO, or an insurance holding company which controls an insurance company or HMO, or merge with such a holding company, if as a result of such transaction such person would "control" the insurance holding company, insurance company or HMO. "Control" is generally defined as the direct or indirect power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person and is presumed to exist if a person directly or indirectly owns or controls 10% or more of the voting securities of another person. Further, the Indiana business corporation law contains business combination provisions that, in general, prohibit for five years any business combination with a beneficial owner of 10% or more of our common stock unless the holder's acquisition of the stock was approved in advance by our Board of Directors.

Our articles of incorporation restrict the beneficial ownership of our capital stock in excess of specific ownership limits. The ownership limits restrict beneficial ownership of our voting capital stock to less than 10% for institutional investors and less than 5% for non-institutional investors, both as defined in our articles of incorporation. Additionally, no person may beneficially own shares of our common stock representing a 20% or more ownership interest in us. These restrictions are intended to ensure our compliance with the terms of our licenses with the BCBSA. Our articles of incorporation prohibit ownership of our capital stock beyond these ownership limits without prior approval of a majority of our continuing directors (as defined in our articles of incorporation). In addition, as discussed above in the risk factor describing our license agreements with the BCBSA, such license agreements are subject to termination upon a change of control and re-establishment fees would be imposed upon termination of the license agreements.

Certain other provisions included in our articles of incorporation and bylaws may also have anti-takeover effects and may delay, defer or prevent a takeover attempt that our shareholders might consider in their best interests. In particular, our articles of incorporation and bylaws: divide our Board of Directors into three classes serving staggered three-year terms (which is required by our license agreement with the BCBSA); permit our Board of Directors to determine the terms of and issue one or more series of preferred stock without further action by shareholders; restrict the maximum number of directors; limit the ability of shareholders to remove directors; impose restrictions on shareholders' ability to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors; prohibit shareholders from calling special meetings of shareholders; impose advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and nominations of directors to be considered at meetings of shareholders; and prohibit shareholders from amending our bylaws.

We also face other risks that could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations, which include:

- any requirement to restate financial results in the event of inappropriate application of accounting principles;
- a significant failure of our internal control over financial reporting;
- failure of our prevention and control systems related to employee compliance with internal policies, including data security;
- provider fraud that is not prevented or detected and impacts our medical costs or those of self-insured customers;
- failure to protect our proprietary information; and
- failure of our corporate governance policies or procedures.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED SEC STAFF COMMENTS.

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

Our principal executive offices are located at 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to this location, we have other principal operating facilities located in each of the fourteen states where we operate as licensees of the BCBSA, in each of the nine additional states where Amerigroup conducts business and in the additional state of Arizona where CareMore maintains a branch office. A majority of these locations are leased properties. Our facilities support our various business segments. We believe that our properties are adequate and suitable for our business as presently conducted as well as for the foreseeable future.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

For information regarding our legal proceedings, see the "Litigation," "Data Breach" and "Other Contingencies" sections of Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies" to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not Applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

Market Prices

Our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "ANTM." On February 5, 2015, the closing price on the NYSE was \$137.23. As of February 5, 2015, there were 74,717 shareholders of record of our common stock. The following table presents high and low sales prices for our common stock on the NYSE for the periods indicated.

	 High		Low
2014			
First Quarter	\$ 102.56	\$	81.84
Second Quarter	110.03		90.75
Third Quarter	124.58		106.52
Fourth Quarter	129.96		108.92
2013			
First Quarter	\$ 66.62	\$	58.75
Second Quarter	82.33		65.82
Third Quarter	90.00		80.75
Fourth Quarter	94.36		83.13

Dividends

The quarterly cash dividend declared by our Board of Directors was \$0.4375, \$0.3750 and \$0.2875 per share in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. On January 27, 2015, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of \$0.6250 per share.

We regularly review the appropriate use of capital, including common stock repurchases, repurchases of debt securities and dividends to shareholders. The declaration and payment of any dividends or repurchases of our common stock or debt securities is at the discretion of our Board of Directors and depends upon our financial condition, results of operations, future liquidity needs, regulatory and capital requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors. Further, our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders, if authorized by our Board of Directors, is significantly dependent upon the receipt of dividends from our subsidiaries, including Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., Anthem Southeast, Inc., Anthem Holding Corp., WellPoint Holding Corp., WellPoint Acquisition, LLC, WellPoint Insurance Services, Inc., ATH Holding Company, LLC and SellCore, Inc. The payment of dividends by our insurance subsidiaries without prior approval of the insurance department of each subsidiary's domiciliary jurisdiction is limited by formula. Dividends in excess of these amounts are subject to prior approval by the respective insurance departments.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The information required by this Item concerning securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans is set forth in or incorporated by reference into Part III, Item 12 "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table presents information related to our repurchases of common stock for the periods indicated:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased ¹	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs ²	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Programs
(In millions, except share and per share data)				
October 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014	1,514,534	\$ 117.30	1,506,731	\$ 5,858.1
November 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014	507,812	125.99	507,196	5,794.2
December 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014	871,233	125.43	817,392	5,691.7
	2,893,579		2,831,319	

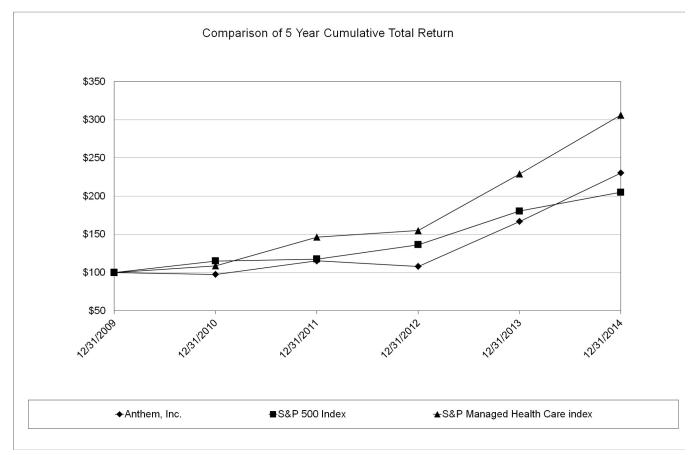
Total number of shares purchased includes 62,260 shares delivered to or withheld by us in connection with employee payroll tax withholding upon exercise or vesting of stock awards. Stock grants to employees and directors and stock issued for stock option plans and stock purchase plans in the consolidated statements of shareholders' equity are shown net of these shares purchased.

² Represents the number of shares repurchased through the common stock repurchase program authorized by our Board of Directors, which the Board evaluates periodically. During the year ended December 31, 2014, we repurchased 30,439,237 shares at a cost of \$2,998.8 under the program, including the cost of options to purchase shares. The Board of Directors has authorized our common stock repurchase program since 2003. The Board's most recent authorized increase to the program was \$5,000.0 on October 2, 2014. Between January 1, 2015 and February 5, 2015, we repurchased 1.8 shares at a cost of \$229.9, bringing our current availability to \$5,461.8 at February 5, 2015. No duration has been placed on our common stock repurchase program and we reserve the right to discontinue the program at any time.

Performance Graph

The following Performance Graph and related information compares the cumulative total return to shareholders of our common stock for the period from December 31, 2009 through December 31, 2014, with the cumulative total return over such period of (i) the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (the "S&P 500 Index") and (ii) the Standard & Poor's Managed Health Care Index (the "S&P Managed Health Care Index"). The graph assumes an investment of \$100 on December 31, 2009 in each of our common stock, the S&P 500 Index and the S&P Managed Health Care Index (and the reinvestment of all dividends).

The comparisons shown in the graph below are based on historical data and we caution that the stock price performance shown in the graph below is not indicative of, and is not intended to forecast, the potential future performance of our common stock. Information used in the graph was obtained from S&P Capital IQ, a source believed to be reliable, but we are not responsible for any errors or omissions in such information. The following graph and related information shall not be deemed "soliciting materials" or to be "filed" with the SEC, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into such filing.



	December 31,										
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014					
Anthem, Inc.	\$ 100	\$ 98	\$ 115	\$ 108	\$ 167	\$ 230					
S&P 500 Index	100	115	117	136	180	205					
S&P Managed Health Care Index	100	109	146	155	229	306					

Based upon an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2009 with dividends reinvested.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

The table below provides selected consolidated financial data of Anthem. The information has been derived from our consolidated financial statements for each of the years in the five year period ended December 31, 2014. You should read this selected consolidated financial data in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 included in Part II, Item 8 "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data", and Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	As of and for the Years Ended December 31											
		2014 1		2013 1		2012 1,2		2011 2		2010		
(in millions, except where indicated and except per share data)												
Income Statement Data												
Total operating revenue ³	\$	73,021.7	\$	70,191.4	\$	60,514.0	\$	59,865.2	\$	57,740.5		
Total revenues		73,874.1		71,023.5		61,497.2		60,710.7		58,698.5		
Income from continuing operations		2,560.1		2,634.3		2,651.0		2,646.7		2,887.1		
Net income		2,569.7		2,489.7		2,655.5		2,646.7		2,887.1		
Per Share Data												
Basic net income per share - continuing operations	\$	9.28	\$	8.83	\$	8.25	\$	7.35	\$	7.03		
Diluted net income per share - continuing operations		8.96		8.67		8.17		7.25		6.94		
Dividends per share		1.75		1.50		1.15		1.00				
Other Data (unaudited)												
Benefit expense ratio ⁴		83.1%		85.1%		85.3%		85.1%		83.2%		
Selling, general and administrative expense ratio 5		16.1%		14.2%		14.3%		14.1%		15.1%		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes as a percent of total revenues	age	5.9%		5.4%		6.3%		6.5%		7.4%		
Net income as a percentage of total revenues		3.5%		3.5%		4.3%		4.4%		4.9%		
Medical membership (in thousands)		37,499		35,653		36,130		34,251		33,323		
Balance Sheet Data												
Cash and investments	\$	23,777.7	\$	22,395.9	\$	22,464.6	\$	20,696.5	\$	20,311.8		
Total assets		62,065.0		59,574.5		58,955.4		52,163.2		50,242.5		
Long-term debt, less current portion		14,127.2		13,573.6		14,170.8		8,465.7		8,147.8		
Total liabilities		37,813.7		34,809.3		35,152.7		28,875.0		26,429.9		
Total shareholders' equity		24,251.3		24,765.2		23,802.7		23,288.2		23,812.6		

The operating results of 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc. are reported as discontinued operations at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 as a result of the divestiture completed on January 31, 2014. Included in net income for the year ended December 31, 2014 is income from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$9.6. Included in net income for the year ended December 31, 2013 is a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$144.6. Included in net income for the year ended December 31, 2012 is income from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$4.5.

² The net assets of and results of operations for AMERIGROUP Corporation are included from its acquisition date of December 24, 2012. The net assets of and results of operations for CareMore Health Group, Inc. are included from its acquisition date of August 22, 2011.

³ Operating revenue is obtained by adding premiums, administrative fees and other revenue.

The benefit expense ratio represents benefit expenses as a percentage of premium revenue.

⁵ The selling, general and administrative expense ratio represents selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of total operating revenue.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

(In Millions, Except Per Share Data or As Otherwise Stated Herein)

On November 5, 2014, the shareholders of the Company approved a proposal to amend our articles of incorporation to change our name to Anthem, Inc. from WellPoint, Inc. The name change was effective December 2, 2014. References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the terms "we," "our," "us," "Anthem" or the "Company" refer to Anthem, Inc., an Indiana corporation, and, unless the context otherwise requires, its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis, or MD&A, should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Overview

We currently manage our operations through three reportable segments: Commercial and Specialty Business, Government Business and Other. We regularly evaluate the appropriateness of our reportable segments, particularly in light of organizational changes, merger and acquisition activity and changing laws and regulations. Therefore, these reportable segments may change in the future. Our Commercial and Specialty Business segment includes our Local Group, National Accounts, Individual and Specialty businesses. Business units in the Commercial and Specialty Business segment offer fully-insured health products; provide a broad array of managed care services to self-funded customers including claims processing, underwriting, stop loss insurance, actuarial services, provider network access, medical cost management, disease management, wellness programs and other administrative services; and provide an array of specialty and other insurance products and services such as dental, vision, life and disability insurance benefits, radiology benefit management and analytics-driven personal health care guidance.

Our Government Business segment includes Medicare and Medicaid businesses, National Government Services, or NGS, and services provided to the federal government in connection with the Federal Employee Program, or FEP. Medicare business includes services such as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D, and Medicare Supplement. Medicaid business includes our managed care alternatives through publicly funded health care programs, including Medicaid; Temporary Assistance for Needy Family, or TANF, programs; programs for seniors and people with disabilities, or SPD; programs for long-term services and support, or LTSS; Children's Health Insurance Programs, or CHIP, and Medicaid expansion programs. NGS acts as a Medicare contractor in several regions across the nation.

Our Other segment includes other businesses that do not meet the quantitative thresholds for an operating segment as defined by Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, guidance, as well as corporate expenses not allocated to the other reportable segments.

Our operating revenue consists of premiums, administrative fees and other revenue. Premium revenue comes from fully-insured contracts where we indemnify our policyholders against costs for covered health and life benefits. Administrative fees come from contracts where our customers are self-insured, or where the fee is based on either processing of transactions or a percent of network discount savings realized. Additionally, we earn administrative fee revenues from our Medicare processing business and from other health-related businesses including disease management programs. Other revenue includes miscellaneous income other than premium revenue and administrative fees.

Our benefit expense primarily includes costs of care for health services consumed by our members, such as outpatient care, inpatient hospital care, professional services (primarily physician care) and pharmacy benefit costs. All four components are affected both by unit costs and utilization rates. Unit costs include the cost of outpatient medical procedures per visit, inpatient hospital care per admission, physician fees per office visit and prescription drug prices. Utilization rates represent the volume of consumption of health services and typically vary with the age and health status of our members and their social and lifestyle choices, along with clinical protocols and medical practice patterns in each of our markets. A portion of benefit expense recognized in each reporting period consists of actuarial estimates of claims incurred but not yet paid by us. Any changes in these estimates are recorded in the period the need for such an adjustment arises. While we offer a diversified mix of managed care products and services through our managed care plans, our aggregate cost of care can fluctuate based on a change in the overall mix of these products and services. Our managed care plans include: preferred provider organizations,

or PPOs; health maintenance organizations, or HMOs; point-of-service plans, or POS plans; traditional indemnity plans and other hybrid plans, including consumer-driven health plans, or CDHPs; and hospital only and limited benefit products.

We classify certain claims-related costs as benefit expense to reflect costs incurred for our members' traditional medical care, as well as those expenses which improve our members' health and medical outcomes. These claims-related costs may be comprised of expenses incurred for: (i) medical management, including case and utilization management; (ii) health and wellness, including disease management services for such conditions as diabetes, high-risk pregnancies, congestive heart failure and asthma management and wellness initiatives like weight-loss programs and smoking cessation treatments; and (iii) clinical health policy. These types of claims-related costs are designed to ultimately lower our members' cost of care.

Our selling expense consists of external broker commission expenses, and generally varies with premium or membership volume. Our general and administrative expense consists of fixed and variable costs. Examples of fixed costs are depreciation, amortization and certain facilities expenses. Certain variable costs, such as premium taxes, vary directly with premium volume. Other variable costs, such as salaries and benefits, do not vary directly with changes in premium, but are more aligned with changes in membership. The acquisition or loss of a significant block of business would likely impact staffing levels, and thus associated compensation expense. Other variable costs include professional and consulting expenses and advertising. Other factors can impact our administrative cost structure, including systems efficiencies, inflation and changes in productivity.

Our results of operations depend in large part on our ability to accurately predict and effectively manage health care costs through effective contracting with providers of care to our members and our medical management and health and wellness programs. Several economic factors related to health care costs, such as regulatory mandates of coverage as well as direct-to-consumer advertising by providers and pharmaceutical companies, have a direct impact on the volume of care consumed by our members. The potential effect of escalating health care costs, any changes in our ability to negotiate competitive rates with our providers and any regulatory or market driven restrictions on our ability to obtain adequate premium rates to offset overall inflation in health care costs, including increases in unit costs and utilization resulting from the aging of the population and other demographics, as well as advances in medical technology, may impose further risks to our ability to profitably underwrite our business, and may have a material impact on our results of operations.

Our future results of operations will also be impacted by certain external forces and resulting changes in our business model and strategy. In 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or ACA, as well as the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, or collectively, Health Care Reform, became law, causing significant changes to the U.S. health care system. Since then, significant regulations have been enacted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, the Department of Labor and the Department of the Treasury. The legislation and regulations are far-reaching and are intended to expand access to health insurance coverage over time by increasing the eligibility thresholds for most state Medicaid programs and providing certain other individuals and small businesses with tax credits to subsidize a portion of the cost of health insurance coverage. As a result of the complexity of the law, its impact on health care in the United States and the continuing modification and interpretation of Health Care Reform rules, we continue to analyze and refine our estimates of the ultimate impact of Health Care Reform on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations. Health Care Reform provides growth opportunities for health insurers, but also introduces new risks and uncertainties, and required changes in the way products are designed, underwritten, priced, distributed and administered. For additional discussion, see Part I, Item 1 "Business - Regulation," and Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Pricing in our Commercial and Specialty Business segment, including our Individual and Small Group lines of business, remains competitive, but rational, and we strive to price our health care benefit products consistent with anticipated underlying medical trends. We believe our pricing strategy, based on predictive modeling, proprietary research and data-driven processes, as well as our overall investments for Health Care Reform, have positioned us to benefit from the potential growth opportunities available in fully-insured commercial products as a result of Health Care Reform. In the Individual and Small Group markets, we offer on-exchange products through state or federally facilitated marketplaces, referred to as public exchanges; and off-exchange products. Federal premium subsidies are available only for certain members who purchase certain public exchange products. While the ultimate level of public exchange enrollment cannot be predicted, we have experienced a greater number of policy applications for new members through the public exchanges than expected, including geographical regions with lower price competition. The public exchanges may increase the risk that our products will be selected by individuals who have a higher risk profile or utilization rate than the pool of participants we anticipated when we

established the pricing for these public exchange products. However, the risk characteristics of new applicants in 2014 tracked closely to the risk levels utilized in the development of our pricing assumptions. Although it is not yet clear whether our products sold on the public exchanges will be more or less profitable products, we believe that our pricing strategy, brand name and network quality will provide a strong foundation for commercial risk membership growth opportunities in the future.

In our Individual markets we offer bronze, silver and gold products, both on and off the public exchanges, in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin. Additionally, we offer platinum products, both on and off the public exchanges, in the states of California and New York.

In our Small Group markets, we offer bronze, silver and gold products, both on and off the public exchanges, in the states of Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio and Virginia and we offer bronze, silver and gold products, off the public exchanges, in the states of California, New York and Wisconsin. Additionally, we offer platinum products, off the public exchanges, in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri and Virginia.

Private exchanges have recently gained significant visibility in the marketplace based on the promise of helping employers reduce costs, increase consumer engagement and manage the complexities created by the ACA and other market forces. While private exchanges have been a distribution channel in the Medicare and Individual markets for some time, the heightened level of activity and investment among the consulting and broker communities and other health insurance carriers has generated an increasing level of interest among employers in the Commercial market. To date, adoption levels have been lower than analyst predictions, but expectations for significant longer term growth remain. While the ultimate volume, pace of growth and winning business models remain highly uncertain, we believe private exchanges will provide opportunities for growth and will serve a significant role in our future strategy.

Health Care Reform also imposes new regulations on the health insurance sector, including, but not limited to, guaranteed coverage and expanded benefit requirements; prohibitions on some annual and all lifetime limits on amounts paid on behalf of or to our members; increased restrictions on rescinding coverage; establishment of minimum medical loss ratio, or MLR, and customer rebate requirements; establishment of a mandatory annual Health Insurance Provider Fee, or HIP Fee; creation of a federal rate review process; a requirement to cover preventive services on a first dollar basis; the establishment of public exchanges and essential benefit packages and greater limitations on how we price certain of our products. The legislation also reduces the reimbursement levels for our health plans participating in the Medicare Advantage program over time. There are also limitations on the amount of executive compensation that is deductible for income tax purposes.

As a result of Health Care Reform, HHS issued MLR regulations that require us to meet minimum MLR thresholds for Large Group, Small Group and Individual lines of business. For purposes of determining MLR rebates, HHS has defined the types of costs that should be included in the MLR rebate calculation. However, certain components of the MLR calculation as defined by HHS cannot be classified consistently under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. While considered benefit expense or a reduction of premium revenue by HHS, certain of these costs are classified as other types of expense, such as income tax expense or selling, general and administrative expense, in our GAAP basis financial statements. Accordingly, the benefit expense ratio determined using our consolidated GAAP operating results is not comparable to the MLR calculated under HHS regulations.

Health Care Reform also imposed a separate minimum MLR threshold of 85% for Medicare Advantage plans beginning in 2014. Medicare Advantage plans that do not meet this threshold will have to pay a minimum MLR rebate. If a plan's MLR is below 85% for three consecutive years beginning with 2014, enrollment will be restricted. A Medicare Advantage plan contract will be terminated if the plan's MLR is below 85% for five consecutive years.

Beginning in 2014, Health Care Reform imposes an annual HIP Fee on health insurers that write certain types of health insurance on U.S. risks. The annual HIP Fee is allocated to health insurers based on the ratio of the amount of an insurer's net premium revenues written during the preceding calendar year to an adjusted amount of health insurance for all U.S. health risk for those certain lines of business written during the preceding calendar year. The HIP Fee is non-deductible for federal income tax purposes. The total amount to be collected from allocations to health insurers in 2014 was \$8,000.0, and our portion of the HIP Fee for 2014 was \$893.3. The final calculation and payment of the HIP Fee occurred in the third quarter of 2014 and was recognized as a general and administrative expense. The annual HIP Fee to be allocated to all health insurers

increases to \$11,300.0 for 2015 and 2016, \$13,900.0 for 2017 and \$14,300.0 for 2018. For 2019 and beyond, the annual HIP Fee will increase from the amount for the preceding year by the rate of premium growth for the preceding year.

These and other provisions of Health Care Reform are likely to have significant effects on our future operations, which, in turn, could impact the value of our business model and results of operations, including potential impairments of our goodwill and other intangible assets. We will continue to evaluate the impact of Health Care Reform as key aspects go into effect and additional guidance is made available. For additional discussion regarding Health Care Reform, see Part I, Item 1 "Business—Regulation" and Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Finally, federal and state regulatory agencies may further restrict our ability to obtain new product approvals, implement changes in premium rates or impose additional restrictions, under new or existing laws that could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

We are also subject to regulations that may result in assessments under state insurance guarantee association laws. The National Organization of Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Associations, or NOLHGA, is a voluntary organization consisting of the state life and health insurance guaranty associations located throughout the U.S. Such associations, working together with NOLHGA, provide a safety net for their state's policyholders, ensuring that they continue to receive coverage, subject to state maximum limits, even if their insurer is declared insolvent. We are aware that the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner, or Insurance Commissioner, has placed Penn Treaty Network America Insurance Company and its subsidiary American Network Insurance Company, or collectively Penn Treaty, in rehabilitation, an intermediate action before insolvency. The state court denied the Insurance Commissioner's petition for the liquidation of Penn Treaty and ordered the Insurance Commissioner to file an updated plan of rehabilitation. An initial plan was filed on April 30, 2013. The Insurance Commissioner filed an amended plan on August 8, 2014 and a second amended plan on October 8, 2014. The state court set a schedule for a notice and comment period and ordered a hearing on the second amended plan, with public comments due by February 13, 2015. The Insurance Commissioner has filed a Notice of Appeal asking the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to reverse the order denying the liquidation petition. The Supreme Court held oral argument on the appeal in September 2014. In the event rehabilitation of Penn Treaty is unsuccessful and Penn Treaty is declared insolvent and placed in liquidation, we and other insurers may be required to pay a portion of their policyholder claims through state guaranty association assessments in future periods. Given the uncertainty around whether Penn Treaty will ultimately be declared insolvent and, if so, the amount of the insolvency, the amount and timing of any associated future guaranty fund assessments, and the availability and amount of any potential premium tax and other offsets, we currently cannot estimate our net exposure, if any, to this potential insolvency. We will continue to monitor the situation and may record a liability and expense in future reporting periods, which could be material to our cash flows and results of operations.

In addition to the external forces discussed in the preceding paragraphs, our results of operations are impacted by levels and mix of membership. In recent history, we experienced membership declines due to unfavorable economic conditions driving increased unemployment. In addition, we believe the self-insured portion of our group membership base will continue to increase as a percentage of total group membership. Further, our mix of membership may include more individuals with a higher acuity level obtaining coverage through our products available on the public exchanges, which may not be appropriately adjusted for in our premium rates. These membership trends could have a material adverse effect on our future results of operations.

In February 2015, we reported that we were the target of a sophisticated external cyber attack. The attackers gained unauthorized access to certain of our information technology systems and obtained personal information related to many of our current and former members and employees. We are in the process of determining the extent of this cyber attack and are supporting federal law enforcement efforts to identify the responsible parties. For additional information about the cyber attack, see Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies - *Data Breach*," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Also see Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for a discussion of the factors identified above and other risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and presented elsewhere by management from time to time.

Executive Summary

We are one of the largest health benefits companies in terms of medical membership in the United States, serving 37.5 medical members through our affiliated health plans as of December 31, 2014. We are an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, or BCBSA, an association of independent health benefit plans. We serve our members as the Blue Cross licensee for California and as the Blue Cross and Blue Shield, or BCBS, licensee for Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri (excluding 30 counties in the Kansas City area), Nevada, New Hampshire, New York (as BCBS in 10 New York City metropolitan and surrounding counties, and as Blue Cross or BCBS in selected upstate counties only), Ohio, Virginia (excluding the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.) and Wisconsin. In a majority of these service areas we do business as Anthem Blue Cross, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, and Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, or Empire Blue Cross (in our New York service areas). We also conduct business through arrangements with other BCBS licensees in the states of South Carolina and Texas. We conduct business through our AMERIGROUP Corporation, or Amerigroup, subsidiary, in Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Washington. We also serve customers throughout the country as HealthLink, UniCare (including a non-risk arrangement with the state of Massachusetts), and in certain Arizona, California, Nevada, New York and Virginia markets through our CareMore Health Group, Inc., or CareMore, subsidiary. We are licensed to conduct insurance operations in all 50 states through our subsidiaries.

On February 17, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Simply Healthcare Holdings, Inc., or Simply Healthcare, a leading managed care company for people enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare programs in the state of Florida. This acquisition, which was originally announced on December 22, 2014, aligns with our strategy for continued growth in our Government Business segment. As a result, we will, through our affiliated Medicaid and Medicare plans, serve more than half a million members in the state of Florida.

In preparation for the recent and ongoing changes to the U.S. health care system and to focus on our core growth opportunities across our Commercial and Specialty Business and Government Business segments, we entered into a definitive agreement in December 2013 to sell our 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc., or 1-800 CONTACTS, business to the private equity firm Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. Concurrently, we entered into an asset purchase agreement with Luxottica Group to sell our glasses.com related assets. The divestitures were completed on January 31, 2014. The operating results for 1-800 CONTACTS are reported as discontinued operations within the consolidated statements of income included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. These results were previously reported in the Commercial and Specialty Business segment. Additionally, the assets and liabilities of 1-800-CONTACTS are reported as held for sale for the year ended December 31, 2013 in the consolidated balance sheets included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Unless otherwise specified, all financial information disclosed in this MD&A is from continuing operations, other than net income, diluted earnings per share and cash flows. In accordance with FASB guidance, we have elected to not separately disclose net cash provided by or used in operating, investing, and financing activities and the net effect of those cash flows on cash and cash equivalents for discontinued operations during the periods presented. For additional information regarding these transactions, see Note 3, "Business Acquisitions and Divestitures," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Operating revenue for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$73,021.7, an increase of \$2,830.3, or 4.0%, from the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in operating revenue was primarily a result of higher premium revenue in our Government Business segment, and, to a lesser extent, increased administrative fees in our Commercial and Specialty Business segment. These increases were partially offset by lower premium revenue in our Commercial and Specialty Business segment.

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$2,569.7, an increase of \$80.0, or 3.2%, from the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in net income was primarily due to higher operating results in both our Government Business segment and our Commercial and Specialty Business segment. In addition, net income for the year ended December 31, 2013 was impacted by a loss from discontinued operations recorded in relation to the sale of our 1-800 CONTACTS business. The increase in net income for the year ended December 31, 2014 was further attributable to a decrease in realized losses on the early extinguishment of debt, a decrease in amortization of intangible assets and an increase in net earnings from investment activities. These increases were partially offset by an increase in income tax expense primarily due to the non-tax deductible portion of new fees associated with Health Care Reform that became effective January 1, 2014.

Our diluted earnings per share, or EPS, for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$8.99, an increase of \$0.79, or 9.6%, from the year ended December 31, 2013. Our diluted EPS from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$8.96, an increase of \$0.29, or 3.3%, from the year ended December 31, 2013. Our diluted shares for the year ended December 31, 2014 were 285.9, a decrease of 17.9, or 5.9%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in diluted EPS resulted primarily from the lower number of shares outstanding in 2014 due to share buyback activity under our share repurchase program and the increase in net income.

Operating cash flow for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$3,369.3, or 1.3 times net income. Operating cash flow for the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$3,052.3, or 1.2 times net income. The increase in operating cash flow from 2013 of \$317.0 was primarily attributable to an increase in premium receipts primarily as a result of rate increases across our businesses designed to cover overall cost trends and new fees associated with Health Care Reform and an increase in administrative fee receipts primarily as a result of growth in membership. The increase in cash provided by operating activities was offset, in part, by payments for new fees associated with Health Care Reform, including the HIP Fee and assessments related to the Health Care Reform reinsurance premium stabilization program. The increase was further offset by an increase in claims payments primarily as a result of membership growth, an increase in personnel service costs and an increase in income taxes paid.

Our results of operations discussed throughout this MD&A are determined in accordance with GAAP. We also calculate operating gain, which is a non-GAAP measure, to further aid investors in understanding and analyzing our core operating results and comparing them among periods. Operating gain is calculated as total operating revenue less benefit expense, and selling, general and administrative expense. We use this measure as a basis for evaluating segment performance, allocating resources, setting incentive compensation targets and forecasting future operating periods. This information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for income before income tax expense, net income or EPS prepared in accordance with GAAP, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. For additional details on operating gain, see our "Reportable Segments Results of Operations" discussion included in this MD&A. For a reconciliation of reportable segment operating gain to income from continuing operations before income tax expense, see Note 19, "Segment Information," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We intend to expand through a combination of organic growth, strategic acquisitions and efficient use of capital in both existing and new markets. Our growth strategy is designed to enable us to take advantage of additional economies of scale as well as providing us access to new and evolving technologies and products. In addition, we believe geographic and product diversity reduces our exposure to local or regional regulatory, economic and competitive pressures and provides us with increased opportunities for growth. While we have achieved strong growth as a result of strategic mergers and acquisitions, we have also achieved organic growth in our existing markets over time by delivering excellent service, offering competitively priced products, providing access to high quality provider networks and effectively capitalizing on the brand strength of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks.

Significant Transactions

While Health Care Reform has caused significant changes to the U.S. health care system in recent years, the more significant transactions that have occurred over the last three years that have impacted or will impact our capital structure or that have or will influence how we conduct our business operations include:

- Acquisition of Simply Healthcare (2015);
- Use of Capital—Board of Directors declaration of dividends on common stock (2014 and prior) and a 42.9% increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.6250 per share (2015); authorization for repurchases of our common stock (2014 and prior); and debt repurchases and new debt issuance (2014 and prior);
- Acquisition of Amerigroup and the related debt issuance (2012); and
- Acquisition of 1-800 CONTACTS (2012) and subsequent divestiture (2014).

For additional information regarding these transactions, see Note 3, "Business Acquisitions and Divestitures," Note 12, "Debt" and Note 14, "Capital Stock," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Membership

Our medical membership includes seven different customer types: Local Group, Individual, National Accounts, BlueCard [®], Medicare, Medicaid and FEP. BCBS-branded business generally refers to members in our service areas licensed by the BCBSA. Non-BCBS-branded business refers to Amerigroup and CareMore members as well as Healthlink and UniCare members predominantly outside of our BCBSA service areas.

- Local Group consists of those employer customers with less than 5% of eligible employees located outside of the headquarter state, as well as customers with more than 5% of eligible employees located outside of the headquarter state with up to 5,000 eligible employees. In addition, Local Group includes UniCare members and, effective January 1, 2014, the Employer Group Medicare Advantage members related to Local Group are reported as part of Local Group membership. These are retired members of Local Group accounts who have selected a Medicare Advantage product and were previously reported with our Medicare membership within our Government Business Segment. The Employer Group Medicare Advantage members represent less than 1.0% of Local Group membership. Local Group accounts are generally sold through brokers or consultants working with industry specialists from our in-house sales force and are offered both on and off the public exchanges. Local Group insurance premiums may be based on claims incurred by the group or sold on a self-insured basis. The customer's buying decision is typically based upon the size and breadth of our networks, customer service, the quality of our medical management services, the administrative cost included in our quoted price, our financial stability, reputation and our ability to effectively service large complex accounts. Local Group accounted for 40.4%, 41.3% and 40.6% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- Individual consists of individual customers under age 65 and their covered dependents. Individual policies are generally sold through independent agents and brokers, retail partnerships, our in-house sales force or via the Internet. Individual business is sold on a fully-insured basis. We offer on-exchange products through public exchanges and off-exchange products. Federal premium subsidies are available only for certain public exchange Individual products. Individual customers are generally more sensitive to product pricing and, to a lesser extent, the configuration of the network, and the efficiency of administration. Account turnover is generally higher with Individual as compared to Local Group. Individual business accounted for 4.8%, 4.9% and 5.1% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- National Accounts generally consist of multi-state employer groups primarily headquartered in an Anthem service area with at least 5% of the eligible employees located outside of the headquarter state and with more than 5,000 eligible employees. Some exceptions are allowed based on broker relationships. Service area is defined as the geographic area in which we are licensed to sell BCBS products. National Accounts are generally sold through independent brokers or consultants retained by the customer working with our in-house sales force. We have an advantage when competing for very large National Accounts due to the size and breadth of our networks and our ability to access the national provider networks of BCBS companies at their competitive local market rates. Additionally, effective January 1, 2014, the Employer Group Medicare Advantage members related to National Accounts groups are reported as part of National Accounts membership. These are retired members of a National Accounts group who have selected a Medicare Advantage product and were previously reported with our Medicare membership within our Government Business segment. The Employer Group Medicare Advantage members represent less than 1.0% of National Accounts membership. National Accounts represented 19.1%, 19.0% and 19.4% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- BlueCard ® host customers represent enrollees of Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plans not owned by Anthem who receive health care services in our BCBSA licensed markets. BlueCard ® membership consists of estimated host members using the national BlueCard ® program. Host members are generally members who reside in or travel to a state in which an Anthem subsidiary is the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield licensee and who are covered under an employer-sponsored health plan issued by a non-Anthem controlled BCBSA licensee (i.e., the "home plan"). We perform certain administrative functions for BlueCard ® members, for which we receive administrative fees from the BlueCard ® members' home plans. Other administrative functions, including maintenance of enrollment information and customer service, are performed by the home plan. Host members are computed using, among other things, the average number of BlueCard ® claims received per month. BlueCard ® host membership accounted for 14.1%, 14.2% and 13.9% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

- Medicare customers are Medicare-eligible individual members age 65 and over who have enrolled in Medicare Advantage, a managed care alternative for the Medicare program, who have purchased Medicare Supplement benefit coverage, some disabled under age 65, or all ages with End Stage Renal Disease. Medicare Supplement policies are sold to Medicare recipients as supplements to the benefits they receive from the Medicare program. Rates are filed with and in some cases approved by state insurance departments. Most of the premium for Medicare Advantage is paid directly by the federal government on behalf of the participant who may also be charged a small premium. Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage products are marketed in the same manner, primarily through independent agents and brokers. Medicare business accounted for 3.7%, 4.0% and 4.3% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- Medicaid membership represents eligible members who receive health care benefits through publicly funded health care programs, including Medicaid, TANF, SPD, LTSS, CHIP and Medicaid expansion programs. Total Medicaid program business accounted for 13.8%, 12.3% and 12.5% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- FEP members consist of United States government employees and their dependents within our geographic markets through our participation in the national contract between the BCBSA and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. FEP business accounted for 4.1%, 4.3% and 4.2% of our medical members at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

In addition to reporting our medical membership by customer type, we report by funding arrangement according to the level of risk that we assume in the product contract. Our two principal funding arrangement categories are fully-insured and self-funded. Fully-insured products are products in which we indemnify our policyholders against costs for health benefits. Self-funded products are offered to customers, generally larger employers, who elect to retain most or all of the financial risk associated with their employees' health care costs. Some self-funded customers choose to purchase stop-loss coverage to limit their retained risk.

The following table presents our medical membership by customer type, funding arrangement and reportable segment as of December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012. Also included below is other membership by product. The medical membership and other membership presented are unaudited and in certain instances include estimates of the number of members represented by each contract at the end of the period.

	December 31		2014	vs. 2013	2013 vs. 2012			
(In thousands)	2014	2013	2012	Change	% Change	Change	% Change	
Medical Membership					_			
Customer Type								
Local Group	15,137	14,725	14,681	412	2.8 %	44	0.3 %	
Individual	1,793	1,755	1,855	38	2.2 %	(100)	(5.4)%	
National:								
National Accounts	7,155	6,777	7,000	378	5.6 %	(223)	(3.2)%	
BlueCard ®	5,279	5,050	5,016	229	4.5 %	34	0.7 %	
Total National	12,434	11,827	12,016	607	5.1 %	(189)	(1.6)%	
Medicare	1,404	1,441	1,538	(37)	(2.6)%	(97)	(6.3)%	
Medicaid	5,193	4,378	4,520	815	18.6 %	(142)	(3.1)%	
FEP	1,538	1,527	1,520	11	0.7 %	7	0.5 %	
Total Medical Membership by Customer Type	37,499	35,653	36,130	1,846	5.2 %	(477)	(1.3)%	
Funding Arrangement								
Self-Funded	22,800	20,294	20,176	2,506	12.3 %	118	0.6 %	
Fully-Insured	14,699	15,359	15,954	(660)	(4.3)%	(595)	(3.7)%	
Total Medical Membership by Funding Arrangement	37,499	35,653	36,130	1,846	5.2 %	(477)	(1.3)%	
Reportable Segment								
Commercial and Specialty Business	29,364	28,307	28,552	1,057	3.7 %	(245)	(0.9)%	
Government Business	8,135	7,346	7,578	789	10.7 %	(232)	(3.1)%	
Total Medical Membership by Reportable Segment	37,499	35,653	36,130	1,846	5.2 %	(477)	(1.3)%	
Other Membership								
Life and Disability Members	4,762	4,819	4,838	(57)	(1.2)%	(19)	(0.4)%	
Dental Members	4,995	4,895	4,863	100	2.0 %	32	0.7 %	
Dental Administration Members	4,918	4,886	4,103	32	0.7 %	783	19.1 %	
Vision Members	5,096	4,743	4,519	353	7.4 %	224	5.0 %	
Medicare Advantage Part D Members	690	628	734	62	9.9 %	(106)	(14.4)%	
Medicare Part D Standalone Members	467	474	574	(7)	(1.5)%	(100)	(17.4)%	

December 31, 2014 Compared to December 31, 2013

Medical Membership (in thousands)

During the year ended December 31, 2014, total medical membership increased 1,846, or 5.2%, primarily due to increases in our Medicaid, Local Group, National Accounts and BlueCard ® membership.

Self-funded medical membership increased 2,506, or 12.3%, primarily due to increases in our Local Group self-funded accounts including the New York State contract conversion from a fully-insured contract to a self-funded administrative services only, or ASO, contract and the acquisition of a large state ASO contract, which both occurred in the first quarter of 2014. The increase was further attributable to growth in our National Accounts and BlueCard [®] membership.

Fully-insured membership decreased 660, or 4.3%, primarily due to the New York State contract conversion and Local Group membership losses as a result of affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers. The decrease was partially offset by growth in our Medicaid business.

Local Group membership increased 412, or 2.8%, primarily due to the acquisition of a large ASO state contract. This increase was partially offset by fully-insured membership declines resulting from affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers.

Individual membership increased 38, or 2.2%, primarily due to public exchange sales in the majority of our markets, partially offset by off-exchange lapses.

National Accounts membership increased 378, or 5.6%, primarily due to new sales and in-group change partially offset by lapses.

BlueCard ® membership increased 229, or 4.5%, primarily due to favorable membership activity at other BCBSA plans whose members reside in or travel to our licensed areas.

Medicare membership decreased 37, or 2.6%, primarily due to our product repositioning strategy toward HMO product offerings and select service area reductions.

Medicaid membership increased 815, or 18.6%, primarily due to market expansions and commencement of operations in new markets.

FEP membership increased 11, or 0.7%, primarily due to favorable open enrollment.

Other Membership (in thousands)

Our Other products are often ancillary to our health business and can therefore be impacted by corresponding changes in our medical membership.

Life and disability membership decreased 57, or 1.2%, primarily due to higher lapses and in-group change in our Local Group and Individual businesses.

Dental membership increased 100, or 2.0%, primarily due to new sales and growth in our Local Group and National Accounts businesses.

Dental administration membership increased 32, or 0.7%, primarily due to membership expansion under current contracts.

Vision membership increased 353 , or 7.4% , primarily due to strong sales and in-group change in our Local Group and National Accounts businesses.

Medicare Advantage Part D membership increased 62, or 9.9%, primarily due to the addition of a new state contract, partially offset by decreases in various markets due to our product repositioning strategy toward HMO product offerings and select service area reductions.

Medicare Part D standalone membership decreased 7, or 1.5%, primarily due to competitive pressure in certain markets.

December 31, 2013 Compared to December 31, 2012

<u>Medical Membership (in thousands)</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2013, total medical membership decreased 477, or 1.3%, primarily due to decreases in our National Accounts, Medicaid, Medicare and Individual membership.

Self-funded medical membership increased 118, or 0.6%, primarily due to increases in our Local Group self-funded accounts, partially offset by lapses in our National Accounts and BlueCard [®] business.

Fully-insured membership decreased 595, or 3.7%, primarily due to membership losses in certain Local Group and Individual markets, as well as membership losses in our Medicaid and Medicare business, described below.

Local Group membership increased 44, or 0.3%, primarily due to new sales in several markets, partially offset by insured membership losses from strategic product portfolio changes in certain states, competitive pressure in certain markets and, we believe, affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers in general.

Individual membership decreased 100, or 5.4%, primarily due to a heightened competitive environment in certain markets.

National Accounts membership decreased 223, or 3.2%, primarily due to lapses in our self-funded business.

BlueCard ® membership increased 34, or 0.7%, primarily due to favorable membership activity at other BCBSA plans whose members reside in or travel to our licensed areas.

Medicare membership decreased 97, or 6.3%, primarily due to our product repositioning strategy toward HMO product offerings.

Medicaid membership decreased 142, or 3.1%, primarily due to membership losses in our California and New York plans and termination of the Ohio contract on June 30, 2013, partially offset by an increase in membership in various other states.

FEP membership increased 7, or 0.5%, primarily due to favorable in-group change.

Other Membership (in thousands)

Our Other products are often ancillary to our health business and can therefore be impacted by corresponding changes in our medical membership.

Life and disability membership decreased 19, or 0.4%, primarily due to the overall declines in our Commercial and Specialty Business medical membership. Life and disability products are generally offered as part of Commercial and Specialty Business medical membership sales.

Dental membership increased 32, or 0.7%, primarily due to growth from the launch of new product offerings, partially offset by declines in our Commercial and Specialty Business membership.

Dental administration membership increased 783, or 19.1%, primarily due to the acquisition of a large managed dental contract pursuant to which we provide dental administrative services.

Vision membership increased 224, or 5.0%, primarily due to strong sales and in-group change in our Local Group business.

Medicare Advantage Part D membership decreased 106, or 14.4%, primarily due to our product repositioning strategy toward HMO product offerings.

Medicare Part D standalone membership decreased 100, or 17.4%, primarily due to competitive pressure in certain markets.

Cost of Care

The following discussion summarizes our aggregate underlying cost of care trends for the year ended December 31, 2014 for our Local Group fully-insured business only.

Our cost of care trends are calculated by comparing the year-over-year change in average per member per month claim costs, excluding member co-payments and deductibles. While our cost of care trend varies by geographic location, based on underlying medical cost trends, we estimate that our aggregate cost of care trend was approximately 6.5% for the full year of 2014. We anticipate that medical cost trends will increase by approximately 50 basis points in 2015.

Provider rate increases were a primary driver of medical cost trends in 2014, consistent with 2013, and we continually negotiate with hospitals and physicians to manage these cost trends. We remain committed to optimizing our reimbursement rates and strategies to help address the cost pressures faced by employers and consumers. Unit cost increases were also a driver of pharmacy cost. In recent years many large volume brand drugs have launched generic alternatives, which have helped to mitigate pharmacy cost trend, but in 2014 we experienced a return to more normal historical average trends. New high cost Hepatitis C drug therapies also have put upward pressure on pharmacy trend.

Medical utilization, including pharmacy utilization, has been lower than in previous years and was not a primary driver of increased costs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

In response to cost trends, we continue to pursue contracting and plan design changes, promote and implement performance-based contracts that reward clinical outcomes and quality, and expand our disease management and advanced care management programs. We are taking a leadership role in the area of payment reform as evidenced by our Enhanced Personal Health Care program. By establishing the primary care doctor as central to the coordination of a patient's health care needs, the initiative builds on the success of current patient-centered medical home programs in helping to improve patient care while lowering costs.

A number of clinical management initiatives are in place to help mitigate inpatient trend. Focused review efforts continue in key areas, including targeting outlier facilities for length of stay and readmission, and high risk maternity and neonatal intensive care unit cases, among others. Additionally, we continue to refine our programs related to readmission management, focused behavioral health readmission reduction and post-discharge follow-up care.

Outpatient costs are a collection of different types of expenses, such as outpatient facilities, labs, x-rays, emergency room, occupational and physical therapy and many others. Two key examples developed to mitigate outpatient costs are as follows:

- Cancer Care Quality Program: This program, developed in collaboration with our subsidiary, AIM Specialty Health, or AIM, identifies certain cancer treatment pathways selected based upon current medical evidence, peer-reviewed published literature, consensus guidelines and our clinical policies to support oncologists in identifying cancer treatment therapies that are highly effective and provide greater value.
- Expanded Cost and Quality Surgery Program: This program, developed in collaboration with AIM, proactively contacts members who have elected to have an endoscopy, colonoscopy, or knee or shoulder arthroscopy to inform them about alternative sites of care, with the goal of offering information about providers who may be more cost effective.

Consolidated Results of Operations

Our consolidated summarized results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are discussed in the following section.

	Years Ended December 31					2014 vs. 2013					2013 vs. 2012		
		2014		2013		2012		\$	%		\$	%	
Total operating revenue	\$	73,021.7	\$	70,191.4	\$	60,514.0	\$	2,830.3	4.0 %	\$	9,677.4	16.0 %	
Net investment income		724.4		659.1		686.1		65.3	9.9 %		(27.0)	(3.9)%	
Net realized gains on investments		177.0		271.9		334.9		(94.9)	(34.9)%		(63.0)	(18.8)%	
Other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments		(49.0)		(98.9)		(37.8)		49.9	50.5 %		(61.1)	(161.6)%	
Total revenues		73,874.1		71,023.5		61,497.2		2,850.6	4.0 %		9,526.3	15.5 %	
Benefit expense		56,854.9		56,237.1		48,213.6		617.8	1.1 %		8,023.5	16.6 %	
Selling, general and administrative expense		11,748.4		9,952.9		8,680.5		1,795.5	18.0 %		1,272.4	14.7 %	
Other expense ¹		902.7		993.3		744.8		(90.6)	(9.1)%		248.5	33.4 %	
Total expenses		69,506.0		67,183.3		57,638.9		2,322.7	3.5 %		9,544.4	16.6 %	
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense		4,368.1		3,840.2		3,858.3		527.9	13.7 %		(18.1)	(0.5)%	
Income tax expense		1,808.0		1,205.9		1,207.3		602.1	49.9 %		(1.4)	(0.1)%	
Income from continuing operations		2,560.1		2,634.3		2,651.0		(74.2)	(2.8)%	·	(16.7)	(0.6)%	
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax $^{\mathrm{2}}$		9.6		(144.6)		4.5		154.2	NM ³		(149.1)	NM ³	
Net income	\$	2,569.7	\$	2,489.7	\$	2,655.5	\$	80.0	3.2 %	\$	(165.8)	(6.2)%	
Average diluted shares outstanding		285.9		303.8		324.8		(17.9)	(5.9)%		(21.0)	(6.5)%	
Diluted net income (loss) per share:													
Diluted - continuing operations	\$	8.96	\$	8.67	\$	8.17	\$	0.29	3.3 %	\$	0.50	6.1 %	
Diluted - discontinued operations ²		0.03		(0.47)		0.01		0.50	M 3		(0.48)	M 3	
Diluted net income per share	\$	8.99	\$	8.20	\$	8.18	\$	0.79	9.6 %	\$	0.02	0.2 %	
Benefit expense ratio ⁴		83.1%		85.1%		85.3%			(200)bp 5			(20)bp 5	
Selling, general and administrative expense ratio		16.1%		14.2%		14.3%			190bp ⁵			(10)bp ⁵	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes as a percentage of total revenue		5.9%		5.4%		6.3%			50bp ⁵			(90)bp ⁵	
Net income as a percentage of total revenue		3.5%		3.5%		4.3%			0bp ⁵			(80)bp ⁵	

Certain of the following definitions are also applicable to all other results of operations tables in this discussion:

¹ Includes interest expense, amortization of other intangible assets and loss on extinguishment of debt.

The operating results of 1-800 CONTACTS are reported as discontinued operations as a result of the sale of the business completed on January 31, 2014.

³ Calculation not meaningful.

Benefit expense ratio represents benefit expense as a percentage of premium revenue. Premiums for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$68,389.8, \$66,119.1 and \$56,496.7, respectively. Premiums are included in total operating revenue presented above.

⁵ bp = basis point; one hundred basis points = 1%.

⁶ Selling, general and administrative expense ratio represents selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Total operating revenue increased \$2,830.3, or 4.0%, to \$73,021.7 in 2014, resulting primarily from higher premiums and, to a lesser extent, increased administrative fees. Higher premiums were mainly due to rate increases across our businesses designed to cover overall cost trends and new fees associated with Health Care Reform, including HIP Fees reimbursed by Medicaid state plans. The increase in premiums was further attributable to membership increases in our Medicaid and Individual businesses. The increase in premiums was offset, in part, by fully-insured membership declines in our Local Group business as a result of the New York State contract conversion and affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers. The increase was further offset by higher experience rated refunds in our Medicaid business, and lower premiums in our Medicare Advantage business primarily due to membership declines and a refinement of estimates associated with Medicare risk score revenue for prior years. The increase in administrative fees primarily resulted from membership growth in our Local Group business, including the New York State contract conversion and the acquisition of a large state ASO contract, which both occurred in the first quarter of 2014. The increase in administrative fees was further attributable to growth in our National Accounts business.

Net investment income increased \$65.3, or 9.9%, to \$724.4 in 2014, primarily due to higher income from alternative investments and higher investment yields.

Net realized gains on investments decreased \$94.9, or 34.9%, to \$177.0 in 2014, primarily due to a decrease in net realized gains on sales of equity securities, partially offset by an increase in net realized gains on sales of fixed maturity securities.

Other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments decreased \$49.9, or 50.5%, to \$49.0 in 2014, primarily due to a decrease in impairment losses on certain joint venture investments and fixed maturity securities.

Benefit expense increased \$617.8, or 1.1%, to \$56,854.9 in 2014, primarily due to benefit cost trends across our businesses and membership growth in our Medicaid and Individual businesses. The increase in benefit expense was further a result of higher pharmacy costs primarily attributable to new high cost Hepatitis C drug therapies. These increases were partially offset by the fully-insured membership declines in our Local Group and Medicare Advantage businesses, as described above. In addition, the increase in benefit expense was offset, in part, by our estimate of reinsurance recoveries relating to the Health Care Reform reinsurance premium stabilization program of \$753.4 for 2014.

Our benefit expense ratio decreased 200 basis points to 83.1% in 2014, primarily due to rate increases across our businesses designed to cover overall cost trends and new fees associated with Health Care Reform, including additional premiums collected to help cover the non-tax deductible impact of the HIP Fee. The decrease was further attributable to better than expected medical cost trends in our Medicaid business. These improvements were partially offset by higher pharmacy costs primarily attributable to new high cost Hepatitis C drug therapies.

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$1,795.5, or 18.0%, to \$11,748.4 in 2014. Our selling, general and administrative expense ratio increased 190 basis points to 16.1% in 2014. The increases in the expense and ratio were both primarily due to new fees related to Health Care Reform that were effective January 1, 2014, including \$893.3 for the HIP Fee and \$447.7 of assessments related to the Health Care Reform reinsurance premium stabilization program.

Other expenses decreased \$90.6, or 9.1%, to \$902.7 in 2014, primarily due to lower losses recognized on debt extinguishment associated with the early redemption and repurchase of outstanding senior unsecured notes. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, we recognized losses on extinguishment of debt of \$81.1 and \$145.3, respectively. The decrease in other expense was further attributable to reduced amortization of certain other intangible assets acquired in prior years. For additional information related to our borrowings, see "Liquidity and Capital Resources - *Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity*," below.

Income tax expense increased \$602.1, or 49.9%, to \$1,808.0 in 2014. The effective tax rates in 2014 and 2013 were 41.4% and 31.4%, respectively. The increase in income tax expense was primarily due to the non-tax deductible HIP Fee effective for 2014 and increased income before income taxes. The 2013 expense and effective tax rate were lower because they include benefits resulting from a favorable tax election made subsequent to the Amerigroup acquisition and from inclusion of Amerigroup in our state apportionment factors calculation, which produces a lower state tax expense. The increase in the effective tax rate for 2014 was primarily due to the non-tax deductible HIP fee.

Our net income as a percentage of total revenue was 3.5% in 2014 and 2013 as a result of all factors discussed above.

Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Total operating revenue increased \$9,677.4, or 16.0% to \$70,191.4 in 2013, resulting primarily from higher premiums and, to a lesser extent, increased administrative fees. The higher premiums were mainly due to increases in our Medicaid business primarily as a result of our acquisition of Amerigroup in December 2012. Rate increases in our Local Group, FEP, Individual and National businesses designed to cover overall cost trends as well as premium rate and membership increases in our Specialty businesses and increased administrative fees resulting from pricing increases for self-funded members in our Commercial businesses also contributed to the increased operating revenue. These increases were partially offset by fully-insured membership declines in our Local Group business due to strategic portfolio changes in certain states, competitive pressure in certain markets and, we believe, affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers in general. Additionally, lower revenues in our Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D businesses, primarily due to membership declines as a result of our product repositioning strategy toward HMO product offerings, partially offset the increased operating revenues.

Net investment income decreased \$27.0, or 3.9%, to \$659.1 in 2013, primarily due to lower investment yields.

Net realized gains on investments decreased \$63.0, or 18.8%, to \$271.9 in 2013, primarily due to lower net realized gains on sales of fixed maturity securities partially offset by an increase in net realized gains on sales of equity securities, a realized gain on the partial divestiture of an equity method investment and an increase in net realized gains on sales and settlements of derivative financial instruments.

Other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments increased \$61.1, or 161.6%, to \$98.9 in 2013, primarily due to the impairment of certain joint venture investments and fixed maturity securities.

Benefit expense increased \$8,023.5, or 16.6%, to \$56,237.1 in 2013, primarily from our acquisition of Amerigroup and increased benefit costs in our Local Group, Individual and FEP businesses. These increases were partially offset by the fully-insured membership declines in our Local Group and Medicare Advantage businesses as described above.

Our benefit expense ratio decreased 20 basis points to 85.1% in 2013, due, in part, to our product repositioning strategy in certain Medicare Advantage plans toward HMO product offerings with lower benefit costs. The decrease was further attributable to the favorable impact of declines in membership in our Local Group business in products with higher benefit costs and lower than expected medical cost trends. These improvements were partially offset by the acquisition of Amerigroup, which carries higher average benefit expense ratios than our consolidated average as well as higher than expected medical cost trends in our Individual business.

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$1,272.4 , or 14.7% , to \$9,952.9 in 2013 , primarily due to the inclusion of selling, general and administrative expense related to our Amerigroup subsidiary in 2013. The increase was further attributable to costs incurred in preparation for the implementation of Health Care Reform effective in 2014 as well as increases in incentive compensation as a result of our operating performance.

Our selling, general and administrative expense ratio decreased 10 basis points to 14.2% in 2013, primarily due to the effect of the increase in operating revenue from Amerigroup partially offset by the increased selling general and administrative expense discussed in the preceding paragraph.

Other expense increased \$248.5, or 33.4%, to \$993.3 in 2013, primarily due to losses recognized on debt extinguishment associated with our early redemption and repurchases of \$1,100.0 aggregate principal amount of outstanding senior unsecured notes. The increase in other expense was further attributable to increased interest expense resulting from higher outstanding debt balances associated with our acquisition of Amerigroup and the issuance on July 30, 2013 of \$650.0 of 2.300% notes due 2018 and \$600.0 of 5.100% notes due 2044 to fund, in part, the early redemption and repurchases discussed above. For additional information related to our borrowings, see "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity," below.

Income tax expense decreased \$1.4, or 0.1%, to \$1,205.9 in 2013. The effective tax rates in 2013 and 2012 were 31.4% and 31.3%, respectively. The effective tax rate in 2013 included benefits resulting from a favorable tax election made subsequent to the Amerigroup acquisition and inclusion of Amerigroup in our state apportionment factors calculation, which

produced a lower effective state tax rate. The effective tax rate in 2012 included benefits resulting from settlement with the IRS of items related to not-for-profit conversions and corporate reorganizations prior to 2012, as well as issues related to certain of our acquired companies incurred prior to our acquisition of those companies. These favorable items in the 2012 effective tax rate were partially offset by increases due to the impact of non-tax deductible litigation settlement expenses and an increase in our state deferred tax asset valuation allowance attributable to uncertainty associated with certain state net operating loss carryforwards.

In December 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell our 1-800 CONTACTS business and an asset purchase agreement to sell our glasses.com related assets (collectively, 1-800 CONTACTS). The operating results for 1-800 CONTACTS are reported as discontinued operations. For the year ended December 31, 2013, we recorded a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$144.6 compared to income from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$4.5 for the year ended December 31, 2012. Included in the loss from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, is a loss on disposal of held for sale assets, net of tax, of \$164.5. The loss on disposal was calculated as the difference between the fair value, as determined by the sales agreements less costs to sell, and the carrying value of the held for sale assets at December 31, 2013. The divestitures were completed on January 31, 2014 and did not result in any material difference to the loss on disposal recognized during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Our net income as a percentage of total revenue decreased 80 basis points to 3.5% in 2013 as compared to 2012 as a result of all factors discussed above.

Reportable Segments Results of Operations

We use operating gain to evaluate the performance of our reportable segments, which are Commercial and Specialty Business; Government Business; and Other. Operating gain, which is a non-GAAP measure, is calculated as total operating revenue less benefit expense and selling, general and administrative expense. It does not include net investment income, net realized gains/losses on investments, other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income, interest expense, amortization of other intangible assets, loss on extinguishment of debt or income taxes, as these items are managed in a corporate shared service environment and are not the responsibility of operating segment management. Effective January 1, 2014, our Employer Group Medicare Advantage members are being reported within Local Group and National Accounts in our Commercial and Specialty Business segment and prior period segment amounts have been reclassified to conform to the new presentation. These members were previously reported with our Medicare membership within our Government Business segment. The Employer Group Medicare Advantage members are retired members who have selected a Medicare Advantage product through our Local Group and National Accounts.

The discussion of segment results for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 presented below are based on operating gain, as described above, and operating margin, which is calculated as operating gain divided by operating revenue. Our definitions of operating gain and operating margin may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. For additional information, including a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures, see Note 19, "Segment Information," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our Commercial and Specialty Business, Government Business, and Other segments' summarized results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

						Change									
	Yea	ars E	nded Decemb	er 31	1		2014 vs.	. 2013		2013 vs.	2012				
	 2014		2013		2012		\$	%		\$	%				
Commercial and Specialty Business															
Operating revenue	\$ 39,199.6	\$	39,404.2	\$	39,639.9	\$	(204.6)	(0.5)%	\$	(235.7)	(0.6)%				
Operating gain	\$ 3,260.9	\$	3,176.4	\$	3,396.3	\$	84.5	2.7 %	\$	(219.9)	(6.5)%				
Operating margin Government Business	8.3%		8.1%		8.6%			20bp	20bp) (50bp				
Operating revenue	\$ 33,796.4	\$	30,752.6	\$	20,838.9	\$	3,043.8	9.9 %	\$	9,913.7	47.6 %				
Operating gain	\$ 1,191.9	\$	844.0	\$	285.4	\$	347.9	41.2 %	\$	558.6	195.7 %				
Operating margin	3.5%		2.7%		1.4%			80bp			130bp				
Other															
Operating revenue 1	\$ 25.7	\$	34.6	\$	35.2	\$	(8.9)	(25.7)%	\$	(0.6)	(1.7)%				
Operating loss ²	\$ (34.4)	\$	(19.0)	\$	(61.8)	\$	(15.4)	81.1 %	\$	42.8	(69.3)%				

Fluctuations not material.

Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Commercial and Specialty Business

Operating revenue decreased \$204.6, or 0.5%, to \$39,199.6 in 2014, primarily due to fully-insured membership declines in our Local Group business resulting from the impact of the New York State contract conversion and affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers. These decreases were partially offset by premium rate increases in our Local Group and Individual businesses designed to cover overall cost trends and new fees associated with Health Care Reform, and membership growth in our Individual business. The decrease in operating revenue was further offset by increased administrative fees primarily resulting from membership growth in our Local Group business, including the acquisition of a large state ASO contract in the first quarter of 2014. The increase in administrative fees was further attributable to growth in our National Accounts business.

Operating gain increased \$84.5, or 2.7%, to \$3,260.9 in 2014, primarily as a result of improved performance in our Individual business reflecting our public exchange strategy implemented during the year, along with membership growth in self-funded products. The increase in operating gain was further attributable to additional premiums collected to help cover the non-tax deductible impact of the HIP Fee. These increases were partially offset by insured membership declines in our Local Group business, continued costs incurred associated with Health Care Reform market changes and higher pharmacy costs primarily attributable to new high cost Hepatitis C drug therapies.

The operating margin in 2014 was 8.3%, a 20 basis point increase over 2013, primarily due to the factors discussed in the preceding two paragraphs.

Government Business

Operating revenue increased \$3,043.8, or 9.9%, to \$33,796.4 in 2014, primarily due to increased premiums in our Medicaid and FEP businesses as a result of premium rate increases designed to cover overall cost trends and new fees associated with Health Care Reform. The increase in operating revenue was further attributable to membership growth in our Medicaid business and additional premiums collected to help cover the non-tax deductible impact of the HIP Fee. These increases were partially offset by higher experience rated refunds in our Medicaid business, lower premiums in our Medicare

² Fluctuations primarily a result of changes in unallocated corporate expenses.

businesses, primarily due to membership declines in our Medicare Advantage business, and a refinement of estimates associated with Medicare risk score revenue for prior years.

Operating gain increased \$347.9, or 41.2%, to \$1,191.9 in 2014, primarily due to better than expected medical cost trends and membership growth in our Medicaid business. These increases were partially offset by higher pharmacy costs primarily attributable to new high cost Hepatitis C drug therapies, and a refinement of estimates associated with Medicare risk score revenue for prior years.

The operating margin in 2014 was 3.5%, a 80 basis point increase over 2013, primarily due to the factors discussed in the preceding two paragraphs.

Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Commercial and Specialty Business

Operating revenue decreased \$235.7, or 0.6%, to \$39,404.2 in 2013, primarily due to fully-insured membership declines in our Local Group business resulting from strategic product portfolio changes in certain states, competitive pressure in certain markets and, we believe, affordability challenges affecting healthcare consumers in general. This decrease was partially offset by premium rate increases in our Local Group, Individual and National businesses designed to cover overall cost trends, premium rate and membership increases in our Specialty businesses, primarily related to our dental and vision products, as well as increased administrative fees resulting from pricing increases for self-funded members in our Commercial businesses.

Operating gain decreased \$219.9, or 6.5%, to \$3,176.4 in 2013, primarily as a result of higher selling, general and administrative expenses driven by costs incurred in preparation for the implementation of Health Care Reform provisions that become effective in 2014 as well as increases in allocated incentive compensation as a result of consolidated operating performance. The decrease was further attributable to increased benefit costs in our Individual business. These decreases were partially offset by improved results in our Local Group business resulting from lower than anticipated medical cost trends.

The operating margin in 2013 was 8.1%, a 50 basis point decrease from 2012, primarily due to the factors discussed in the preceding two paragraphs.

Government Business

Operating revenue increased \$9,913.7, or 47.6%, to \$30,752.6 in 2013, primarily due to the acquisition of Amerigroup, growth in our FEP business due to premium rate increases designed to cover overall cost trends, and increases in membership in our CareMore and FEP businesses. These increases were partially offset by membership declines in our non-CareMore Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D businesses related to our product repositioning strategy toward HMO product offerings.

Operating gain increased \$558.6, or 195.7%, to \$844.0 in 2013, primarily due to the acquisition of Amerigroup and improved operating results in the majority of our other government lines of business.

The operating margin in 2013 was 2.7%, a 130 basis point increase over 2012, primarily due to the factors discussed in the preceding two paragraphs.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Application of GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes and within this MD&A. We consider our most important accounting policies that require significant estimates and management judgment to be those policies with respect to liabilities for medical claims payable, income taxes, goodwill and other intangible assets, investments and retirement benefits, which are discussed below. Our other significant accounting policies are summarized in Note 2, "Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We continually evaluate the accounting policies and estimates used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. In general, our estimates are based on historical experience, evaluation of current trends, information from third party professionals and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the known facts and circumstances.

Medical Claims Payable

The most subjective accounting estimate in our consolidated financial statements is our liability for medical claims payable. At December 31, 2014, this liability was \$6,861.2 and represented 18.1% of our total consolidated liabilities. We record this liability and the corresponding benefit expense for incurred but not paid claims, including the estimated costs of processing such claims. Incurred but not paid claims include (1) an estimate for claims that are incurred but not reported, as well as claims reported to us but not yet processed through our systems, which approximated 95.8%, or \$6,572.4, of our total medical claims liability as of December 31, 2014; and (2) claims reported to us and processed through our systems but not yet paid, which approximated 4.2%, or \$288.8, of the total medical claims payable as of December 31, 2014. The level of claims payable processed through our systems but not yet paid may fluctuate from one period end to the next, from approximately 1% to 5% of our total medical claims liability, due to timing of when claim payments are made.

Liabilities for both claims incurred but not reported and reported but not yet processed through our systems are determined in aggregate, employing actuarial methods that are commonly used by health insurance actuaries and meet Actuarial Standards of Practice. Actuarial Standards of Practice require that the claim liabilities be appropriate under moderately adverse circumstances. We determine the amount of the liability for incurred but not paid claims by following a detailed actuarial process that entails using both historical claim payment patterns as well as emerging medical cost trends to project our best estimate of claim liabilities. Under this process, historical paid claims data is formatted into "claim triangles," which compare claim incurred dates to the dates of claim payments. This information is analyzed to create "completion factors" that represent the average percentage of total incurred claims that have been paid through a given date after being incurred. Completion factors are applied to claims paid through the period end date to estimate the ultimate claim expense incurred for the period. Actuarial estimates of incurred but not paid claim liabilities are then determined by subtracting the actual paid claims from the estimate of the ultimate incurred claims.

For the most recent incurred months (typically the most recent two months), the percentage of claims paid for claims incurred in those months is generally low. This makes the completion factor methodology less reliable for such months. Therefore, incurred claims for recent months are not projected from historical completion and payment patterns; rather they are projected by estimating the claims expense for those months based on recent claims expense levels and health care trend levels, or "trend factors."

Because the reserve methodology is based upon historical information, it must be adjusted for known or suspected operational and environmental changes. These adjustments are made by our actuaries based on their knowledge and their estimate of emerging impacts to benefit costs and payment speed. Circumstances to be considered in developing our best estimate of reserves include changes in utilization levels, unit costs, mix of business, benefit plan designs, provider reimbursement levels, processing system conversions and changes, claim inventory levels, claim processing patterns, claim submission patterns and operational changes resulting from business combinations. A comparison of prior period liabilities to re-estimated claim liabilities based on subsequent claims development is also considered in making the liability determination. In our comparison of prior year, the methods and assumptions are not changed as reserves are recalculated; rather the availability of additional paid claims information drives our changes in the re-estimate of the unpaid claim liability. To the extent appropriate, changes in such development are recorded as a change to current period benefit expense.

We regularly review and set assumptions regarding cost trends and utilization when initially establishing claim liabilities. We continually monitor and adjust the claims liability and benefit expense based on subsequent paid claims activity. If it is determined that our assumptions regarding cost trends and utilization are significantly different than actual results, our income statement and financial position could be impacted in future periods. Adjustments of prior year estimates may result in additional benefit expense or a reduction of benefit expense in the period an adjustment is made. Further, due to the considerable variability of health care costs, adjustments to claim liabilities occur each period and are sometimes significant as compared to the net income recorded in that period. Prior period development is recognized immediately upon the actuary's judgment that a portion of the prior period liability is no longer needed or that an additional liability should have been accrued. That determination is made when sufficient information is available to ascertain that the re-estimate of the liability is reasonable.

While there are many factors that are used as a part of the estimation of our medical claims payable liability, the two key assumptions having the most significant impact on our incurred but not paid claims liability as of December 31, 2014 were the completion and trend factors. As discussed above, these two key assumptions can be influenced by other operational variables including system changes, provider submission patterns and business combinations.

There is variation in the reasonable choice of completion factors by duration for durations of three months through twelve months where the completion factors have the most significant impact. As previously discussed, completion factors tend to be less reliable for the most recent months and therefore are not specifically utilized for months one and two. In our analysis for the claim liabilities at December 31, 2014, the variability in months three to five was estimated to be between 40 and 90 basis points, while months six through twelve have much lower variability ranging from 0 to 30 basis points.

The difference in completion factor assumptions, assuming moderately adverse experience, results in variability of 2%, or approximately \$155.0, in the December 31, 2014 incurred but not paid claims liability, depending on the completion factors chosen. It is important to note that the completion factor methodology inherently assumes that historical completion rates will be reflective of the current period. However, it is possible that the actual completion rates for the current period will develop differently from historical patterns and therefore could fall outside the possible variations described herein.

The other major assumption used in the establishment of the December 31, 2014 incurred but not paid claim liability was the trend factors. In our analysis for the period ended December 31, 2014, there was a 330 basis point differential in the high and low trend factors assuming moderately adverse experience. This range of trend factors would imply variability of 4%, or approximately \$303.0, in the incurred but not paid claims liability, depending upon the trend factors used. Because historical trend factors are often not representative of current claim trends, the trend experience for the most recent six to nine months, plus knowledge of recent events likely affecting current trends, have been taken into consideration in establishing the incurred but not paid claims liability at December 31, 2014.

See Note 11, "Medical Claims Payable," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance for medical claims payable for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012. Components of the total incurred claims for each year include amounts accrued for current year estimated claims expense as well as adjustments to prior year estimated accruals. In Note 11, "Medical Claims Payable," the line labeled "Net incurred medical claims: Prior years redundancies" accounts for those adjustments made to prior year estimates. The impact of any reduction of "Net incurred medical claims: Prior years redundancies" may be offset as we establish the estimate of "Net incurred medical claims: Current year." Our reserving practice is to consistently recognize the actuarial best estimate of our ultimate liability for our claims. When we recognize a release of the redundancy, we disclose the amount that is not in the ordinary course of business, if material.

The ratio of current year medical claims paid as a percent of current year net medical claims incurred was 89.4% for 2014, 89.3% for 2013 and 89.1% for 2012. The increase in these ratios reflects acceleration in processing claims that occurred over the course of the past three years.

We calculate the percentage of prior years' redundancies in the current year as a percent of prior years' net incurred claims payable less prior years' redundancies in the current year in order to demonstrate the development of the prior years' reserves. This metric was 9.7% for the year ended December 31, 2014, 10.8% for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 10.4% for the year ended December 31, 2012. The year ended December 31, 2014 metric reflects a slightly higher level of accuracy compared to the targeted prior year reserve for adverse deviation and a resultant lower level of prior years' redundancies than the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

We calculate the percentage of prior years' redundancies in the current period as a percent of prior years' net incurred medical claims to indicate the percentage of redundancy included in the preceding year calculation of current year net incurred medical claims. We believe this calculation supports the reasonableness of our prior year estimate of incurred medical claims and the consistency in our methodology. For the year ended December 31, 2014, this metric was 1.0%, which was calculated using the redundancy of \$541.9. This metric was 1.3% for 2013 and 1.1% for 2012.

The following table shows the variance between total net incurred medical claims as reported in Note 11, "Medical Claims Payable," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for each of 2013 and 2012 and the incurred claims for such years had it been determined retrospectively (computed as the difference between "net incurred medical claims – current year" for the year shown and "net incurred medical claims – prior years redundancies" for the immediately following year):

	Years Ended December 31						
		2013		2012			
Total net incurred medical claims, as reported	\$	55,295.2	\$	47,566.5			
Retrospective basis, as described above		55,352.4		47,481.0			
Variance	\$	(57.2)	\$	85.5			
Variance to total net incurred medical claims, as reported		(0.1)%	0.2%				

Given that our business is primarily short tailed (which means that medical claims are generally paid within twelve months of the member receiving service from the provider), the variance to total net incurred medical claims, as reported above, is used to assess the reasonableness of our estimate of ultimate incurred medical claims for a given calendar year with the benefit of one year of experience. We expect that substantially all of the development of the 2014 estimate of medical claims payable will be known during 2015.

The 2013 variance to total net incurred medical claims, as reported of (0.1)% was smaller in absolute value than the 2012 percentage of 0.2%. The lower 2013 variance was driven by a more consistent level of prior year redundancies in 2014 and 2013 associated with 2013 and 2012 claim payments, respectively. Prior year redundancies in 2012 associated with 2011 claim payments were slightly lower by comparison, thus creating a higher 2012 variance.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes in accordance with FASB guidance, which requires, among other things, the separate recognition of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities. Such deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities represent the tax effect of temporary differences between financial reporting and tax reporting measured at tax rates enacted at the time the deferred tax asset or liability is recorded. A valuation allowance must be established for deferred tax assets if it is "more likely than not" that all or a portion may be unrealized. Our judgment is required in determining an appropriate valuation allowance.

At each financial reporting date, we assess the adequacy of the valuation allowance by evaluating each of our deferred tax assets based on the following:

- the types of temporary differences that created the deferred tax asset;
- the amount of taxes paid in prior periods and available for a carry-back claim;
- the forecasted future taxable income, and therefore, likely future deduction of the deferred tax item; and
- any significant other issues impacting the likely realization of the benefit of the temporary differences.

We, like other companies, frequently face challenges from tax authorities regarding the amount of taxes due. These challenges include questions regarding the timing and amount of deductions that we have taken on our tax returns. In evaluating any additional tax liability associated with various positions taken in our tax return filings, we record additional liabilities for potential adverse tax outcomes. Based on our evaluation of our tax positions, we believe we have appropriately accrued for uncertain tax benefits, as required by the guidance. To the extent we prevail in matters we have accrued for, our future effective tax rate would be reduced and net income would increase. If we are required to pay more than accrued, our future effective tax rate would increase and net income would decrease. Our effective tax rate and net income in any given future period could be materially impacted.

In the ordinary course of business, we are regularly audited by federal and other tax authorities, and from time to time, these audits result in proposed assessments. We believe our tax positions comply with applicable tax law and we intend to defend our positions vigorously through the federal, state and local appeals processes. We believe we have adequately

provided for any reasonable foreseeable outcome related to these matters. Accordingly, although their ultimate resolution may require additional tax payments, we do not anticipate any material impact on our results of operations from these matters.

For additional information, see Note 7, "Income Taxes," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Our consolidated goodwill at December 31, 2014 was \$17,082.0 and other intangible assets were \$7,958.1 . The sum of goodwill and other intangible assets represented 40.3% of our total consolidated assets and 103.3% of our consolidated shareholders' equity at December 31, 2014 .

We follow FASB guidance for business combinations and goodwill and other intangible assets, which specifies the types of acquired intangible assets that are required to be recognized and reported separately from goodwill. Under the guidance, goodwill and other intangible assets (with indefinite lives) are not amortized but are tested for impairment at least annually. Furthermore, goodwill and other intangible assets are allocated to reporting units for purposes of the annual impairment test. Our impairment tests require us to make assumptions and judgments regarding the estimated fair value of our reporting units, which include goodwill and other intangible assets. In addition, certain other intangible assets with indefinite lives, such as trademarks, are also tested separately.

We complete our annual impairment tests of existing goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives during the fourth quarter of each year. These tests involve the use of estimates related to the fair value of goodwill at the reporting unit level and other intangible assets with indefinite lives, and require a significant degree of management judgment and the use of subjective assumptions. Certain interim impairment tests are also performed when potential impairment indicators exist or changes in our business or other triggering events occur.

Fair value is estimated using the income and market approaches for goodwill at the reporting unit level and the income approach for our indefinite lived intangible assets. Use of the income and market approaches for our goodwill impairment test reflects our view that both valuation methodologies provide a reasonable estimate of fair value. The income approach is developed using assumptions about future revenue, expenses and net income derived from our internal planning process. These estimated future cash flows are then discounted. Our assumed discount rate is based on our industry's weighted-average cost of capital. Market valuations are based on observed multiples of certain measures including membership, revenue and EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) and include market comparisons to publicly traded companies in our industry.

We did not incur any impairment losses as a result of our 2014 annual impairment tests as the estimated fair values of our reporting units were substantially in excess of the carrying values as of December 31, 2014. Additionally, we do not believe that the estimated fair values of our reporting units are at risk of becoming impaired in the next twelve months. However, as a result of certain provisions of Health Care Reform, along with current economic conditions, we have experienced lower operating margins in certain lines of business. Those margins could become further compressed if results from implementation of Health Care Reform are significantly different than anticipated. As a result, the estimated fair values of certain of our reporting units with goodwill could fall below their carrying values in future periods and if that were to occur, we would be required to record impairment losses at that time.

While we believe we have appropriately allocated the purchase price of our acquisitions, this allocation requires many assumptions to be made regarding the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired. In addition, estimated fair values developed based on our assumptions and judgments might be significantly different if other reasonable assumptions and estimates were to be used. If estimated fair values are less than the carrying values of goodwill and other intangibles with indefinite lives in future annual impairment tests, or if significant impairment indicators are noted relative to other intangible assets subject to amortization, we may be required to record impairment losses against future income.

For additional information, see Note 3, "Business Acquisitions and Divestitures" and Note 9, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Investments

Current and long-term available-for-sale investment securities were \$19,909.9 at December 31, 2014 and represented 32.1% of our total consolidated assets at December 31, 2014. We classify fixed maturity and equity securities in our investment portfolio as "available-for-sale" or "trading" and report those securities at fair value. Certain fixed maturity securities are available to support current operations and, accordingly, we classify such investments as current assets without regard to their contractual maturity. Investments used to satisfy contractual, regulatory or other requirements are classified as long-term, without regard to contractual maturity.

We review investment securities to determine if declines in fair value below cost are other-than-temporary. This review is subjective and requires a high degree of judgment. We conduct this review on a quarterly basis, using both qualitative and quantitative factors, to determine whether a decline in value is other-than-temporary. Such factors considered include the length of time and the extent to which a security's market value has been less than its cost, the reasons for the decline in value (i.e., credit event compared to liquidity, general credit spread widening, currency exchange rate or interest rate factors), financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, including the credit ratings and changes in the credit ratings of the issuer, recommendations of investment advisors, and forecasts of economic, market or industry trends. In addition, for equity securities, we determine whether we have the intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time to allow for a recovery of its fair value above its carrying amount. If any declines of equity securities are determined to be other-than-temporary, we charge the losses to income when that determination is made.

Certain FASB other-than-temporary impairment, or OTTI, guidance applies to fixed maturity securities and provides guidance on the recognition, presentation of, and disclosures for OTTIs. If a fixed maturity security is in an unrealized loss position and we have the intent to sell the fixed maturity security, or it is more likely than not that we will have to sell the fixed maturity security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the decline in value is deemed to be other-than-temporary and is presented within the Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income line item on our consolidated statements of income. For impaired fixed maturity securities that we do not intend to sell or it is more likely than not that we will not have to sell such securities, but we expect that we will not fully recover the amortized cost basis, the credit component of the OTTI is presented within the Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income line item on our consolidated statements of income and the non-credit component of the OTTI is recognized in other comprehensive income. Furthermore, unrealized losses entirely caused by non-credit related factors related to fixed maturity securities for which we expect to fully recover the amortized cost basis continue to be recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income.

The credit component of an OTTI is determined by comparing the net present value of projected future cash flows with the amortized cost basis of the fixed maturity security. The net present value is calculated by discounting our best estimate of projected future cash flows at the effective interest rate implicit in the fixed maturity security at the date of acquisition. For mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, cash flow estimates are based on assumptions regarding the underlying collateral including prepayment speeds, vintage, type of underlying asset, geographic concentrations, default rates, recoveries and changes in value. For all other debt securities, cash flow estimates are driven by assumptions regarding probability of default, including changes in credit ratings, and estimates regarding timing and amount of recoveries associated with a default.

We have a committee of accounting and investment associates and management that is responsible for managing the impairment review process. The current economic environment and volatility of securities markets increase the difficulty of assessing investment impairment and the same influences tend to increase the risk of potential impairment of these assets.

We believe we have adequately reviewed our investment securities for impairment and that our investment securities are carried at fair value. However, over time, the economic and market environment may provide additional insight regarding the fair value of certain securities, which could change our judgment regarding impairment. This could result in other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments being charged against future income. Given the current market conditions and the significant judgments involved, there is continuing risk that further declines in fair value may occur and additional, material other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments may be recorded in future periods.

In addition to available-for-sale investment securities, we held additional long-term investments of \$1,695.9, or 2.7% of total consolidated assets, at December 31, 2014. These long-term investments consisted primarily of certain other equity

investments, cash surrender value of corporate-owned life insurance policies and real estate. Due to their less liquid nature, these investments are classified as long-term.

Through our investing activities, we are exposed to financial market risks, including those resulting from changes in interest rates and changes in equity market valuations. We manage the market risks through our investment policy, which establishes credit quality limits and limits on investments in individual issuers. Ineffective management of these risks could have an impact on our future earnings and financial position. Our investment portfolio includes fixed maturity securities with a fair value of \$17,971.8 at December 31, 2014. The weighted-average credit rating of these securities was "A" as of December 31, 2014. Included in this balance are investments in fixed maturity securities of states, municipalities and political subdivisions and mortgage-backed securities of \$1,403.7 and \$7.4, respectively, that are guaranteed by third parties. With the exception of twelve securities with a fair value of \$7.7, these securities are all investment-grade and carry a weighted-average credit rating of "AA" as of December 31, 2014. The securities are guaranteed by a number of different guarantors and we do not have any significant exposure to any single guarantor (neither indirect through the guarantees, nor direct through investment in the guarantor). Further, due to the high underlying credit rating of the issuers, the weighted-average credit rating of these securities without a guarantee was "A" as of December 31, 2014 for the securities for which such information is available.

Fair values of available-for-sale fixed maturity and equity securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. These fair values are obtained primarily from third party pricing services, which generally use Level I or Level II inputs for the determination of fair value in accordance with FASB guidance for fair value measurements and disclosures. We have controls in place to review the pricing services' qualifications and procedures used to determine fair values. In addition, we periodically review the pricing services' pricing methodologies, data sources and pricing inputs to ensure the fair values obtained are reasonable.

We obtain only one quoted price for each security from the pricing services, which are derived through recently reported trades for identical or similar securities making adjustments through the reporting date based upon available market observable information. For securities not actively traded, the pricing services may use quoted market prices of comparable instruments or discounted cash flow analyses, incorporating inputs that are currently observable in the markets for similar securities. Inputs that are often used in the valuation methodologies include, but are not limited to, broker quotes, benchmark yields, credit spreads, default rates and prepayment speeds. As we are responsible for the determination of fair value, we perform monthly analysis on the prices received from the pricing services to determine whether the prices are reasonable estimates of fair value. Our analysis includes a review of month-to-month price fluctuations. If unusual fluctuations are noted in this review, we may obtain additional information from other pricing services to validate the quoted price. There were no adjustments to quoted market prices obtained from the pricing services during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

In certain circumstances, it may not be possible to derive pricing model inputs from observable market activity, and therefore, such inputs are estimated internally. Such securities are designated Level III in accordance with FASB guidance. Securities designated Level III at December 31, 2014 totaled \$202.8 and represented less than 1% of our total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Our Level III securities primarily consisted of certain corporate securities, equity securities and structured securities for which observable inputs were not always available and the fair values of these securities were estimated using internal estimates for inputs including, but not limited to, prepayment speeds, credit spreads, default rates and benchmark yields.

For additional information, see Part II, Item 7A "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk", and Part II, Item 8, Note 2, "Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies," Note 4, "Investments," and Note 6, "Fair Value," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Retirement Benefits

Pension Benefits

We sponsor defined benefit pension plans for some of our employees. These plans are accounted for in accordance with FASB guidance for retirement benefits, which requires that amounts recognized in financial statements be determined on an actuarial basis. As permitted by the guidance, we calculate the value of plan assets as described below. Further, the difference between our expected rate of return and the actual performance of plan assets, as well as certain changes in pension liabilities, are amortized over future periods.

An important factor in determining our pension expense is the assumption for expected long-term return on plan assets. As of our December 31, 2014 measurement date, we selected a weighted-average long-term rate of return on plan assets of 7.62%. We use a total portfolio return analysis in the development of our assumption. Factors such as past market performance, the long-term relationship between fixed maturity and equity securities, interest rates, inflation and asset allocations are considered in the assumption. The assumption includes an estimate of the additional return expected from active management of the investment portfolio. Peer data and an average of historical returns are also reviewed for appropriateness of the selected assumption. We believe our assumption of future returns is reasonable. However, if we lower our expected long-term return on plan assets, future contributions to the pension plan and pension expense would likely increase.

This assumed long-term rate of return on assets is applied to a calculated value of plan assets, which recognizes changes in the fair value of plan assets in a systematic manner over three years, producing the expected return on plan assets that is included in the determination of pension expense. We apply a corridor approach to amortize unrecognized actuarial gains or losses. Under this approach, only accumulated net actuarial gains or losses in excess of 10% of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the fair value of plan assets are amortized over the average remaining service or lifetime of the workforce as a component of pension expense. The net deferral of past asset gains or losses affects the calculated value of plan assets and, ultimately, future pension expense.

The discount rate reflects the current rate at which the pension liabilities could be effectively settled at the end of the year based on our most recent measurement date. At the December 31, 2014 measurement date, the selected weighted-average discount rate was 3.66%, compared to 4.39% at the December 31, 2013 measurement date. We developed this rate using a yield curve approach. Using yields available on high-quality fixed maturity securities with various maturity dates, the yield curve approach provides a "customized" rate, which is meant to match the expected cash flows of our specific benefit plans. The net effect of changes in the discount rate, as well as the net effect of other changes in actuarial assumptions and experience, have been deferred and amortized as a component of pension expense in accordance with FASB guidance.

In managing the plan assets, our objective is to be a responsible fiduciary while minimizing financial risk. Plan assets include a diversified mix of investment grade fixed maturity securities, equity securities and alternative investments across a range of sectors and levels of capitalization to maximize the long-term return for a prudent level of risk. In addition to producing a reasonable return, the investment strategy seeks to minimize the volatility in our expense and cash flow.

Other Postretirement Benefits

We provide most associates with certain medical, vision and dental benefits upon retirement. We use various actuarial assumptions, including a discount rate and the expected trend in health care costs, to estimate the costs and benefit obligations for our retiree benefits.

At our December 31, 2014 measurement date, the selected discount rate for all plans was 3.74%, compared to a discount rate of 4.48% at the December 31, 2013 measurement date. We developed this rate using a yield curve approach as described above.

The assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of pre-Medicare (those who are not currently eligible for Medicare benefits) other benefits at our December 31, 2014 measurement date was 8.00% for 2015 with a gradual decline to 4.50% by the year 2025 . The assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of post-Medicare (those who are currently eligible for Medicare benefits) other benefits at our December 31, 2014 measurement date was 6.00% for 2015 with a gradual decline to 4.50% by the year 2021 . These estimated trend rates are subject to change in the future. The health care cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported. For example, an increase in the assumed health care cost trend rate of one percentage point would increase the postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2014 by \$56.7 and would increase service and interest costs by \$2.0 . Conversely, a decrease in the assumed health care cost trend rate of one percentage point would decrease the postretirement benefit obligation by \$47.6 as of December 31, 2014 and would decrease service and interest costs by \$1.8 .

For additional information regarding our retirement benefits, see Note 10, "Retirement Benefits," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

New Accounting Pronouncements

For information regarding new accounting pronouncements that were issued or became effective during the year ended December 31, 2014 that had, or are expected to have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or financial statement disclosures, see the "

*Recently Adopted Accounting Guidance" and "Recent Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted" sections of Note 2, "Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies" to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Introduction

Our cash receipts result primarily from premiums, administrative fees, investment income, other revenue, proceeds from the sale or maturity of our investment securities, proceeds from borrowings, and proceeds from the issuance of common stock under our employee stock plans. Cash disbursements result mainly from claims payments, administrative expenses, taxes, purchases of investment securities, interest expense, payments on borrowings, acquisitions, capital expenditures, repurchases of our debt securities and common stock and the payment of cash dividends. Cash outflows fluctuate with the amount and timing of settlement of these transactions. Any future decline in our profitability would likely have an unfavorable impact on our liquidity.

We manage our cash, investments and capital structure so we are able to meet the short and long-term obligations of our business while maintaining financial flexibility and liquidity. We forecast, analyze and monitor our cash flows to enable investment and financing within the overall constraints of our financial strategy.

A substantial portion of the assets held by our regulated subsidiaries are in the form of cash and cash equivalents and investments. After considering expected cash flows from operating activities, we generally invest cash that exceeds our near term obligations in longer term marketable fixed maturity securities to improve our overall investment income returns. Our investment strategy is to make investments consistent with insurance statutes and other regulatory requirements, while preserving our asset base. Our investments are generally available-for-sale to meet liquidity and other needs. Our subsidiaries pay out excess capital annually in the form of dividends to their respective parent companies for general corporate use, as permitted by applicable regulations.

The availability of financing in the form of debt or equity is influenced by many factors including our profitability, operating cash flows, debt levels, debt ratings, contractual restrictions, regulatory requirements and market conditions. The securities and credit markets have in the past experienced higher than normal volatility, although current market conditions are more stable. During recent years, the federal government and various governmental agencies have taken a number of steps to restore liquidity in the financial markets and to help relieve the credit crisis and strengthen the regulation of the financial services market. In addition, governments around the world have developed their own plans to provide liquidity and security in the credit markets and to ensure adequate capital in certain financial institutions.

We have a \$2,500.0 commercial paper program. Should commercial paper issuance be unavailable, we have the ability to use a combination of cash on hand and/or our \$2,000.0 senior revolving credit facility to redeem any outstanding commercial paper upon maturity. Additionally, we believe the lenders participating in our credit facility would be willing and able to provide financing in accordance with their legal obligations. In addition to the \$2,000.0 senior revolving credit facility, we estimate that we will receive approximately \$2,100.0 of dividends from our subsidiaries during 2015, which also provides further operating and financial flexibility.

The table below outlines the cash flows provided by or used in operating, investing and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Years Ended December 31					
		2014		2013		2012
Cash flows provided by (used in):				_		
Operating activities	\$	3,369.3	\$	3,052.3	\$	2,744.6
Investing activities		(974.9)		(2,234.4)		(4,551.6)
Financing activities		(1,822.5)		(1,717.8)		2,088.9
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(7.1)		2.2		1.1
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	564.8	\$	(897.7)	\$	283.0

Liquidity—Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2013

During the year ended December 31, 2014, net cash flow provided by operating activities was \$3,369.3, compared to \$3,052.3 for the year ended December 31, 2013, an increase of \$317.0. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in premium receipts as a result of rate increases across our businesses designed to cover overall cost trends and new fees associated with Health Care Reform and an increase in administrative fee receipts primarily as a result of growth in membership. The increase in cash provided by operating activities was offset, in part, by payments for new fees associated with Health Care Reform, including the HIP Fee and assessments related to the Health Care Reform reinsurance premium stabilization program. The increase was further offset by an increase in claims payments primarily as a result of membership growth, an increase in personnel service costs and an increase in income taxes paid.

Net cash flow used in investing activities was \$974.9 during the year ended December 31, 2014, compared to \$2,234.4 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The decrease in cash flow used in investing activities of \$1,259.5 primarily resulted from cash provided by the sale of our 1-800 CONTACTS business and glasses.com related assets on January 31, 2014 and a decrease in net purchases of investments, partially offset by changes in securities lending collateral.

Net cash flow used in financing activities was \$1,822.5 during the year ended December 31, 2014, compared to \$1,717.8 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in cash flow used in financing activities of \$104.7 primarily resulted from an increase in common stock repurchases, a decrease in proceeds from the issuance of common stock under our employee stock plans and an increase in net repayments of commercial paper borrowings. These increases in net cash used in financing activities were partially offset by changes in short- and long-term borrowings as a result of net proceeds received from long-term borrowings during 2014 compared to net repayments of short- and long-term borrowings during 2013. In addition, the increase in net cash flow used in financing activities was partially offset by changes in bank overdrafts and changes in securities lending payable.

Liquidity— Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2012

During the year ended December 31, 2013, net cash flow provided by operating activities was \$3,052.3, compared to \$2,744.6 for the year ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$307.7. This increase was driven primarily by an increase in net income adjusted for non-cash items, primarily due to the loss on disposal of discontinued operations, changes in amortization expense and realized losses on extinguishment of debt. The increase was further attributable to an increase in net cash flow provided by Amerigroup as 2012 included post-acquisition change-incontrol payments and transaction costs that did not recur in 2013. Additionally, the increase was due to a net increase in the collection of income tax refunds in 2013.

Net cash flow used in investing activities was \$2,234.4 during the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to \$4,551.6 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in cash flow used in investing activities of \$2,317.2 primarily resulted from a decrease in cash used for the purchase of subsidiaries, as net cash used in investing activities for 2012 included the acquisitions of Amerigroup and 1-800 CONTACTS, while there were no purchases of subsidiaries in 2013. This decrease was partially offset by the net change in investment activity and changes in securities lending collateral.

Net cash flow used in financing activities was \$1,717.8 during the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to net cash flow provided by financing activities of \$2,088.9 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The change in cash flow from

financing activities of \$3,806.7 primarily resulted from an increase in long-term borrowings in 2012 primarily used to fund the acquisition of Amerigroup compared to an increase in net repayments of long-term borrowings in 2013. The change in cash flow from financing activity was further attributable to a decrease in common stock repurchases, changes in securities lending payable, and an increase in proceeds from the issuance of common stock under our employee stock plans.

Financial Condition

We maintained a strong financial condition and liquidity position, with consolidated cash, cash equivalents and investments, including long-term investments, of \$23,777.7 at December 31, 2014. Since December 31, 2013, total cash, cash equivalents and investments, including long-term investments, increased by \$1,381.8 primarily due to to cash generated from operations, net proceeds received from long-term borrowings, proceeds from the sale of our 1-800-CONTACTS business, changes in securities lending payable and proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock plans. These increases were partially offset by common stock repurchases, purchases of property and equipment, changes in securities lending collateral, cash dividends paid to shareholders and net repayments of commercial paper borrowings.

Many of our subsidiaries are subject to various government regulations that restrict the timing and amount of dividends and other distributions that may be paid to their respective parent companies. Certain accounting practices prescribed by insurance regulatory authorities, or statutory accounting practices, differ from GAAP. Changes that occur in statutory accounting practices, if any, could impact our subsidiaries' future dividend capacity. In addition, we have agreed to certain undertakings to regulatory authorities, including the requirement to maintain certain capital levels in certain of our subsidiaries.

At December 31, 2014, we held \$2,699.9 of cash, cash equivalents and investments at the parent company, which are available for general corporate use, including investment in our businesses, acquisitions, potential future common stock repurchases and dividends to shareholders, repurchases of debt securities and debt and interest payments.

We calculate our consolidated debt-to-capital ratio, a non-GAAP measure, which we believe assists investors and rating agencies in measuring our overall leverage and additional borrowing capacity. In addition, our bank covenants include a maximum debt-to-capital ratio that we cannot and did not exceed. Our debt-to-capital ratio is calculated as the sum of debt divided by the sum of debt plus shareholders' equity. Our debt-to-capital ratio may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Our consolidated debt-to-capital ratio was 38.5% and 36.9% as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Our senior debt is rated "A-" by Standard & Poor's, "BBB+" by Fitch, Inc., "Baa2" by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. and "bbb+" by AM Best Company, Inc. We intend to maintain our senior debt investment grade ratings. A significant downgrade in our debt ratings could adversely affect our borrowing capacity and costs.

Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity

On February 17, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Simply Healthcare using a combination of cash and commercial paper borrowings.

We have a shelf registration statement on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register an unlimited amount of any combination of debt or equity securities in one or more offerings. Specific information regarding terms and securities being offered will be provided at the time of an offering. Proceeds from future offerings are expected to be used for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, the repayment of debt, investments in or extensions of credit to our subsidiaries and the financing of possible acquisitions or business expansion.

We have a senior credit facility, or the facility, with certain lenders for general corporate purposes. The facility, as amended, provides credit up to \$2,000.0 and matures on September 29, 2016. The interest rate on the facility is based on either (i) the LIBOR rate plus a predetermined percentage rate based on our credit rating at the date of utilization, or (ii) a base rate as defined in the facility agreement plus a predetermined percentage rate based on our credit rating at the date of utilization. Our ability to borrow under the facility is subject to compliance with certain covenants. There were no amounts outstanding under the facility as of December 31, 2014.

We have an authorized commercial paper program of up to \$2,500.0, the proceeds of which may be used for general corporate purposes. We did not have any borrowings outstanding under our commercial paper program at December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2013, we had \$379.2 outstanding under our commercial paper program. Commercial paper borrowings have been classified as long-term debt at December 31, 2013 as our general practice and intent is to replace short-term commercial paper outstanding at expiration with additional short-term commercial paper for an uninterrupted period extending for more than one year and we have the ability to redeem our commercial paper with borrowings under the senior credit facility described above. We resumed borrowing under our commercial paper program in the first quarter of 2015.

We are a member, through certain subsidiaries, of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, collectively, the FHLBs, and as a member we have the ability to obtain short-term cash advances subject to certain minimum collateral requirements. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, \$400.0 was outstanding under our short-term FHLBs borrowings.

On September 15, 2014, we redeemed the \$500.0 outstanding principal balance of our 5.000% senior unsecured notes due 2014, plus applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, for cash totaling \$512.3. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 for the redemption of these notes.

On September 11, 2014, we redeemed the \$1,097.9 outstanding principal balance of our 5.250% senior unsecured notes due 2016, plus applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, for cash totaling \$1,178.2. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$67.6 for the redemption of these notes.

Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2014, we repurchased \$52.0 of outstanding principal amount of certain other senior unsecured notes, plus applicable premium for early redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest, for cash totaling \$61.0. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$11.2 for the year ended December 31, 2014 for the repurchase of these notes.

On August 12, 2014, we issued \$850.0 of 2.250% notes due 2019, \$800.0 of 3.500% notes due 2024, \$800.0 of 4.650% notes due 2044, and \$250.0 of 4.850% notes due 2054 under our shelf registration statement. We used the proceeds from this offering in part to fund the purchase price of the 5.000% and 5.250% senior unsecured notes discussed above, and the remaining net proceeds are being used for general corporate purposes. Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing on February 15, 2015. The notes have a call feature that allows us to repurchase the notes at any time at our option and a put feature that allows a note holder to require us to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of both a change in control event and a downgrade of the notes below an investment grade rating.

On September 5, 2013, we redeemed the \$400.0 outstanding principal balance of our 6.000% senior unsecured notes due 2014, plus applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, for cash totaling \$411.0. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$10.0 for the redemption of these notes.

On July 30, 2013, we initiated a cash tender offer and consent solicitation to purchase up to \$300.0 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 5.875% notes due 2017 and 7.000% notes due 2019 (the "First Tranche Offer") and to purchase up to \$300.0 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 5.950% notes due 2034, 5.850% notes due 2036, 6.375% notes due 2037 and 5.800% notes due 2040 (the "Second Tranche Offer"), collectively, the "Tender Offers". The Tender Offers were each subject to increase up to an additional \$100.0 at our election. On August 12, 2013, we increased the Second Tranche Offer to \$400.0 and on August 13, 2013 we repurchased \$300.0 of the First Tranche Offer notes and \$400.0 of the Second Tranche Offer notes for cash totaling \$837.7. Holders who tendered their notes prior to the early tender date received the principal amounts, applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the early tender offer settlement date. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$135.3 for the repurchase of these notes.

On July 30, 2013, we issued \$650.0 of 2.300% notes due 2018 and \$600.0 of 5.100% notes due 2044 under our shelf registration statement. We used the proceeds from this offering in part to fund the purchase price of the 6.000% senior unsecured notes and the Tender Offers discussed above, and the balance for general corporate purposes. Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing on January 15, 2014. The notes have a call feature that allows us to repurchase the notes at any time at our option and a put feature that allows a note holder to require us to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of both a change in control event and a downgrade of the notes below an investment grade rating.

On January 25, 2013, we redeemed the outstanding principal balance of \$475.0 of 7.500% senior unsecured notes due 2019, plus applicable premium for early redemption, for cash totaling \$555.6. The weighted-average redemption price of the notes was approximately 117% of the principal amount outstanding.

While we generally issue senior unsecured notes for long-term borrowing purposes, on October 9, 2012, we issued \$1,500.0 of senior convertible debentures, or the Debentures. The Debentures are governed by an indenture, or the Indenture, dated as of October 9, 2012 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The Debentures bear interest at a rate of 2.750% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on April 15 and October 15 of each year, and mature on October 15, 2042, unless earlier redeemed, repurchased or converted into shares of common stock at the applicable conversion rate. We used approximately \$371.0 of the net proceeds from the issuance to repurchase shares of our common stock concurrently with the offering of the Debentures, and the balance was used for general corporate purposes, including but not limited to additional purchases of shares of our common stock pursuant to our share repurchase program and the repayment of debt. For additional information related to our borrowing activities and the Debentures, including the circumstances under which holders may convert the Debentures into common stock, see Note 12, "Debt" to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As discussed in "Financial Condition" above, many of our subsidiaries are subject to various government regulations that restrict the timing and amount of dividends and other distributions that may be paid. Based upon these requirements, we are currently estimating approximately \$2,100.0 of dividends to be paid to the parent company during 2015. During 2014, we received \$3,234.5 of dividends from our subsidiaries.

We regularly review the appropriate use of capital, including common stock repurchases, repurchases of debt securities and dividends to shareholders. The declaration and payment of any dividends or repurchases of our common stock or debt securities is at the discretion of our Board of Directors and depends upon our financial condition, results of operations, future liquidity needs, regulatory and capital requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors.

A summary of the cash dividend activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Cash Dividend per Share	Total
January 28, 2014	March 10, 2014	March 25, 2014	\$ 0.4375	\$ 123.4
April 29, 2014	June 10, 2014	June 25, 2014	0.4375	120.5
July 29, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 25, 2014	0.4375	119.2
October 28, 2014	December 5, 2014	December 22, 2014	0.4375	117.6

On January 27, 2015, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.6250 per share on the outstanding shares of our common stock. This quarterly dividend is payable on March 25, 2015 to shareholders of record as of March 10, 2015.

A summary of common stock repurchases for the period January 1, 2015 through February 5, 2015 (subsequent to December 31, 2014) and for the year ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

	January 1, 2015 Through February 5, 2015			Year Ended December 31, 2014
Shares repurchased		1.8		30.4
Average price per share	\$	131.16	\$	98.52
Aggregate cost	\$	229.9	\$	2,998.8
Authorization remaining at the end of each period	\$	5,461.8	\$	5,691.7

Under the common stock repurchase program authorized by our Board of Directors, on February 4, 2014, we entered into an accelerated share repurchase agreement with a counterparty. The agreement provided for the repurchase of a number of shares, equal to \$600.0, as determined by the volume weighted-average price of our shares during the term of the agreement. In March 2014, we repurchased 6.6 shares under the agreement. The shares repurchased under the agreement are included in the amount disclosed above as shares repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2014.

On October 2, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized a \$5,000.0 increase to the common stock repurchase program. Repurchases may be made from time to time at prevailing market prices, subject to certain restrictions on volume, pricing and timing. The repurchases are effected from time to time in the open market, through negotiated transactions, including accelerated share repurchase agreements, and through plans designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We expect to utilize the unused authorization remaining at December 31, 2014 over a multi-year period, subject to market and industry conditions. Our stock repurchase program is discretionary as we are under no obligation to repurchase shares. We repurchase shares under the program when we believe it is a prudent use of capital.

Our current retirement benefits funding strategy is to fund an amount at least equal to the minimum required funding as determined under ERISA with consideration of maximum tax deductible amounts. We may elect to make discretionary contributions up to the maximum amount deductible for income tax purposes. For the year ended December 31, 2014, no material contributions were necessary to meet ERISA required funding levels. However, during the year ended December 31, 2014, we made tax deductible discretionary contributions to the pension benefit plans of \$3.6.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Our estimated contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

		Payments Due by Period							
	 Total		Less than 1 Year		1-3 Years		3-5 Years		More than 5 Years
Debt ¹	\$ 25,235.8	\$	1,231.7	\$	2,104.2	\$	3,622.8	\$	18,277.1
Operating lease commitments	896.1		148.7		257.1		215.4		274.9
Projected other postretirement benefits	478.3		63.3		128.7		132.0		154.3
Purchase obligations:									
IBM outsourcing agreements ²	475.3		103.3		194.1		177.9		_
Other purchase obligations ³	2,763.5		1,703.8		915.3		138.2		6.2
Other long-term liabilities ⁴	1,036.4		_		469.7		384.7		182.0
Investment commitments	555.1		213.0		188.8		125.4		27.9
Total contractual obligations and commitments	\$ 31,440.5	\$	3,463.8	\$	4,257.9	\$	4,796.4	\$	18,922.4

¹ Includes estimated interest expense.

The above table does not contain \$129.9 of gross liabilities for uncertain tax positions and interest for which we cannot reasonably estimate the timing of the resolutions with the respective taxing authorities. For further information, see Note 7, "Income Taxes," to the audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In addition to the contractual obligations and commitments discussed above, we have a variety of other contractual agreements related to acquiring materials and services used in our operations. However, we do not believe these other agreements contain material noncancelable commitments.

² Relates to agreements with International Business Machines Corporation, or IBM, to provide information technology infrastructure services. For further information, see Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

³ Includes obligations related to non-IBM information technology service agreements and telecommunication contracts.

⁴ Estimated future payments for funded pension benefits have been excluded from this table as we had no funding requirements under ERISA at December 31, 2014 as a result of the value of the assets in the plans. In addition, amounts include other obligations resulting from third-party service contracts.

We believe that funds from future operating cash flows, cash and investments and funds available under our senior credit facility or from public or private financing sources will be sufficient for future operations and commitments, and for capital acquisitions and other strategic transactions.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that will require funding in future periods.

Risk-Based Capital

Our regulated subsidiaries' states of domicile have statutory risk-based capital, or RBC, requirements for health and other insurance companies and health maintenance organizations largely based on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or NAIC, RBC Model Act. These RBC requirements are intended to measure capital adequacy, taking into account the risk characteristics of an insurer's investments and products. The NAIC sets forth the formula for calculating the RBC requirements, which are designed to take into account asset risks, insurance risks, interest rate risks and other relevant risks with respect to an individual insurance company's business. In general, under the RBC Model Act, an insurance company must submit a report of its RBC level to the state insurance department or insurance commissioner, as appropriate, at the end of each calendar year. Our regulated subsidiaries' respective RBC levels as of December 31, 2014, which was the most recent date for which reporting was required, were in excess of all mandatory RBC thresholds. In addition to exceeding the RBC requirements, we are in compliance with the liquidity and capital requirements for a licensee of the BCBSA and with the tangible net worth requirements applicable to certain of our California subsidiaries.

For additional information, see Note 21, "Statutory Information," to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This document contains certain forward-looking information about us that is intended to be covered by the safe harbor for "forwardlooking statements" provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not generally historical facts. Words such as "expect(s)," "feel(s)," "believe(s)," "will," "may," "anticipate(s)," "intend," "estimate," "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. These statements include, but are not limited to, financial projections and estimates and their underlying assumptions; statements regarding plans, objectives and expectations with respect to future operations, products and services; and statements regarding future performance. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. These risks and uncertainties include: those discussed and identified in our public filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC; increased government participation in, or regulation or taxation of health benefits and managed care operations, including, but not limited to, the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, or Health Care Reform; trends in health care costs and utilization rates; our ability to secure sufficient premium rates including regulatory approval for and implementation of such rates; our participation in the federal and state health insurance exchanges under Health Care Reform, which have experienced technical difficulties in implementation and which entail uncertainties associated with the mix and volume of business, particularly in our Individual and Small Group markets, that could negatively impact the adequacy of our premium rates and which may not be sufficiently offset by the risk apportionment provisions of Health Care Reform; our ability to contract with providers consistent with past practice; competitor pricing below market trends of increasing costs; reduced enrollment, as well as a negative change in our health care product mix; risks and uncertainties regarding Medicare and Medicaid programs, including those related to non-compliance with the complex regulations imposed thereon and funding risks with respect to revenue received from participation therein; a downgrade in our financial strength ratings; litigation and investigations targeted at our industry and our ability to resolve litigation and investigations within estimates; medical malpractice or professional liability claims or other risks related to health care services provided by our subsidiaries; our ability to repurchase shares of our common stock and pay dividends on our common stock due to the adequacy of our cash flow and earnings and other considerations; non-compliance by any party with the Express Scripts, Inc. pharmacy benefit management services agreement, which could result in financial penalties, our inability to meet customer demands, and sanctions imposed by governmental entities, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; events that result in negative publicity for us or the health benefits industry;

failure to effectively maintain and modernize our information systems and e-business organization and to maintain good relationships with third party vendors for information system resources; events that may negatively affect our licenses with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; possible impairment of the value of our intangible assets if future results do not adequately support goodwill and other intangible assets; intense competition to attract and retain employees; unauthorized disclosure of member or employee sensitive or confidential information, including the impact and outcome of investigations, inquiries, claims and litigation related to the cyber attack we reported in February 2015; changes in the economic and market conditions, as well as regulations that may negatively affect our investment portfolios and liquidity; possible restrictions in the payment of dividends by our subsidiaries and increases in required minimum levels of capital and the potential negative effect from our substantial amount of outstanding indebtedness; general risks associated with mergers and acquisitions; various laws and provisions in our governing documents that may prevent or discourage takeovers and business combinations; future public health epidemics and catastrophes; and general economic downturns. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date hereof. Except to the extent otherwise required by federal securities law, we do not undertake any obligation to republish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Readers are also urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures in our SEC reports.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

(In Millions, Except Per Share Data or As Otherwise Stated Herein)

As a result of our investing and borrowing activities, we are exposed to financial market risks, including those resulting from changes in interest rates and changes in equity market valuations. Potential impacts discussed below are based upon sensitivity analyses performed on our financial position as of December 31, 2014. Actual results could vary from these estimates. Our primary objectives with our investment portfolio are to provide safety and preservation of capital, sufficient liquidity to meet cash flow requirements, the integration of investment strategy with the business operations and an attainment of a competitive after-tax total return.

Investments

Our investment portfolio is exposed to three primary sources of risk: credit quality risk, interest rate risk and market valuation risk.

The primary risks associated with our fixed maturity securities are credit quality risk and interest rate risk. Credit quality risk is defined as the risk of a credit event, such as a ratings downgrade or default, to an individual fixed maturity security and the potential loss attributable to that event. Credit quality risk is managed through our investment policy, which establishes credit quality limitations on the overall portfolio as well as diversification and percentage limits on securities of individual issuers. The result is a well-diversified portfolio of fixed maturity securities, with an average credit rating of approximately "A." Interest rate risk is defined as the potential for economic losses on fixed maturity securities due to a change in market interest rates. Our fixed maturity portfolio is invested primarily in U.S. government securities, corporate bonds, asset-backed bonds, mortgage-related securities and municipal bonds, all of which have exposure to changes in the level of market interest rates. Interest rate risk is managed by maintaining asset duration within a band based upon our liabilities, operating performance and liquidity needs. Additionally, we have the capability of holding any security to maturity, which would allow us to realize full par value.

Our available-for-sale investment portfolio includes corporate securities which account for 41.9% of the total portfolio at December 31, 2014 and are subject to credit/default risk. In a declining economic environment, corporate yields will usually increase prompted by concern over the ability of corporations to make interest payments, thus causing a decrease in the price of corporate securities, and the decline in value of the corporate fixed maturity portfolio. We manage this risk through fundamental credit analysis, diversification of issuers and industries and an average credit rating of our corporate fixed maturity portfolio of approximately "BBB."

Our equity portfolio is comprised of large capitalization and small capitalization domestic equities, foreign equities and index mutual funds. Our equity portfolio is subject to the volatility inherent in the stock market, driven by concerns over economic conditions, earnings and sales growth, inflation, and consumer confidence. These systemic risks cannot be managed through diversification alone. However, more routine risks, such as stock/industry specific risks, are managed by investing in a diversified equity portfolio.

As of December 31, 2014, 90.3% of our available-for-sale investments were fixed maturity securities. Market risk is addressed by actively managing the duration, allocation and diversification of our investment portfolio. We have evaluated the impact on the fixed maturity portfolio's fair value considering an immediate 100 basis point change in interest rates. A 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in an approximate \$777.5 decrease in fair value, whereas a 100 basis point decrease in interest rates would result in an approximate \$607.8 increase in fair value. While we classify our fixed maturity securities as "available-for-sale" for accounting purposes, we believe our cash flows and duration of our portfolio should allow us to hold securities to maturity, thereby avoiding the recognition of losses should interest rates rise significantly.

As of December 31, 2014, 9.7% of our available-for-sale investments were equity securities. An immediate 10% decrease in each equity investment's value, arising from market movement, would result in a fair value decrease of \$193.8. Alternatively, an immediate 10% increase in each equity investment's value, attributable to the same factor, would result in a fair value increase of \$193.8.

For additional information regarding our investments, see Part II, Item 8, Note 4, "Investments", to our audited consolidated financial statements and "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates - Investments" within Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Long-Term Debt

Our total long-term debt at December 31, 2014 was \$14,752.2 and includes senior unsecured notes, convertible debentures and subordinated surplus notes by one of our insurance subsidiaries. This debt is subject to interest rate risk as these instruments have fixed interest rates and the fair value is affected by changes in market interest rates. The senior unsecured notes had combined carrying and estimated fair value of \$13,752.9 and \$14,764.6, respectively, at December 31, 2014. The carrying value and estimated fair value of the convertible debentures were \$974.4 and \$2,581.9, respectively, at December 31, 2014. The carrying value and estimated fair value of the surplus notes were \$24.9 and \$30.2, respectively, at December 31, 2014.

Should interest rates increase or decrease in the future, the estimated fair value of our fixed rate debt would decrease or increase accordingly. For additional information regarding our long-term debt, see Note 6, "Fair Value" and Note 12, "Debt" to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Derivatives

We have exposure to economic losses due to interest rate risk arising from changes in the level or volatility of interest rates. We attempt to mitigate our exposure to interest rate risk through the use of derivative financial instruments. These strategies include the use of interest rate swaps and forward contracts, which are used to lock-in interest rates or to hedge (on an economic basis) interest rate risks associated with variable rate debt. We have used these types of instruments as designated hedges against specific liabilities.

Changes in interest rates will affect the estimated fair value of these derivatives. As of December 31, 2014, we recorded a net liability of \$5.2, the estimated fair value of the swaps at that date. We have evaluated the impact on the interest rate swaps' fair value considering an immediate 100 basis point change in interest rates. A 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in an approximate \$43.7 decrease in fair value, whereas a 100 basis point decrease in interest rates would result in an approximate \$43.7 increase in fair value.

We also utilize put and call options on the S&P 500 index to hedge, on an economic basis, the exposure of our equity security portfolio to fluctuations in the equity markets. While the impact of fluctuations in the equity markets on these derivatives are largely offset by changes in the fair values of our equity security portfolio, the change in fair value of the derivatives is recognized immediately in our income statement, whereas the change in fair value of our equity securities is recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. Accordingly, a decrease in the S&P 500 index of 10% would result in an approximate increase of \$27.9 in the fair value of these derivatives. An increase in the S&P 500 index of 10% would result in an approximate decrease of \$17.4 in the fair value of these derivatives.

For additional information regarding our derivatives, see Note 5, "Derivative Financial Instruments" to our audited consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Also for accounting related to securities in our equity portfolio, see "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates – Investments" within Part II, Item 7 "Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

ANTHEM, INC.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31,2014, 2013 and 2012

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Anthem, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Anthem, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Anthem, Inc. at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Anthem, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 24, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ E RNST & Y OUNG LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana February 24, 2015

Anthem, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	
(In millions, except share data)			
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,151.7	\$ 1,582.1	
Investments available-for-sale, at fair value:			
Fixed maturity securities (amortized cost of \$17,120.4 and \$16,826.7)	17,467.4	17,038.2	
Equity securities (cost of \$1,303.7 and \$1,168.5)	1,906.6	1,735.5	
Other invested assets, current	20.2	16.3	
Accrued investment income	161.4	168.8	
Premium and self-funded receivables	4,825.5	3,968.7	
Other receivables	2,117.0	1,063.3	
Income taxes receivable	308.9	235.7	
Securities lending collateral	1,515.2	969.8	
Deferred tax assets, net	280.4	383.0	
Other current assets	1,474.6	1,677.5	
Assets held for sale		906.9	
Total current assets	32,228.9	29,745.8	
Long-term investments available-for-sale, at fair value:			
Fixed maturity securities (amortized cost of \$500.7 and \$455.9)	504.4	449.9	
Equity securities (cost of \$27.0 and \$27.4)	31.5	31.3	
Other invested assets, long-term	1,695.9	1,542.6	
Property and equipment, net	1,944.3	1,801.5	
Goodwill	17,082.0	16,917.2	
Other intangible assets	7,958.1	8,441.0	
Other noncurrent assets	619.9	645.2	
Total assets	\$ 62,065.0	\$ 59,574.5	
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Policy liabilities:			
Medical claims payable	\$ 6,861.2	\$ 6,127.2	
Reserves for future policy benefits	68.1	63.1	
Other policyholder liabilities	2,626.5	2,073.2	
Total policy liabilities	9,555.8	_	
Unearned income	1,078.1	822.7	
	3,651.8	3,426.3	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
Security trades pending payable	66.2	95.2	
Securities lending payable	1,515.3	969.7	
Short-term borrowings	400.0	400.0	
Current portion of long-term debt	625.0	518.0	
Other current liabilities	1,861.2	1,674.7	
Liabilities held for sale		181.4	
Total current liabilities	18,753.4	16,351.5	
Long-term debt, less current portion	14,127.2	13,573.6	
Reserves for future policy benefits, noncurrent	671.3	723.0	
Deferred tax liabilities, net	3,226.0	3,325.2	
Other noncurrent liabilities	1,035.8		
Total liabilities	37,813.7	34,809.3	

Commitments and contingencies—Note 13

Shareholders' equity

Preferred stock, without par value, shares authorized - 100,000,000; shares issued and outstanding - none	_	_
Common stock, par value \$0.01, shares authorized - 900,000,000; shares issued and outstanding - 268,109,932 and 293,273,830	2.7	2.9
Additional paid-in capital	10,062.3	10,765.2
Retained earnings	14,014.4	13,813.9
Accumulated other comprehensive income	171.9	 183.2
Total shareholders' equity	24,251.3	 24,765.2
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 62,065.0	\$ 59,574.5

See accompanying notes.

Anthem, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Income

	Years Ended December 31							
		2014		2013		2012		
(In millions, except per share data)								
Revenues								
Premiums	\$	68,389.8	\$	66,119.1	\$	56,496.7		
Administrative fees		4,590.6		4,031.9		3,934.1		
Other revenue		41.3		40.4		83.2		
Total operating revenue		73,021.7		70,191.4		60,514.0		
Net investment income		724.4		659.1		686.1		
Net realized gains on investments		177.0		271.9		334.9		
Other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments:								
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments		(56.2)		(100.6)		(41.2		
Portion of other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in other comprehensive income		7.2		1.7		3.4		
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income		(49.0)		(98.9)		(37.8		
Total revenues		73,874.1		71,023.5		61,497.2		
Expenses								
Benefit expense		56,854.9		56,237.1		48,213.6		
Selling, general and administrative expense:								
Selling expense		1,490.1		1,526.9		1,586.9		
General and administrative expense		10,258.3		8,426.0		7,093.6		
Total selling, general and administrative expense		11,748.4		9,952.9		8,680.5		
Interest expense		600.7		602.7		511.8		
Amortization of other intangible assets		220.9		245.3		233.0		
Loss on extinguishment of debt		81.1		145.3		_		
Total expenses		69,506.0		67,183.3		57,638.9		
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense		4,368.1		3,840.2		3,858.3		
Income tax expense		1,808.0		1,205.9		1,207.3		
Income from continuing operations		2,560.1		2,634.3		2,651.0		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax		9.6		(144.6)		4.5		
Net income	\$	2,569.7	\$	2,489.7	\$	2,655.5		
Basic net income (loss) per share:		<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
Basic - continuing operations	\$	9.28	\$	8.83	\$	8.25		
Basic - discontinued operations	T	0.03		(0.49)		0.01		
Basic net income per share	\$	9.31	\$	8.34	\$	8.26		
•	Ψ	7.31	Ψ	0.51	Ψ	0.20		
Diluted net income (loss) per share: Diluted - continuing operations	\$	8.96	\$	8.67	\$	8.17		
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Diluted net income per share	\$	8.99	\$	8.20	\$	8.18		
Dividends per share	\$	1.75	\$	1.50	\$	1.15		

Anthem, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

	Years Ended December 31					
	2014 2013					2012
(In millions)						
Net income	\$	2,569.7	\$	2,489.7	\$	2,655.5
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:						
Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments		118.6		(294.7)		189.9
Change in non-credit component of other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments		(3.9)		1.7		4.5
Change in net unrealized gains/losses on cash flow hedges		(3.6)		3.0		0.1
Change in net periodic pension and postretirement costs		(118.1)		172.7		(10.9)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(4.3)		1.4		0.6
Other comprehensive (loss) income		(11.3)		(115.9)		184.2
Total comprehensive income	\$	2,558.4	\$	2,373.8	\$	2,839.7

See accompanying notes.

Anthem, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31

	1	Years Ended December 31		
	2014	2013	2012	
(In millions)				
Operating activities				
Net income	\$ 2,569.7	\$ 2,489.7	\$ 2,655.5	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Net realized gains on investments	(177.0)	(271.9)	(334.9)	
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income	49.0	98.9	37.8	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	81.1	145.3	_	
(Gain) loss on disposal from discontinued operations	(3.2)	221.8	_	
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	(1.7)	3.9	4.7	
Deferred income taxes	30.7	59.1	127.5	
Amortization, net of accretion	744.5	800.9	633.6	
Depreciation expense	106.5	107.9	107.1	
Impairment of property and equipment	7.9	47.7	66.8	
Share-based compensation	168.9	146.0	146.5	
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(46.4)	(30.1)	(28.8)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Receivables, net	(1,899.7)	(418.3)	189.9	
Other invested assets	(21.7)	(15.1)	(38.9)	
Other assets	405.5	(33.6)	79.2	
Policy liabilities	1,240.6	(345.8)	(53.7)	
Unearned income	255.1	(73.8)	(193.7)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(14.4)	303.6	(406.5)	
Other liabilities	(7.9)	(154.6)	(132.8)	
Income taxes	(34.0)	9.3	(73.9)	
Other, net	(84.2)	(38.6)	(40.8)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,369.3	3,052.3	2,744.6	
Investing activities				
Purchases of fixed maturity securities	(9,613.4)	(13,704.5)	(15,040.4)	
Proceeds from fixed maturity securities:				
Sales	8,066.0	10,977.9	13,675.9	
Maturities, calls and redemptions	1,318.7	1,836.8	1,781.5	
Purchases of equity securities	(912.0)	(820.3)	(232.8)	
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	746.5	721.0	422.7	
Purchases of other invested assets	(205.7)	(251.5)	(303.7)	
Proceeds from sales of other invested assets	124.7	127.1	35.5	
Settlement of non-hedging derivatives	(67.4)	(109.8)	(59.8)	
Changes in securities lending collateral	(545.6)	(405.1)	307.9	
Purchases of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	_	_	(4,597.0)	
Proceeds from sale of subsidiary, net of cash sold	740.0	_	_	
Purchases of property and equipment	(714.6)	(646.5)	(544.9)	
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	88.0	39.2	0.4	
Other, net	(0.1)	1.3	3.1	
Net cash used in investing activities	(974.9)	(2,234.4)	(4,551.6)	
Financing activities				
Net repayments of commercial paper borrowings	(379.2)	(191.7)	(229.0)	
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	2,700.0	1,250.0	6,468.9	
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(1,730.1)	(1,801.9)	(1,251.3)	
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	2,050.0	1,100.0	642.0	
Repayments of short-term borrowings	(2,050.0)	(950.0)	(492.0)	

Changes in securities lending payable	545.6	405.0	(307.8)
Changes in bank overdrafts	173.0	9.9	(17.6)
Premiums paid on equity options	_	(25.8)	_
Repurchase and retirement of common stock	(2,998.8)	(1,620.1)	(2,496.8)
Cash dividends	(480.7)	(448.0)	(367.1)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	301.3	524.7	110.8
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	46.4	30.1	28.8
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,822.5)	(1,717.8)	2,088.9
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(7.1)	2.2	1.1
Change in cash and cash equivalents	564.8	(897.7)	283.0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,586.9	2,484.6	2,201.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2,151.7	1,586.9	2,484.6
Less cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations at end of year		(4.8)	(9.3)
Cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations at end of year	\$ 2,151.7	\$ 1,582.1	\$ 2,475.3

See accompanying notes.

Anthem, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

	Common Stock			Additional					Accumulated Other	Total
	Number of Shares		Par Value	•	Paid-in Capital		Retained Earnings	(Comprehensive Income	Shareholders' Equity
(In millions)										
January 1, 2012	339.4	\$	3.4	\$	11,679.2	\$	11,490.7	\$	114.9	\$ 23,288.2
Net income	_		_		_		2,655.5		_	2,655.5
Other comprehensive income	_		_		_		_		184.2	184.2
Repurchase and retirement of common stock	(39.7)		(0.4)		(1,368.5)		(1,127.9)		_	(2,496.8)
Dividends and dividend equivalents	_		_		_		(371.2)			(371.2)
Issuance of convertible debentures	_		_		331.5		_		_	331.5
Conversion of stock awards in connection with AMERIGROUP Corporation acquisition	_		_		19.7		_		_	19.7
Issuance of common stock under employee stock plans, net of related tax benefits	5.0		_		191.6		_			191.6
December 31, 2012	304.7	\$	3.0	\$	10,853.5	\$	12,647.1	\$	299.1	\$ 23,802.7
Net income	_		_		_		2,489.7		_	2,489.7
Other comprehensive loss	_		_		_		_		(115.9)	(115.9)
Premiums paid on equity options	_		_		(7.9)		_		_	(7.9)
Repurchase and retirement of common stock	(20.7)		(0.1)		(749.5)		(870.5)		_	(1,620.1)
Convertible debentures tax adjustment	_		_		(3.3)		_		_	(3.3)
Dividends and dividend equivalents	_		_		_		(452.4)		_	(452.4)
Issuance of common stock under employee stock plans, net of related tax benefits	9.3				672.4					672.4
December 31, 2013	293.3	\$	2.9	\$	10,765.2	\$	13,813.9	\$	183.2	\$ 24,765.2
Net income	_		_		_		2,569.7		_	2,569.7
Other comprehensive loss	_		_		_		_		(11.3)	(11.3)
Settlement of equity options	_		_		(31.4)		_		_	(31.4)
Repurchase and retirement of common stock	(30.4)		(0.2)		(1,115.5)		(1,883.1)		_	(2,998.8)
Dividends and dividend equivalents	_		_		_		(486.1)		_	(486.1)
Issuance of common stock under employee stock plans, net of related tax benefits	5.2				444.0					444.0
December 31, 2014	268.1	\$	2.7	\$	10,062.3	\$	14,014.4	\$	171.9	\$ 24,251.3

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

(In Millions, Except Per Share Data or As Otherwise Stated Herein)

1. Organization

On November 5, 2014, the shareholders of the Company approved a proposal to amend our articles of incorporation to change our name to Anthem, Inc. from WellPoint, Inc. The name change was effective December 2, 2014. References to the terms "we", "our", "us", "Anthem" or the "Company" used throughout these Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements refer to Anthem, Inc., an Indiana corporation, and unless the context otherwise requires, its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

We are one of the largest health benefits companies in terms of medical membership in the United States, serving 37.5 medical members through our affiliated health plans as of December 31, 2014. We offer a broad spectrum of network-based managed care plans to large and small employer, individual, Medicaid and Medicare markets. Our managed care plans include: preferred provider organizations, or PPOs; health maintenance organizations, or HMOs; point-of-service, or POS, plans; traditional indemnity plans and other hybrid plans, including consumer-driven health plans, or CDHPs; and hospital only and limited benefit products. In addition, we provide a broad array of managed care services to self-funded customers, including claims processing, underwriting, stop loss insurance, actuarial services, provider network access, medical cost management, disease management, wellness programs and other administrative services. We provide an array of specialty and other insurance products and services such as dental, vision, life and disability insurance benefits, radiology benefit management and analytics-driven personal health care. We also provide services to the federal government in connection with the Federal Employee Program, or FEP. We also sold contact lenses, eyeglasses and other ocular products through our 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc., or 1-800 CONTACTS, business which was divested on January 31, 2014.

We are an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, or BCBSA, an association of independent health benefit plans. We serve our members as the Blue Cross licensee for California and as the Blue Cross and Blue Shield, or BCBS, licensee for Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri (excluding 30 counties in the Kansas City area), Nevada, New Hampshire, New York (as BCBS in 10 New York City metropolitan and surrounding counties, and as Blue Cross or BCBS in selected upstate counties only), Ohio, Virginia (excluding the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.) and Wisconsin. In a majority of these service areas we do business as Anthem Blue Cross, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, and Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, or Empire Blue Cross (in our New York service areas). We also conduct business through arrangements with other BCBS licensees in the states of South Carolina and Texas. We conduct business through our AMERIGROUP Corporation, or Amerigroup, subsidiary, in Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Washington. We also serve customers throughout the country as HealthLink, UniCare (including a non-risk arrangement with the state of Massachusetts), and in certain Arizona, California, Nevada, New York and Virginia markets through our CareMore Health Group, Inc., or CareMore, subsidiary. We are licensed to conduct insurance operations in all 50 states through our subsidiaries.

2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation: The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Anthem and its subsidiaries and have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Certain of our subsidiaries operate outside of the United States and have functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar, or USD. We translate the assets and liabilities of those subsidiaries to USD using the exchange rate in effect at the end of the period. We translate the revenues and expenses of those subsidiaries to USD using the average exchange rates in effect during the period. The net effect of these translation adjustments is included in "Foreign currency translation adjustments" in our consolidated statements of shareholders' equity.

Reclassifications: Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. In addition, certain other immaterial reclassifications have been made in the current year.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash Equivalents: All highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased are classified as cash equivalents.

Investments: Certain Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, other-than-temporary impairment, or OTTI, guidance applies to fixed maturity securities and provides guidance on the recognition, presentation of, and disclosures for OTTIs. If a fixed maturity security is in an unrealized loss position and we have the intent to sell the fixed maturity security, or it is more likely than not that we will have to sell the fixed maturity security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the decline in value is deemed to be other-than-temporary and is presented within the Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income line item on our consolidated statements of income. For impaired fixed maturity securities that we do not intend to sell or it is more likely than not that we will not have to sell such securities, but we expect that we will not fully recover the amortized cost basis, the credit component of the OTTI is presented within the Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income line item on our consolidated statements of income and the non-credit component of the OTTI is recognized in other comprehensive income. Furthermore, unrealized losses entirely caused by non-credit related factors related to fixed maturity securities for which we expect to fully recover the amortized cost basis continue to be recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income, or AOCI.

The credit component of an OTTI is determined by comparing the net present value of projected future cash flows with the amortized cost basis of the fixed maturity security. The net present value is calculated by discounting our best estimate of projected future cash flows at the effective interest rate implicit in the fixed maturity security at the date of acquisition. For mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, cash flow estimates are based on assumptions regarding the underlying collateral including prepayment speeds, vintage, type of underlying asset, geographic concentrations, default rates, recoveries and changes in value. For all other debt securities, cash flow estimates are driven by assumptions regarding probability of default, including changes in credit ratings, and estimates regarding timing and amount of recoveries associated with a default.

The unrealized gains or losses on our current and long-term equity securities classified as available-for-sale are included in accumulated other comprehensive income as a separate component of shareholders' equity, unless the decline in value is deemed to be other-than-temporary and we do not have the intent and ability to hold such equity securities until their full cost can be recovered, in which case such equity securities are written down to fair value and the loss is charged to other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income.

We maintain various rabbi trusts to account for the assets and liabilities under certain deferred compensation plans. Under these plans, the participants can defer certain types of compensation and elect to receive a return on the deferred amounts based on the changes in fair value of various investment options, primarily a variety of mutual funds. We have corporate-owned life insurance policies on certain participants in the deferred compensation plans. The cash surrender value of the corporate-owned life insurance policies is reported in other invested assets, long-term, in the consolidated balance sheets. The remaining rabbi trust assets are generally invested according to the participant's investment election, and are classified as trading, which are reported in other invested assets, current, in the consolidated balance sheets.

We use the equity method of accounting for investments in companies in which our ownership interest enables us to influence the operating or financial decisions of the investee company. Our proportionate share of equity in net income of these unconsolidated affiliates is reported with net investment income.

For asset-backed securities included in fixed maturity securities, we recognize income using an effective yield based on anticipated prepayments and the estimated economic life of the securities. When estimates of prepayments change, the effective yield is recalculated to reflect actual payments to date and anticipated future payments. The net investment in the securities is adjusted to the amount that would have existed had the new effective yield been applied since the acquisition of the securities. Such adjustments are reported with net investment income.

Investment income is recorded when earned. All securities sold resulting in investment gains and losses are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses are determined on the basis of the cost or amortized cost of the specific securities sold.

We participate in securities lending programs whereby marketable securities in our investment portfolio are transferred to independent brokers or dealers based on, among other things, their creditworthiness in exchange for cash and securities collateral initially equal to at least 102% of the market value of the securities on loan and is thereafter maintained at a minimum of 100% of the market value of the securities loaned (calculated as the ratio of the market value of collateral to the market value of the securities on loan). Accordingly, the market value of the securities on loan to each borrower is monitored daily and the borrower is required to deliver additional collateral if the market value of the securities on loan exceeds the market value of collateral delivered. The fair value of the collateral received at the time of the transactions amounted to \$1,515.3 and \$969.7 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The value of the collateral represented 103% and 102% of the market value of the securities on loan at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Under FASB guidance related to accounting for transfers and servicing of financial assets and extinguishments of liabilities, we recognize the collateral as an asset, which is reported as "securities lending collateral" on our consolidated balance sheets and we record a corresponding liability for the obligation to return the collateral to the borrower, which is reported as "securities lending payable." The securities on loan are reported in the applicable investment category on the consolidated balance sheets. Unrealized gains or losses on securities lending collateral are included in accumulated other comprehensive income as a separate component of shareholders' equity.

Premium and Self-Funded Receivables: Premium and self-funded receivables include the uncollected amounts from fully-insured and self-funded groups, and are reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$213.6 and \$223.6 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical collection trends and our judgment regarding the ability to collect specific accounts.

Other Receivables: Other receivables include pharmacy rebates, provider advances, claims recoveries, reinsurance, government programs, proceeds due from brokers on investment trades and other miscellaneous amounts due to us. These receivables are reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$142.2 and \$115.0 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which is based on historical collection trends and our judgment regarding the ability to collect specific amounts.

Income Taxes: We file a consolidated income tax return. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for temporary differences between the financial statement and tax return bases of assets and liabilities based on enacted tax rates and laws. The deferred tax benefits of the deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent realization of such benefits is more likely than not. Deferred income tax expense or benefit generally represents the net change in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the year, excluding the impact from amounts initially recorded for business combinations, if any. Current income tax expense represents the tax consequences of revenues and expenses currently taxable or deductible on various income tax returns for the year reported.

We account for income tax contingencies in accordance with FASB guidance that contains a model to address uncertainty in tax positions and clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold, which all income tax positions must achieve before being recognized in the financial statements.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment is recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed principally by the straight-line method over estimated useful lives ranging from fifteen to thirty-nine years for buildings and improvements, three to seven years for data processing equipment, furniture and other equipment, and three to five years for computer software. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the term of the related lease. Certain costs related to the development or purchase of internal-use software are capitalized and amortized.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets: FASB guidance requires business combinations to be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting and it also specifies the types of acquired intangible assets that are required to be recognized and reported separately from goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess of cost of acquisition over the fair value of net assets acquired. Other intangible assets represent the values assigned to subscriber bases, provider and hospital networks, Blue Cross and Blue Shield and other trademarks, licenses, non-compete and other agreements. Goodwill and other intangible assets are allocated to reportable segments based on the relative fair value of the components of the businesses acquired.

Goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized but are tested for impairment at least annually. We complete our annual impairment tests of existing goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives during the fourth quarter of each year. Certain interim impairment tests are also performed when potential impairment indicators exist or changes in our business or other triggering events occur. Goodwill and other intangible assets are allocated to reporting units for purposes of the annual goodwill impairment test. In addition, certain other intangible assets with indefinite lives, such as trademarks, are also tested separately.

FASB guidance allows for qualitative assessments of whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount for purposes of a goodwill impairment analysis and whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired for purposes of an indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment analysis. Quantitative analysis must be performed if qualitative analyses are not conclusive. Entities also have the option to bypass the assessment of qualitative factors and proceed directly to performing quantitative analyses. We begin our annual tests with quantitative analyses. Our impairment tests require us to make assumptions and judgments regarding the estimated fair value of our reporting units, including goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives. Estimated fair values developed based on our assumptions and judgments might be significantly different if other reasonable assumptions and estimates were to be used.

Fair value for purposes of the goodwill impairment test is calculated using a blend of a projected income and market valuation approach. The projected income approach is developed using assumptions about future revenue, expenses and net income derived from our internal planning process. Our assumed discount rate is based on our industry's weighted-average cost of capital and reflects volatility associated with the cost of equity capital. Market valuations are based on observed multiples of certain measures including membership, revenue, EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) and net income as well as market capitalization analyses of Anthem and other comparable companies. A goodwill impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the asset's fair value. This determination is made at the reporting unit level and consists of two steps. First, the fair value of a reporting unit is determined and compared to its carrying amount. Second, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation on a business acquisition, at the impairment test date.

The fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets is estimated and compared to the carrying value. We estimate the fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets using a projected income approach. We recognize an impairment loss when the estimated fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets is less than the carrying value. If significant impairment indicators are noted relative to other intangible assets subject to amortization, we may be required to record impairment losses against future income.

Derivative Financial Instruments: We primarily invest in the following types of derivative financial instruments: interest rate swaps, forward contracts, put and call options, credit default swaps, embedded derivatives, warrants and swaptions. Derivatives embedded within non-derivative instruments, such as options embedded in convertible fixed maturity securities, are bifurcated from the host instrument when the embedded derivative is not clearly and closely related to the host instrument. Our use of derivatives is limited by statutes and regulations promulgated by the various regulatory bodies to which we are subject, and by our own derivative policy. Our derivative use is generally limited to hedging purposes, on an economic basis, and we generally do not use derivative instruments for speculative purposes.

We have exposure to economic losses due to interest rate risk arising from changes in the level or volatility of interest rates. We attempt to mitigate our exposure to interest rate risk through active portfolio management, including rebalancing our existing portfolios of assets and liabilities, as well as changing the characteristics of investments to be purchased or sold in the future. In addition, derivative financial instruments are used to modify the interest rate exposure of certain liabilities or forecasted transactions. These strategies include the use of interest rate swaps and forward contracts, which are used to lock-in interest rates or to hedge, on an economic basis, interest rate risks associated with variable rate debt. We have used these types of instruments as designated hedges against specific liabilities.

All investments in derivatives are recorded as assets or liabilities at fair value. If certain correlation, hedge effectiveness and risk reduction criteria are met, a derivative may be specifically designated as a hedge of exposure to changes in fair value or cash flow. The accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative and

the nature of any hedge designation thereon. Amounts excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness, if any, as well as the ineffective portion of the gain or loss, are reported in results of operations immediately. If the derivative is not designated as a hedge, the gain or loss resulting from the change in the fair value of the derivative is recognized in results of operations in the period of change. Cash flows associated with the settlement of non-designated derivatives are shown on a net basis in investing activity in our consolidated statements of cash flow.

From time to time, we may also purchase derivatives to hedge, on an economic basis, our exposure to foreign currency exchange fluctuations associated with the operations of certain of our subsidiaries. We generally use futures or forward contracts for these transactions. We generally do not designate these contracts as hedges and, accordingly, the changes in fair value of these derivatives are recognized in income immediately.

Credit exposure associated with non-performance by the counterparties to derivative instruments is generally limited to the uncollateralized fair value of the asset related to instruments recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. We attempt to mitigate the risk of non-performance by selecting counterparties with high credit ratings and monitoring their creditworthiness and by diversifying derivatives among multiple counterparties. At December 31, 2014, we believe there were no material concentrations of credit risk with any individual counterparty.

We generally enter into master netting agreements, which reduce credit risk by permitting net settlement of transactions with the same counterparty. Certain of our derivative agreements also contain credit support provisions that require us or the counterparty to post collateral if there are declines in the derivative fair value or our credit rating. The derivative assets and derivative liabilities are reported at their fair values net of collateral and netting by counterparty. At December 31, 2014 we had posted collateral of \$127.8 and received collateral of \$105.0 related to our derivative financial instruments.

Retirement Benefits: We recognize the funded status of pension and other postretirement benefit plans on the consolidated balance sheets based on fiscal-year-end measurements of plan assets and benefit obligations. Prepaid pension benefits represent prepaid costs related to defined benefit pension plans and are reported with other noncurrent assets. Postretirement benefits represent outstanding obligations for retiree medical, life, vision and dental benefits. Liabilities for pension and other postretirement benefits are reported with current and noncurrent liabilities based on the amount by which the actuarial present value of benefits payable in the next twelve months included in the benefit obligation exceeds the fair value of plan assets.

We determine the expected return on plan assets using the calculated value of plan assets, which recognizes changes in the fair value of plan assets in a systematic manner over three years. We apply a corridor approach to amortize unrecognized actuarial gains or losses. Under this approach, only accumulated net actuarial gains or losses in excess of 10% of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the fair value of plan assets are amortized over the average remaining service or lifetime of the workforce as a component of net periodic benefit cost.

Medical Claims Payable: Liabilities for medical claims payable include estimated provisions for incurred but not paid claims on an undiscounted basis, as well as estimated provisions for expenses related to the processing of claims. Incurred but not paid claims include (1) an estimate for claims that are incurred but not reported, as well as claims reported to us but not yet processed through our systems; and (2) claims reported to us and processed through our systems but not yet paid.

Liabilities for both claims incurred but not reported and reported but not yet processed through our systems are determined in aggregate by employing actuarial methods that are commonly used by health insurance actuaries and meet Actuarial Standards of Practice. Actuarial Standards of Practice require that the claim liabilities be appropriate under moderately adverse circumstances. We determine the amount of the liability for incurred but not paid claims by following a detailed actuarial process that entails using both historical claim payment patterns as well as emerging medical cost trends to project our best estimate of claim liabilities.

We regularly review and set assumptions regarding cost trends and utilization when initially establishing claim liabilities. We continually monitor and adjust the claims liability and benefit expense based on subsequent paid claims activity. If our assumptions regarding cost trends and utilization are significantly different than actual results, our income statement and financial position could be impacted in future periods.

Premium deficiencies are recognized when it is probable that expected claims and administrative expenses will exceed future premiums on existing medical insurance contracts without consideration of investment income. Determination of

premium deficiencies for longer duration life and disability contracts includes consideration of investment income. For purposes of premium deficiencies, contracts are deemed to be either short or long duration and are grouped in a manner consistent with our method of acquiring, servicing and measuring the profitability of such contracts. Once established, premium deficiencies are released commensurate with actual claims experience over the remaining life of the contract. No premium deficiencies were established at December 31, 2014 or 2013.

Reserves for Future Policy Benefits: Reserves for future policy benefits include liabilities for life and long-term disability insurance policy benefits based upon interest, mortality and morbidity assumptions from published actuarial tables, modified based upon our experience. Future policy benefits also include liabilities for insurance policies for which some of the premiums received in earlier years are intended to pay anticipated benefits to be incurred in future years. Future policy benefits are continually monitored and reviewed, and when reserves are adjusted, differences are reflected in benefit expense.

The current portion of reserves for future policy benefits relates to the portion of such reserves that we expect to pay within one year. We believe that our liabilities for future policy benefits, along with future premiums received are adequate to satisfy our ultimate benefit liability; however, these estimates are inherently subject to a number of variable circumstances. Consequently, the actual results could differ materially from the amounts recorded in our consolidated financial statements.

Other Policyholder Liabilities: Other policyholder liabilities include rate stabilization reserves associated with retrospectively rated insurance contracts and certain case-specific reserves. Other policyholder liabilities also includes liabilities for premium refunds based upon the minimum medical loss ratio, or MLR, the relative health risk of members, or other contractual or regulatory requirements. Rate stabilization reserves represent accumulated premiums that exceed what customers owe us based on actual claim experience. The timing of payment of these retrospectively rated refunds is based on the contractual terms with the customers and can vary from period to period based on the specific contractual requirements.

We are required to meet certain minimum MLR thresholds prescribed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or ACA, and related Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, or collectively, Health Care Reform. If we do not meet or exceed the minimum MLR thresholds specified by Health Care Reform, we are required to pay rebates to certain customers. Minimum MLR rebates are calculated by applicable line of business (Large Group, Small Group and Individual) and legal entity in accordance with regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS. Such calculations are made using estimated calendar year medical loss expense and premiums, as defined by HHS.

We follow HHS guidelines for determining the types of expenses that may be included in our minimum MLR rebate calculations, which differ from benefit expense and premiums as reported in our consolidated financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP. Certain amounts reported as expense in our GAAP basis consolidated financial statements may be reported as a reduction of premiums in accordance with HHS regulations. In addition, profit amounts included in our payments to third party administrative service providers are recorded as benefit expense in our consolidated GAAP financial statements while HHS does not allow for the inclusion of these expenses within the medical loss expense for purposes of calculating minimum MLR.

Revenue Recognition: Premiums for fully-insured contracts are recognized as revenue over the period insurance coverage is provided, and, if applicable, net of amounts recognized for minimum MLR rebates and the Health Care Reform risk adjustment, reinsurance and risk corridor premium stabilization programs. Premiums related to the unexpired contractual coverage periods are reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as unearned income. Premiums include revenue from retrospectively rated contracts where revenue is based on the estimated ultimate loss experience of the contract. Premium revenue includes an adjustment for retrospectively rated refunds based on an estimate of incurred claims. Premium rates for certain lines of business are subject to approval by the Department of Insurance of each respective state.

Administrative fees include revenue from certain group contracts that provide for the group to be at risk for all, or with supplemental insurance arrangements, a portion of their claims experience. We charge these self-funded groups an administrative fee, which is based on the number of members in a group or the group's claim experience. In addition, administrative fees include amounts received for the administration of Medicare or certain other government programs. Under our self-funded arrangements, revenue is recognized as administrative services are performed. All benefit payments under these programs are excluded from benefit expense.

Share-Based Compensation: Our current compensation philosophy provides for share-based compensation, including stock options, restricted stock awards and an employee stock purchase plan. Stock options are granted for a fixed number of

shares with an exercise price at least equal to the fair value of the shares at the date of the grant. Restricted stock awards are issued at the fair value of the stock on the grant date. Effective January 1, 2014, the employee stock purchase plan allows for a purchase price per share which is 95% of the fair value of a share of common stock on the last trading day of the plan quarter. The employee stock purchase plan discount is not recognized as compensation expense based on GAAP guidance. All other share-based payments to employees are recognized as compensation expense in the income statement based on their fair values. Additionally, excess tax benefits, which result from actual tax benefits exceeding deferred tax benefits previously recognized based on grant date fair value, are recognized as additional paid-in-capital and are reclassified from operating cash flows to financing cash flows in the consolidated statements of cash flows. Our share-based employee compensation plans and assumptions are described in Note 14, "Capital Stock."

Advertising and Marketing Costs: We use print, broadcast and other advertising to promote our products and to develop our corporate image. We market our products through direct marketing activities and an extensive network of independent agents, brokers and retail partnerships for Individual and Medicare customers, and for certain Local Group customers with a smaller employee base. Products for National Accounts and Local Group customers with a larger employee base are generally sold through independent brokers or consultants retained by the customer and working with industry specialists from our in-house sales force. In the Individual and Small Group markets we offer products through state or federally facilitated marketplaces, or public exchanges, and off-exchange products. Federal premium subsidies are available only for certain public exchange products. The cost of advertising and marketing for product promotion is expensed as incurred while advertising and marketing costs associated with corporate image is expensed when first aired. Total advertising and marketing expense was \$337.0, \$350.9 and \$285.4 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Earnings per Share: Earnings per share amounts, on a basic and diluted basis, have been calculated based upon the weighted-average common shares outstanding for the period.

Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share includes the dilutive effect of stock options, restricted stock and convertible debentures, using the treasury stock method. The treasury stock method assumes exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock, with the assumed proceeds used to purchase common stock at the average market price for the period. The difference between the number of shares assumed issued and number of shares assumed purchased represents the dilutive shares.

Recently Adopted Accounting Guidance: In November 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, No. 2014-17, Business Combinations (Topic 805): Pushdown Accounting (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). This ASU provides an acquired entity, or any subsidiaries of the acquired entity, with the option to apply pushdown accounting in its separate financial statements upon occurrence of an event in which an acquirer obtains control of the acquired entity. The election to apply pushdown accounting can be made either in the period in which the change-in-control event occurs, or in a subsequent period. An election to apply pushdown accounting in a reporting period after the reporting period in which the change-in-control event occurred would be considered a change in accounting principle. If pushdown accounting is applied to an individual change-in-control event, that election is irrevocable. The adoption of the provisions of this ASU upon its effective date of November 18, 2014 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows or financial statement disclosures.

Effective January 1, 2014, we adopted the provisions of ASU No. 2011-06, Other Expenses (Topic 720): Fees Paid to the Federal Government by Health Insurers (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force), or ASU 2011-06. Health Care Reform imposes a mandatory annual Health Insurance Provider Fee, or HIP Fee, on health insurers that write certain types of health insurance on U.S. risks. The annual HIP Fee is allocated to health insurers based on the ratio of the amount of an insurer's net premium revenues written during the preceding calendar year to an adjusted amount of health insurance for all U.S. health risk for those certain lines of business written during the preceding calendar year. The HIP Fee is non-deductible for federal income tax purposes. The total amount to be collected from allocations to health insurers in 2014 was \$8,000.0, and our portion of the HIP Fee for 2014 was \$893.3. The final calculation and payment of the HIP Fee occurred in the third quarter of 2014. ASU 2011-06 addresses how the HIP Fee should be recognized and classified in the financial statements of health insurers. In accordance with ASU 2011-06, we recorded our estimated liability for the HIP Fee in full at the beginning of the year with a corresponding deferred asset that was amortized to expense on a straight-line basis throughout the year.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), or ASU 2014-09. Upon the effective date, ASU 2014-09 will supersede almost all existing revenue recognition guidance under GAAP, with certain exceptions, including an exception for revenue accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 944, Financial Services - Insurance, or Topic 944. ASU 2014-09 will require a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and early adoption is not permitted. An entity has the option to apply the provisions of ASU 2014-09 either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the new guidance recognized at the date of initial application. We are currently evaluating the effects the adoption of ASU 2014-09 will have on our financial statements and related disclosures for revenue transactions outside the scope of Topic 944.

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*, or ASU 2014-08. ASU 2014-08 changes the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as discontinued operations and modifies related disclosure requirements. Under the new guidance, a discontinued operation is defined as a disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity that is disposed of or is classified as held for sale and represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. ASU 2014-08 is effective prospectively to new disposals and new classifications of disposal groups as held for sale in interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of ASU 2014-08 is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

There were no other new accounting pronouncements that were issued or became effective during the year ended December 31, 2014 that had, or are expected to have, a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows or financial statement disclosures.

3. Business Acquisitions and Divestitures

Amerigroup

In December 2012, we completed our acquisition of Amerigroup, one of the nation's leading managed care companies focused on meeting the health care needs of financially vulnerable Americans. This acquisition furthers our goal of creating better health care quality at more affordable prices for our customers. Amerigroup also advances our capabilities in effectively and efficiently serving the growing Medicaid population, including the expanding dual eligible population, seniors, persons with disabilities and long-term services and support markets.

We paid \$92.00 per share in cash to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Amerigroup for total cash consideration of \$4,755.8 . In addition, 0.5 shares of Amerigroup restricted stock converted to 0.7 shares of Anthem restricted stock, valued at \$17.1 , and 0.1 shares underlying Amerigroup stock options converted to 0.2 shares underlying Anthem stock options, valued at \$2.6 . We also incurred \$24.0 of transaction costs, which were recorded to general and administrative expense during the year ended December 31, 2012.

In accordance with FASB accounting guidance for business combinations, the consideration transferred was allocated to the fair value of Amerigroup's assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including identifiable intangible assets. In 2013, we finalized our purchase accounting and made a measurement period adjustment to the fair value of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition. The effect of these adjustments on the preliminary purchase price allocation recorded at December 31, 2012 was an increase to goodwill of \$28.9, an increase in other intangible assets of \$20.0, a decrease in current liabilities of \$1.6, and an increase in noncurrent liabilities of \$50.5. The below table and the accompanying consolidated balance sheets reflect the impact of these adjustments.

The excess of the consideration transferred over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired resulted in non-tax-deductible goodwill of \$3,062.0, all of which was allocated to our Government Business segment. Goodwill recognized from the acquisition of Amerigroup primarily relates to the future economic benefits arising from expected synergies and is consistent with our stated intentions to strengthen our position and expand operations in the government sector to serve Medicaid and Medicare enrollees.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of Amerigroup assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the date of acquisition:

Current assets	\$ 2,716.5
Goodwill	3,062.0
Other intangible assets	975.0
Other noncurrent assets	406.1
Total assets acquired	7,159.6
Current liabilities	1,416.6
Noncurrent liabilities	967.5
Total liabilities assumed	 2,384.1
Net assets acquired	\$ 4,775.5

Of the \$975.0 of total other intangible assets acquired, \$65.0 represents finite-lived customer relationships with an amortization period of three years, \$30.0 represents provider and hospital networks with an amortization period of twenty years and \$880.0 represents indefinite-lived state Medicaid licenses and trade names.

The results of operations of Amerigroup for the period following December 24, 2012 are included in our consolidated financial statements within our Government Business segment and represented \$219.0 of our operating revenue and an offset to net income of \$6.1 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The pro-forma effects of this acquisition for periods prior to acquisition were not considered material to our consolidated results of operations.

1-800 CONTACTS

In December 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell our 1-800 CONTACTS business to the private equity firm Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. Additionally, we entered into an asset purchase agreement with Luxottica Group to sell our glasses.com related assets (collectively, 1-800 CONTACTS). The operating results for 1-800 CONTACTS are reported as discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. These results were previously reported in the Commercial and Specialty Business segment. Additionally, the assets and liabilities of 1-800 CONTACTS are reported as held for sale in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013.

The sales were completed on January 31, 2014 and did not result in any material difference to the loss on disposal from discontinued operations recorded during the year ended December 31, 2013. Prior to the sales, 2014 income from discontinued operations, net of tax, was \$9.6. Summarized financial information for the 1-800 CONTACTS discontinued operations for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

		2013	 2012
Revenues	\$	434.7	\$ 214.5
Income from discontinued operations before tax	\$	17.3	\$ 7.2
Income tax (benefit) expense		(2.6)	2.7
Income from discontinued operations	' <u></u>	19.9	 4.5
Loss on disposal from discontinued operations, net of tax		(164.5)	_
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	(144.6)	\$ 4.5

In connection with the sale of 1-800 CONTACTS, we recognized a loss on disposal of \$221.8, net of an income tax benefit of \$57.3 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The loss on disposal was calculated as the difference between the fair value, as determined by the sales agreements less costs to sell, and the carrying value of the held for sale assets at December 31, 2013.

The assets and liabilities of 1-800 CONTACTS are reported as held for sale in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2013 and consist of the following:

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4.8
Property and equipment	27.6
Goodwill	409.9
Other intangibles	415.4
Other assets	 49.2
Total assets	\$ 906.9
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	\$ 34.2
Deferred income taxes	142.5
Other liabilities	4.7
Total liabilities	\$ 181.4

Acquisition of Simply Healthcare Holdings, Inc.

On February 17, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Simply Healthcare Holdings, Inc., a leading managed care company for people enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare programs in the state of Florida. This acquisition, which was originally announced on December 22, 2014, aligns with our strategy for continued growth in our Government Business segment. As a result, we will, through our affiliated Medicaid and Medicare plans, serve more than half a million members in the state of Florida.

4. Investments

A summary of current and long-term investments, available-for-sale, at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

	_			 Gross Unre	alize	ed Losses				Non-Credit Component of Other-Than- Temporary
	Cost or Amortized Cost	τ	Gross Inrealized Gains	 Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Estimated Fair Value	Impairments Recognized in AOCI	
December 31, 2014										
Fixed maturity securities:										
United States Government securities	\$ 315.7	\$	4.6	\$ (0.3)	\$	_	\$	320.0	\$	_
Government sponsored securities	94.6		0.8	_		(0.4)		95.0		
States, municipalities and political subdivisions, tax-exempt	5,451.4		287.0	(1.8)		(3.0)		5,733.6		_
Corporate securities	8,335.9		162.9	(123.1)		(43.2)		8,332.5		(6.8)
Options embedded in convertible securities	98.7		_	_		_		98.7		_
Residential mortgage-backed securities	2,099.7		68.9	(1.0)		(8.6)		2,159.0		_
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	504.8		6.1	(0.6)		(0.4)		509.9		_
Other debt securities	720.3		6.1	(1.7)		(1.6)		723.1		_
Total fixed maturity securities	17,621.1		536.4	 (128.5)		(57.2)	'	17,971.8	\$	(6.8)
Equity securities	1,330.7		618.5	(11.1)		_		1,938.1		
Total investments, available-for-sale	\$ 18,951.8	\$	1,154.9	\$ (139.6)	\$	(57.2)	\$	19,909.9		
December 31, 2013										
Fixed maturity securities:										
United States Government securities	\$ 300.8	\$	2.5	\$ (3.4)	\$	_	\$	299.9	\$	_
Government sponsored securities	174.4		0.4	(1.3)		_		173.5		_
States, municipalities and political subdivisions, tax-exempt	5,899.5		202.9	(90.1)		(9.6)		6,002.7		(0.6)
Corporate securities	7,614.1		205.2	(95.2)		(15.5)		7,708.6		(0.1)
Options embedded in convertible securities	89.2		_	_		_		89.2		_
Residential mortgage-backed securities	2,269.4		48.0	(41.4)		(7.1)		2,268.9		_
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	479.0		10.5	(2.6)		(0.3)		486.6		_
Other debt securities	456.2		5.8	(2.5)		(0.8)		458.7		(0.1)
Total fixed maturity securities	17,282.6		475.3	(236.5)		(33.3)		17,488.1	\$	(0.8)
Equity securities	1,195.9		578.9	(8.0)		_		1,766.8		
Total investments, available-for-sale	\$ 18,478.5	\$	1,054.2	\$ (244.5)	\$	(33.3)	\$	19,254.9		

At December 31, 2014, we owned \$2,668.9 of mortgage-backed securities and \$633.8 of asset-backed securities out of a total available-for-sale investment portfolio of \$19,909.9. These securities included sub-prime and Alt-A securities with fair values of \$37.5 and \$81.0, respectively. These sub-prime and Alt-A securities had accumulated net unrealized gains of \$1.5 and \$5.3, respectively. The average credit rating of the sub-prime and Alt-A securities was "CCC" and "CC", respectively.

The following tables summarize for available-for-sale fixed maturity securities and available-for-sale equity securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2014 and 2013, the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time those securities have been continuously in an unrealized loss position.

		Less	than 12 Mont	hs		12 Months or Greater					
	Number of Securities		Estimated Fair Value	1	Gross Unrealized Loss	Number of Securities	Estimated Fair Value		τ	Gross Inrealized Loss	
(Securities are whole amounts)											
December 31, 2014											
Fixed maturity securities:											
United States Government securities	17	\$	145.3	\$	(0.3)	2	\$	0.9	\$	_	
Government sponsored securities	2		0.3		_	16		29.3		(0.4)	
States, municipalities and political subdivisions, tax-exempt	136		315.6		(1.8)	80		174.3		(3.0)	
Corporate securities	1,802		3,213.3		(123.1)	314		514.6		(43.2)	
Residential mortgage-backed securities	78		155.0		(1.0)	186		398.3		(8.6)	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	43		156.2		(0.6)	10		33.2		(0.4)	
Other debt securities	79		270.6		(1.7)	21		65.0		(1.6)	
Total fixed maturity securities	2,157		4,256.3		(128.5)	629		1,215.6		(57.2)	
Equity securities	407		125.4		(11.1)	_		_		_	
Total fixed maturity and equity securities	2,564	\$	4,381.7	\$	(139.6)	629	\$	1,215.6	\$	(57.2)	
December 31, 2013											
Fixed maturity securities:											
United States Government securities	27	\$	179.2	\$	(3.4)	_	\$	_	\$	_	
Government sponsored securities	22		73.4		(1.3)	_		_		_	
States, municipalities and political subdivisions, tax-exempt	806		2,070.9		(90.1)	42		82.4		(9.6)	
Corporate securities	1,448		2,586.6		(95.2)	107		81.3		(15.5)	
Residential mortgage-backed securities	605		1,243.0		(41.4)	80		116.2		(7.1)	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	52		177.7		(2.6)	4		5.6		(0.3)	
Other debt securities	65		185.3		(2.5)	17		16.2		(0.8)	
Total fixed maturity securities	3,025		6,516.1		(236.5)	250		301.7		(33.3)	
Equity securities	426		120.8		(8.0)	_		_		_	
Total fixed maturity and equity securities	3,451	\$	6,636.9	\$	(244.5)	250	\$	301.7	\$	(33.3)	

The amortized cost and fair value of available-for-sale fixed maturity securities at December 31, 2014, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because the issuers of the securities may have the right to prepay obligations.

	 Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 507.3	\$ 510.8
Due after one year through five years	4,649.6	4,702.9
Due after five years through ten years	5,227.9	5,360.8
Due after ten years	4,631.8	4,728.4
Mortgage-backed securities	2,604.5	 2,668.9
Total available-for-sale fixed maturity securities	\$ 17,621.1	\$ 17,971.8

The major categories of net investment income for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Fixed maturity securities	\$ 644.1	\$ 638.9	\$ 671.2
Equity securities	57.7	45.9	38.4
Cash and cash equivalents	0.8	1.0	2.5
Other	66.3	19.8	16.2
Investment income	768.9	705.6	728.3
Investment expense	(44.5)	(46.5)	(42.2)
Net investment income	\$ 724.4	\$ 659.1	\$ 686.1

Net realized investment gains/losses and net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation in investments for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

	2014	2013	20	12
Net realized gains (losses) on investments:				
Fixed maturity securities:				
Gross realized gains from sales	\$ 198.2	\$ 225.9	\$	401.0
Gross realized losses from sales	(50.6)	(125.7)		(54.8)
Net realized gains from sales of fixed maturity securities	 147.6	 100.2		346.2
Equity securities:				
Gross realized gains from sales	106.5	224.1		82.0
Gross realized losses from sales	(90.2)	(100.5)		(93.8)
Net realized gains (losses) from sales of equity securities	 16.3	123.6		(11.8)
Other realized gains on investments	13.1	48.1		0.5
Net realized gains on investments	 177.0	 271.9		334.9
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income:				
Fixed maturity securities	(22.3)	(42.5)		(11.8)
Equity securities	(13.5)	(13.9)		(17.5)
Other invested assets, long-term	 (13.2)	(42.5)		(8.5)
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income	 (49.0)	(98.9)		(37.8)
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments:				
Fixed maturity securities	145.2	(679.8)		199.8
Equity securities	36.5	225.4		94.7
Total change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	 181.7	(454.4)		294.5
Deferred income tax (expense) benefit	(63.1)	159.7		(104.6)
Net change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	118.6	(294.7)		189.9
Net realized gains on investments, other-than-temporary impairment losses				
recognized in income and net change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	\$ 246.6	\$ (121.7)	\$	487.0

A primary objective in the management of our fixed maturity and equity portfolios is to maximize total return relative to underlying liabilities and respective liquidity needs. In achieving this goal, assets may be sold to take advantage of market conditions or other investment opportunities as well as tax considerations. Sales will generally produce realized gains and losses. In the ordinary course of business, we may sell securities at a loss for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to: (i) changes in the investment environment; (ii) expectations that the fair value could deteriorate further; (iii) desire to reduce exposure to an issuer or an industry; (iv) changes in credit quality; or (v) changes in expected cash flow.

Proceeds from fixed maturity securities, equity securities and other invested assets and the related gross realized gains and gross realized losses for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

	2014	2013		2012
Proceeds	\$ 10,255.9	\$ 13,662.8	\$	15,915.6
Gross realized gains	317.8	498.1		483.5
Gross realized losses	(140.8)	(226.2)		(148.6)

A significant judgment in the valuation of investments is the determination of when an other-than-temporary decline in value has occurred. We follow a consistent and systematic process for recognizing impairments on securities that sustain other-than-temporary declines in value. We have established a committee responsible for the impairment review process. The decision to impair a security incorporates both quantitative criteria and qualitative information. The impairment review process considers a number of factors including, but not limited to: (i) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than book value, (ii) the financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, (iii) our intent and ability to retain impaired equity security investments for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value, (iv) our intent to sell or the likelihood that we will need to sell a fixed maturity security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, (v) whether the debtor is current on interest and principal payments, (vi) the reasons for the decline in value (i.e., credit event compared to liquidity, general credit spread widening, currency exchange rate or interest rate factors) and (vii) general market conditions and industry or sector specific factors. For securities that are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, the security is adjusted to fair value and the resulting losses are recognized in the consolidated statements of income. The new cost basis of the impaired securities is not increased for future recoveries in fair value.

Other-than-temporary impairments recorded in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were primarily the result of the continued credit deterioration on specific issuers in the bond markets and the fair values of certain equity securities remaining below cost for an extended period of time. There were no individually significant OTTI losses on investments by issuer during 2014, 2013 or 2012.

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is possible that changes in these risk factors in the near term could have an adverse material impact on our results of operations or shareholders' equity.

The changes in the amount of the credit component of OTTI losses on fixed maturity securities recognized in income, for which a portion of the OTTI losses was recognized in other comprehensive income, was not material for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 or 2012.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, no investments exceeded 10% of shareholders' equity.

At December 31, 2014, the carrying value of fixed maturity investments that did not produce income during 2014 was \$9.2. At December 31, 2013, we did not hold any fixed maturity investments that did not produce income during 2013.

As of December 31, 2014 we had committed approximately \$555.0 to future capital calls from various third-party investments in exchange for an ownership interest in the related entities.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, securities with carrying values of approximately \$504.4 and \$449.9, respectively, were deposited by our insurance subsidiaries under requirements of regulatory authorities.

5. Derivative Financial Instruments

A summary of the aggregate contractual or notional amounts and estimated fair values related to derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

	C	Contractual/ Notional				Estimated Fair Value	
		Amount	Balance Sheet Location		Asset	(]	Liability)
December 31, 2014							
Hedging instruments							
Interest rate swaps	\$	1,185.0	Other assets/other liabilities	\$	2.6	\$	(7.8)
Non-hedging instruments							
Derivatives embedded in convertible fixed maturity securities		287.0	Fixed maturity securities		98.7		_
Interest rate swaps		97.9	Equity securities		_		(9.4)
Options		12,208.5	Other assets/other liabilities		428.0		(458.4)
Futures		_	Equity securities		0.5		(1.5)
Subtotal non-hedging		12,593.4	Subtotal non-hedging		527.2		(469.3)
Total derivatives	\$	13,778.4	Total derivatives		529.8		(477.1)
			Amounts netted		(216.7)		216.7
			Net derivatives	\$	313.1	\$	(260.4)
				_			
December 31, 2013							
Hedging instruments							
Interest rate swaps	\$	1,660.0	Other assets/other liabilities	\$	30.9	\$	(20.7)
Non-hedging instruments							
Derivatives embedded in convertible fixed maturity securities		295.0	Fixed maturity securities		89.2		_
Credit default and interest rate swaps		72.6	Equity securities		1.8		(2.5)
Options		14,912.4	Equity securities/other assets		776.5		(787.7)
Futures		_	Equity securities		3.5		(1.6)
Subtotal non-hedging		15,280.0	Subtotal non-hedging		871.0		(791.8)
Total derivatives	\$	16,940.0	Total derivatives		901.9		(812.5)
			Amounts netted		(791.8)		791.8
			Net derivatives	\$	110.1	\$	(20.7)

Fair Value Hedges

We have entered into various interest rate swap contracts to convert a portion of our interest rate exposure on our long-term debt from fixed rates to floating rates. The floating rates payable on all of our fair value hedges are benchmarked to LIBOR. A summary of our outstanding fair value hedges at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

	Year Entered	Outstanding Notional Amount				Interest Rate	
Type of Fair Value Hedges	Into		2014		2013	Received	Expiration Date
Interest rate swap	2014	\$	150.0	\$	_	4.350 %	August 15, 2020
Interest rate swap	2013		10.0		10.0	4.350	August 15, 2020
Interest rate swap	2012		200.0		200.0	4.350	August 15, 2020
Interest rate swap	2012		625.0		625.0	1.875	January 15, 2018
Interest rate swap	2012		200.0		200.0	2.375	February 15, 2017
Interest rate swap	2011		_		200.0	5.250	_
Interest rate swap	2010		_		25.0	5.250	<u> </u>
Interest rate swap	2006		_		200.0	5.000	_
Interest rate swap	2005		_		200.0	5.000	_
Total notional amount outstanding		\$	1,185.0	\$	1,660.0		

A summary of the effect of fair value hedges on our income statement for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

Type of Fair Value Hedges	Income Statement Location of Hedge Gain	Hedge Gain Recognized		Hedged Item	Income Statement Location of Hedged Item Loss	lged Item Loss cognized
Year ended December 31, 2014						
Interest rate swaps	Interest expense	\$	25.5	Fixed rate debt	Interest expense	\$ (25.5)
Year ended December 31, 2013						
Interest rate swaps	Interest expense	\$	31.5	Fixed rate debt	Interest expense	\$ (31.5)
Year ended December 31, 2012						
Interest rate swaps	Interest expense	\$	38.2	Fixed rate debt	Interest expense	\$ (38.2)

Cash Flow Hedges

We have historically entered into forward starting pay fixed interest rate swaps, with the objective of eliminating the variability of cash flows in the interest payments on various debt issuances. These swaps have all terminated and no amounts were outstanding at December 31, 2014 or 2013. The unrecognized loss for all terminated cash flow hedges included in accumulated other comprehensive income was \$35.9 and \$32.3 at December 31, 2014 and 2013. As of December 31, 2014, the total amount of amortization over the next twelve months for all cash flow hedges will increase interest expense by approximately \$5.5.

A summary of the effect of cash flow hedges on our financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

		Effective Portion							
		Income Statement Location of	_	Ineffective	Ineffective Portion				
Type of Cash Flow Hedge	Pretax Hedge Loss Recognized in Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Loss Reclassification from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Hedge Loss Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Income Statement Location of Loss Recognized	Hedge L Recogniz				
Year ended December 31, 2014									
Forward starting pay fixed swaps	<u> </u>	Interest expense	\$ (5.0)	None	\$				
Year ended December 31, 2013									
Forward starting pay fixed swaps	\$ —	Interest expense	\$ (4.6)	None	\$	_			
Year ended December 31, 2012									
Forward starting pay fixed swaps	\$ (4.0)	Interest expense	\$ (4.2)	Interest expense	\$	(0.1)			

We test for cash flow hedge effectiveness at hedge inception and re-assess at the end of each reporting period. No amounts were excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness.

Non-Hedging Derivatives

A summary of the effect of non-hedging derivatives on our income statement for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

Type of Non-hedging Derivatives	Income Statement Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized	Derivative Gain (Loss) Recognized	
Year ended December 31, 2014			
Derivatives embedded in convertible fixed maturity securities	Net realized gains on investments	\$	11.6
Interest rate swaps	Net realized gains on investments		(11.6)
Options	Net realized gains on investments		(54.6)
Futures	Net realized gains on investments		(10.0)
Swaptions	Net realized gains on investments		1.3
Total		\$	(63.3)
Year ended December 31, 2013			
Derivatives embedded in convertible fixed maturity securities	Net realized gains on investments	\$	31.5
Interest rate swaps	Net realized gains on investments		2.2
Options	Net realized gains on investments		(111.7)
Futures	Net realized gains on investments		22.3
Swaptions	Net realized gains on investments		3.0
Total		\$	(52.7)
Year ended December 31, 2012			
Derivatives embedded in convertible fixed maturity securities	Net realized gains on investments	\$	(2.4)
Credit default and interest rate swaps	Net realized gains on investments		(3.9)
Options	Net realized gains on investments		(66.0)
Futures	Net realized gains on investments		(6.7)
Total		\$	(79.0)

6. Fair Value

Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Level inputs, as defined by FASB guidance for fair value measurements and disclosures, are as follows:

Level Input:	Input Definition:
Level I	Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets at the measurement date.
Level II	Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level I that are observable for the asset or liability through corroboration with market data at the measurement date.
Level III	Unobservable inputs that reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following methods, assumptions and inputs were used to determine the fair value of each class of the following assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets:

Cash equivalents: Cash equivalents primarily consist of highly rated money market funds with maturities of three months or less, and are purchased daily at par value with specified yield rates. Due to the high ratings and short-term nature of the funds, we designate all cash equivalents as Level I.

Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale: Fair values of available-for-sale fixed maturity securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. These fair values are obtained primarily from third party pricing services, which generally use Level I or Level II inputs for the determination of fair value to facilitate fair value measurements and disclosures. United States Government securities represent Level I securities, while Level II securities primarily include corporate securities, securities from states, municipalities and political subdivisions and mortgage-backed securities. For securities not actively traded, the pricing services may use quoted market prices of comparable instruments or discounted cash flow analyses, incorporating inputs that are currently observable in the markets for similar securities. We have controls in place to review the pricing services' qualifications and procedures used to determine fair values. In addition, we periodically review the pricing services' pricing methodologies, data sources and pricing inputs to ensure the fair values obtained are reasonable. Inputs that are often used in the valuation methodologies include, but are not limited to, broker quotes, benchmark yields, credit spreads, default rates and prepayment speeds. We also have certain fixed maturity securities, primarily corporate debt securities, that are designated Level III securities. For these securities, the valuation methodologies may incorporate broker quotes or discounted cash flow analyses using assumptions for inputs such as expected cash flows, benchmark yields, credit spreads, default rates and prepayment speeds that are not observable in the markets.

Equity securities, available-for-sale: Fair values of equity securities are generally designated as Level I and are based on quoted market prices. For certain equity securities, quoted market prices for the identical security are not always available and the fair value is estimated by reference to similar securities for which quoted prices are available. These securities are designated Level II. We also have certain equity securities, including private equity securities, for which the fair value is estimated based on each security's current condition and future cash flow projections. Such securities are designated Level III. The fair values of these private equity securities are generally based on either broker quotes or discounted cash flow projections using assumptions for inputs such as the weighted-average cost of capital, long-term revenue growth rates and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, and/or revenue multiples that are not observable in the markets.

Other invested assets, current: Other invested assets, current include securities held in rabbi trusts that are classified as trading. Fair values are based on quoted market prices.

Securities lending collateral: Fair values of securities lending collateral are based on quoted market prices, where available. These fair values are obtained primarily from third party pricing services, which generally use Level I or Level II inputs for the determination of fair value, to facilitate fair value measurements and disclosures.

Derivatives: Fair values are based on the quoted market prices by the financial institution that is the counterparty to the derivative transaction. We independently verify prices provided by the counterparties using valuation models that incorporate market observable inputs for similar derivative transactions.

In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used to determine the fair value of each class of pension benefit plan assets and other benefit plan assets not defined above (see Note 10, "Retirement Benefits," for fair values of benefit plan assets):

Mutual funds: Fair values are based on quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value, or NAV, of shares held.

Common and collective trusts: Fair values of common/collective trusts that replicate traded money market funds are based on cost, which approximates fair value. Fair values of common/collective trusts that invest in securities are valued at the NAV of the shares held, where the trust applies fair value measurements to the underlying investments to determine the NAV.

Partnership interests: Fair values are estimated based on the plan's proportionate share of the undistributed partners' capital as reported in audited financial statements of the partnership.

Contract with insurance company: Fair value of the contract in the insurance company general investment account is determined by the insurance company based on the fair value of the underlying investments of the account.

Investment in DOL 103-12 trust: Fair value is based on the plan's proportionate share of the fair value of investments held by the trust, qualified as a Department of Labor Regulation 2520.103-12 entity, or DOL 103-12 trust, as reported in

audited financial statements of the trust, where the trustee applies fair value measurements to the underlying investments of the trust.

Life insurance contracts: Fair value is based on the cash surrender value of the policies as reported by the insurer.

A summary of fair value measurements by level for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

		Level I		Level II	Ι	evel III		Total
December 31, 2014								
Assets:								
Cash equivalents	\$	573.2	\$	_	\$	_	\$	573.2
Investments available-for-sale:								
Fixed maturity securities:								
United States Government securities		320.0		_		_		320.0
Government sponsored securities		_		95.0		_		95.0
States, municipalities and political subdivisions, tax-exempt		_		5,733.6		_		5,733.6
Corporate securities		7.1		8,180.8		144.6		8,332.5
Options embedded in convertible securities		_		98.7		_		98.7
Residential mortgage-backed securities		_		2,159.0		_		2,159.0
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		_		506.6		3.3		509.9
Other debt securities		89.2		627.3		6.6		723.1
Total fixed maturity securities		416.3		17,401.0		154.5		17,971.8
Equity securities		1,696.9		192.9		48.3		1,938.1
Other invested assets, current		20.2		_		_		20.2
Securities lending collateral		808.3		706.9		_		1,515.2
Derivatives excluding embedded options (reported with other assets)		_		224.8		_		224.8
Total assets	\$	3,514.9	\$	18,525.6	\$	202.8	\$	22,243.3
Liabilities:	_							
Derivatives excluding embedded options (reported with other liabilities)	\$	_	\$	(260.4)	\$	_	\$	(260.4)
Total liabilities	\$	_	\$	(260.4)	\$		\$	(260.4)
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December 31, 2013								
Assets:								
Cash equivalents	\$	632.3	\$		\$		\$	632.3
Investments available-for-sale:	Ψ	032.3	Ψ		ψ	<u> </u>	Ψ	032.3
Fixed maturity securities:								
United States Government securities		299.9						299.9
Government sponsored securities		<i>∠</i> ,,,,		173.5		_		173.5
States, municipalities and political subdivisions, tax-exempt				6,002.7				6,002.7
Corporate securities		_		7,593.4		115.2		7,708.6
Options embedded in convertible securities				89.2		113.2		89.2
Residential mortgage-backed securities		_				_		
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Commercial mortgage-backed securities				480.1		6.5		486.6
Other debt securities	_	35.6	_	480.1 408.3		6.5 14.8		458.7
Other debt securities Total fixed maturity securities	_	335.5		480.1 408.3 17,016.1		6.5 14.8 136.5		458.7 17,488.1
Other debt securities Total fixed maturity securities Equity securities	_	335.5 1,475.7		480.1 408.3		6.5 14.8	_	458.7 17,488.1 1,766.8
Other debt securities Total fixed maturity securities Equity securities Other invested assets, current	_	335.5 1,475.7 16.3	_	480.1 408.3 17,016.1 249.7	_	6.5 14.8 136.5		458.7 17,488.1 1,766.8 16.3
Other debt securities Total fixed maturity securities Equity securities Other invested assets, current Securities lending collateral	_	335.5 1,475.7	_	480.1 408.3 17,016.1 249.7 — 561.3		6.5 14.8 136.5 41.4 —		458.7 17,488.1 1,766.8 16.3 969.8
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A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level III inputs for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

		orporate ocurities]	Residential Mortgage- backed Securities	Commercial Mortgage- backed Securities	_	Other Debt Securities	Equity Securities	Total
Year ended December 31, 2014									
Beginning balance at January 1, 2014	\$	115.2	\$	_	\$ 6.5	\$	14.8	\$ 41.4	\$ 177.9
Total (losses) gains:									
Recognized in net income		(4.4)		_	_		_	(0.7)	(5.1)
Recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income		8.5		_	_		0.4	2.8	11.7
Purchases		68.9		_	3.6		6.5	15.9	94.9
Sales		(48.0)		_	_		(3.6)	(10.6)	(62.2)
Settlements		(11.0)		_	(3.7)		(0.4)	_	(15.1)
Transfers into Level III		24.8		_	_		_	_	24.8
Transfers out of Level III		(9.4)		_	(3.1)		(11.1)	(0.5)	(24.1)
Ending balance at December 31, 2014	\$	144.6	\$	_	\$ 3.3	\$	6.6	\$ 48.3	\$ 202.8
Change in unrealized losses included in net income related to assets still held for the year ended December 31, 2014	\$	(11.1)	\$		\$ 	\$	_	\$ (0.7)	\$ (11.8)
Year ended December 31, 2013									
Beginning balance at January 1, 2013	\$	121.1	\$	4.3	\$ _	\$	3.9	\$ 26.2	\$ 155.5
Total (losses) gains:									
Recognized in net income		(30.3)		_	_		(0.1)	(4.8)	(35.2)
Recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income		(3.5)		_	_		0.6	9.5	6.6
Purchases		51.9		_	_		1.6	17.6	71.1
Sales		(4.8)		_	_		_	(7.1)	(11.9)
Settlements		(15.5)		(1.9)	(6.1)		(0.7)	_	(24.2)
Transfers into Level III		3.0		13.1	12.6		9.8	_	38.5
Transfers out of Level III		(6.7)		(15.5)	_		(0.3)	_	(22.5)
Ending balance at December 31, 2013	\$	115.2	\$		\$ 6.5	\$	14.8	\$ 41.4	\$ 177.9
Change in unrealized losses included in net income related to assets still held for the year ended December 31, 2013	\$	(30.8)	\$		\$ _	\$	(0.1)	\$ (6.5)	\$ (37.4)
Year Ended December 31, 2012									
Beginning balance at January 1, 2012	\$	195.1	\$	_	\$ 6.3	\$	59.0	\$ 24.4	\$ 284.8
Total gains (losses):									
Recognized in net income		15.2		_	_		0.1	(0.9)	14.4
Recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income		(19.7)		_	0.1		0.7	(14.2)	(33.1)
Purchases		77.8		3.0	3.4		_	4.9	89.1
Business combinations		2.6		_	_		_	_	2.6
Sales		(29.8)		_	_		(16.6)	(0.5)	(46.9)
Settlements		(67.8)		(0.1)	(0.1)		(1.3)	_	(69.3)
Transfers into Level III		2.9		1.4	1.9		12.0	12.5	30.7
Transfers out of Level III	_	(55.2)		_	(11.6)		(50.0)	_	(116.8)
Ending balance at December 31, 2012	\$	121.1	\$	4.3	\$ _	\$	3.9	\$ 26.2	\$ 155.5
Change in unrealized losses included in net income related to assets still held for the year ended December 31, 2012	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 	\$	_	\$ (0.7)	\$ (0.7)

Transfers between levels, if any, are recorded as of the beginning of the reporting period. There were no material transfers into or out of Level III during the years ended December 31, 2014 or 2013 and no material transfers into Level III

during the year ended December 31, 2012. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the transfers out of Level III of corporate securities were for certain sub-prime securities transferred from Level III to Level II as a result of inputs that were previously unobservable becoming observable due to increased volume and level of trading in active markets. In addition, the transfers out of Level III of other debt securities were for certain inverse floating rate securities transferred from Level III to Level II as a result of those securities' impending maturity and settlement and recent trading activity of similar securities in observable markets.

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 or 2012, there were no material transfers from Level I to Level II or from Level II to Level I.

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments only in certain circumstances. There were no material assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the years ended December 31, 2014 or 2013.

Our valuation policy is determined by members of our treasury and accounting departments. Whenever possible, our policy is to obtain quoted market prices in active markets to estimate fair values for recognition and disclosure purposes. Where quoted market prices in active markets are not available, fair values are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, broker quotes or other valuation techniques. These techniques are significantly affected by our assumptions, including discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. Potential taxes and other transaction costs are not considered in estimating fair values. Our valuation policy is generally to obtain only one quoted price for each security from third party pricing services, which are derived through recently reported trades for identical or similar securities making adjustments through the reporting date based upon available market observable information. When broker quotes are used, we generally obtain only one broker quote per security. As we are responsible for the determination of fair value, we perform monthly analysis on the prices received from the pricing services to determine whether the prices are reasonable estimates of fair value. This analysis is performed by our internal treasury personnel who are familiar with our investment portfolios, the pricing services engaged and the valuation techniques and inputs used. Our analysis includes a review of month-to-month price fluctuations. If unusual fluctuations are noted in this review, we may obtain additional information from other pricing services to validate the quoted price. There were no adjustments to quoted market prices obtained from the pricing services during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 or 2012.

In addition to the preceding disclosures on assets recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets, FASB guidance also requires the disclosure of fair values for certain other financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value, whether or not such values are recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

Non-financial instruments such as real estate, property and equipment, other current assets, deferred income taxes, intangible assets and certain financial instruments, such as policy liabilities, are excluded from the fair value disclosures. Therefore, the fair value amounts cannot be aggregated to determine our underlying economic value.

The carrying amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets for cash, accrued investment income, premium and self-funded receivables, other receivables, income taxes receivable, unearned income, accounts payable and accrued expenses, security trades pending payable, securities lending payable and certain other current liabilities approximate fair value because of the short term nature of these items. These assets and liabilities are not listed in the table below.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

Other invested assets, long-term: Other invested assets, long-term include primarily our investments in limited partnerships, joint ventures and other non-controlled corporations, as well as the cash surrender value of corporate-owned life insurance policies. Investments in limited partnerships, joint ventures and other non-controlled corporations are carried at our share in the entities' undistributed earnings, which approximates fair value. The carrying value of corporate-owned life insurance policies represents the cash surrender value as reported by the respective insurer, which approximates fair value.

Short-term borrowings: The fair value of our short-term borrowings is based on quoted market prices for the same or similar debt, or, if no quoted market prices were available, on the current market interest rates estimated to be available to us for debt of similar terms and remaining maturities.

Long-term debt - commercial paper: The carrying amount for commercial paper approximates fair value as the underlying instruments have variable interest rates at market value.

Long-term debt - notes: The fair values of our notes are based on quoted market prices in active markets for the same or similar debt, or, if no quoted market prices are available, on the current market observable rates estimated to be available to us for debt of similar terms and remaining maturities.

Long-term debt—convertible debentures: The fair value of our convertible debentures is based on the quoted market price in the active private market in which the convertible debentures trade.

A summary of the carrying value and fair value by level of financial instruments not recorded at fair value on our consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	Carrying	Fair Value										
	Value	 Level I		Level II		Level III		Total				
December 31, 2014												
Assets:												
Other invested assets, long-term	\$ 1,695.9	\$ _	\$	_	\$	1,695.9	\$	1,695.9				
Liabilities:												
Debt:												
Short-term borrowings	400.0	_		400.0		_		400.0				
Notes	13,777.8	_		14,794.8		_		14,794.8				
Convertible debentures	974.4	_		2,581.9		_		2,581.9				
December 31, 2013												
Assets:												
Other invested assets, long-term	\$ 1,542.6	\$ _	\$	_	\$	1,542.6	\$	1,542.6				
Liabilities:												
Debt:												
Short-term borrowings	400.0	_		400.0		_		400.0				
Commercial paper	379.2	_		379.2		_		379.2				
Notes	12,746.4	_		13,014.3		_		13,014.3				
Convertible debentures	966.0	_		2,030.6		_		2,030.6				
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7. Income Taxes

The components of deferred income taxes at December 31 are as follows:

	2014	20	013
Deferred tax assets relating to:			
Retirement benefits	\$ 357.7	\$	287.8
Accrued expenses	329.9		342.8
Insurance reserves	209.7		213.1
Net operating loss carryforwards	14.8		17.2
Bad debt reserves	132.9		124.8
State income tax	40.6		32.9
Deferred compensation	46.6		52.0
Investment basis difference	88.2		166.3
Other	34.2		84.0
Total deferred tax assets	1,254.6		1,320.9
Valuation allowance	(2.6)		(24.1)
Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	 1,252.0		1,296.8
Deferred tax liabilities relating to:			
Unrealized gains on securities	331.4		266.5
Acquisition related:			
Trademarks and other non-amortizable intangible assets	2,200.5		2,200.5
Subscriber base, provider and hospital networks	301.1		370.9
Internally developed software and other amortization differences	654.9		703.9
Retirement benefits	241.1		231.5
Debt discount	184.0		186.9
State deferred tax	49.1		55.3
Depreciation and amortization	29.6		33.1
Other	205.9		190.4
Total deferred tax liabilities	4,197.6		4,239.0
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (2,945.6)	\$	(2,942.2)
Deferred tax asset-current	\$ 280.4	\$	383.0
Deferred tax liability-noncurrent	(3,226.0)		(3,325.2)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (2,945.6)	\$	(2,942.2)

Changes in the valuation allowance during 2014 included a decrease of \$9.8 related to reduction in statutory state income tax rates, a decrease of \$16.2 related to utilization of state net operating losses, and an increase of \$4.5 related to the sale of 1-800 CONTACTS, for a net decrease of \$21.5.

Changes in the valuation allowance during 2013 included an increase of \$12.1 impacting tax expense related to additional state operating losses and a reduction of \$6.1 impacting goodwill related to acquisition goodwill adjustments for a net increase of \$6.0.

Significant components of the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31 consist of the following:

	2014	2013	2012
Current tax expense (benefit):			
Federal	\$ 1,629.4	\$ 1,226.4	\$ 1,060.2
State and local	65.8	(42.6)	95.7
Total current tax expense	1,695.2	1,183.8	1,155.9
Deferred tax expense	112.8	22.1	51.4
Total income tax expense	\$ 1,808.0	\$ 1,205.9	\$ 1,207.3

State and local current tax expense is reported gross of federal benefit, and includes amounts related to true up of prior years' tax, audit settlements, uncertain tax positions and state tax credits. Such items are included in multiple lines in the following rate reconciliation table on a net of federal tax basis.

A reconciliation of income tax expense recorded in the consolidated statements of income and amounts computed at the statutory federal income tax rate for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	20	014	20	013	2012			
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent		
Amount at statutory rate	\$ 1,528.8	35.0 %	\$ 1,344.1	35.0 %	\$ 1,350.4	35.0 %		
State and local income taxes net of federal tax benefit	49.0	1.1	24.4	0.6	25.5	0.6		
Tax exempt interest and dividends received deduction	(65.9)	(1.5)	(64.9)	(1.7)	(59.3)	(1.5)		
Health Insurance Provider fee	312.6	7.2	_			_		
Audit settlements	_	_	_	_	(200.5)	(5.2)		
Other, net	(16.5)	(0.4)	(97.7)	(2.5)	91.2	2.4		
Total income tax expense	\$ 1,808.0	41.4 %	\$ 1,205.9	31.4 %	\$ 1,207.3	31.3 %		

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we recognized income tax expense of \$312.6, or \$1.09 per diluted share, as a result of the non-tax deductibility of the Health Insurance Provider fee payments.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, we recognized income tax benefits of \$65.0, or \$0.21 per diluted share, resulting from a favorable tax election made subsequent to the Amerigroup acquisition. This benefit is included in Other, net above.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recognized income tax benefits of \$200.5, or \$0.62 per diluted share, for settlement of certain of our open tax issues with the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, following approval by the Joint Committee on Taxation. This included amounts related to not-for-profit conversion and corporate reorganizations in prior years, as well as amounts associated with issues related to certain of our acquired companies. This income tax benefit includes the release of gross unrecognized tax benefits from uncertain tax positions, release of a valuation allowance and recognition of interest income. This income tax benefit, and resulting decrease in the effective tax rate, was partially offset due to the non-tax deductibility of litigation settlement expenses associated with the settlement of a class action lawsuit in June 2012 and an increase in our state deferred tax asset valuation allowance attributable to the uncertainty associated with some of our state net operating loss carryforwards.

The change in the carrying amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits from uncertain tax positions for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	2014	2013		
Balance at January 1	\$ 103.2	\$	143.5	
Additions for tax positions related to:				
Current year	10.9		5.0	
Prior years	31.3		_	
Reductions related to:				
Tax positions of prior years	(24.5)		(45.3)	
Settlements with taxing authorities	 (5.1)		_	
Balance at December 31	\$ 115.8	\$	103.2	

The table above excludes interest, net of related tax benefits, which is treated as income tax expense (benefit) under our accounting policy. The interest is included in the amounts described in the following paragraph.

As of December 31, 2014, \$68.3 of unrecognized tax benefits would impact our effective tax rate in future periods, if recognized. Also included in the table above is \$10.9 that would be recognized as an adjustment to additional paid-in capital and \$8.7 that would be recognized as an adjustment to goodwill, neither of which would affect our effective tax rate. The December 31, 2014 balance also includes \$0.3 of tax positions for which ultimate deductibility is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of such deductibility. Excluding the impact of interest and penalties, the disallowance of the shorter deductibility period would not affect our effective tax rate, but would accelerate the payment of cash to the taxing authority to an earlier period.

For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recognized approximately \$(4.2), \$2.6 and \$(9.0) in interest, respectively. We had accrued approximately \$14.1 and \$18.3 for the payment of interest at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

As of December 31, 2014, as further described below, certain tax years remain open to examination by the IRS and various state and local authorities. In addition, we continue to discuss certain industry issues with the IRS. As a result of these examinations and discussions, we have recorded amounts for uncertain tax positions. It is anticipated that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change in the next twelve months due to possible settlements of audits and changes in temporary items. However, the ultimate resolution of these items is dependent on the completion of negotiations with various taxing authorities. While it is difficult to determine when other tax settlements will actually occur, it is reasonably possible that one could occur in the next twelve months and our unrecognized tax benefits could change within a range of approximately \$9.4 to \$(92.0).

We are a member of the IRS Compliance Assurance Process, or CAP. The objective of CAP is to reduce taxpayer burden and uncertainty while assuring the IRS of the accuracy of tax returns prior to filing, thereby reducing or eliminating the need for post-filing examinations.

As of December 31, 2014, the examinations of our 2014 and 2013 tax years continue to be in process. During 2014, the Joint Committee on Taxation approved our 2010 settlement. Also during 2014, a hearing with IRS Appeals was held and settlement was reached on our 2011 and 2012 tax years.

In certain states, we pay premium taxes in lieu of state income taxes. Premium taxes are reported with general and administrative expense.

At December 31, 2014, we had unused federal tax net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$35.1 to offset future taxable income. The loss carryforwards expire in the years 2017 through 2024. During 2014, 2013 and 2012 federal income taxes paid totaled \$1,659.0, \$1,172.0 and \$1,188.2, respectively.

8. Property and Equipment

A summary of property and equipment at December 31 is as follows:

		2014	 2013
Land and improvements	\$	25.8	\$ 35.4
Building and components		279.9	384.0
Data processing equipment, furniture and other equipment		940.3	861.5
Computer software, purchased and internally developed		2,162.4	1,879.0
Leasehold improvements		356.4	 325.1
Property and equipment, gross		3,764.8	3,485.0
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	((1,820.5)	(1,683.5)
Property and equipment, net	\$	1,944.3	\$ 1,801.5

Depreciation expense for 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$106.5, \$105.3 and \$102.9, respectively. Amortization expense on computer software and leasehold improvements for 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$367.8, \$351.8 and \$260.6, respectively, which includes amortization expense on computer software, both purchased and internally developed, for 2014, 2013 and 2012 of \$329.2, \$313.6 and \$239.5, respectively. Capitalized costs related to the internal development of software of \$1,844.2 and \$1,561.0 at December 31,2014 and 2013, respectively, are reported with computer software.

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recognized \$7.9, \$47.7 and \$66.8, respectively, of impairments related to computer software (primarily internally developed) due to project cancellation or asset replacement, some of which resulted from a change in strategic focus needed to effectively manage business operations in a post-Health Care Reform environment.

9. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

No goodwill is allocated to our Other segment. A summary of the change in the carrying amount of goodwill for our Commercial and Specialty Business segment and Government Business segment (see Note 19, "Segment Information") for 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

	Commercial and Specialty Business			Sovernment Business	 Total
Balance as of January 1, 2013	\$	11,555.3	\$	5,334.5	\$ 16,889.8
Measurement period adjustments		(1.3)		28.7	27.4
Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$	11,554.0	\$	5,363.2	\$ 16,917.2
Measurement period adjustments		(1.6)		(0.2)	(1.8)
Other adjustments		266.5		(99.9)	 166.6
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$	11,818.9	\$	5,263.1	\$ 17,082.0
Accumulated impairment as of December 31, 2014	\$	(41.0)	\$	_	\$ (41.0)

Measurement period adjustments incurred during 2014 included a reduction of \$1.8 related to the tax benefit on the exercise of stock options issued as part of various acquisitions. Other adjustments incurred during 2014 included transfers between business segments and reclassification to goodwill of the indefinite-lived provider network intangible asset, net of deferred taxes, presented in the other intangible asset table below. Measurement period adjustments incurred during 2013 included a reduction of \$1.5 related to the tax benefit on the exercise of stock options issued as part of various acquisitions and an increase of \$28.9 related to other measurement period adjustments.

As required by FASB guidance, we completed annual impairment tests of existing goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives during 2014, 2013 and 2012. We perform these annual impairment tests during the fourth quarter. FASB guidance also requires interim impairment testing to be performed when potential impairment indicators exist. These tests

involve the use of estimates related to the fair value of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives and require a significant degree of management judgment and the use of subjective assumptions. The fair values were estimated using the income and market value valuation methods, incorporating Level III internal estimates for inputs, including, but not limited to, revenue projections, income projections, cash flows and discount rates. We did not incur any impairment losses in 2014, 2013 or 2012 as the estimated fair values of our reporting units were substantially in excess of their carrying values.

The components of other intangible assets as of December 31 are as follows:

		2014									
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount					
Intangible assets with finite lives:											
Customer relationships	\$ 3,318.4	\$ (2,473.4)	\$ 845.0	\$ 3,308.9	\$ (2,264.2)	\$ 1,044.7					
Provider and hospital relationships	140.9	(51.4)	89.5	140.5	(44.7)	95.8					
Other	61.6	(33.3)	28.3	61.7	(28.3)	33.4					
Total	3,520.9	(2,558.1)	962.8	3,511.1	(2,337.2)	1,173.9					
Intangible assets with indefinite lives:											
Blue Cross and Blue Shield and other trademarks	6,298.7	_	6,298.7	6,298.7	_	6,298.7					
Provider network	_	_	_	271.8	_	271.8					
State Medicaid licenses	696.6	_	696.6	696.6	_	696.6					
Total	6,995.3	_	6,995.3	7,267.1		7,267.1					
Other intangible assets	\$ 10,516.2	\$ (2,558.1)	\$ 7,958.1	\$ 10,778.2	\$ (2,337.2)	\$ 8,441.0					

As of December 31, 2014, the estimated amortization expense for each of the five succeeding years is as follows: 2015, \$184.2; 2016, \$153.5; 2017, \$133.5; 2018, \$113.8; and 2019, \$94.1.

10. Retirement Benefits

We sponsor various non-contributory employee defined benefit plans through certain subsidiaries.

The Anthem Cash Balance Plan A and the Anthem Cash Balance Plan B are cash balance pension plans covering certain eligible employees of the affiliated companies that participate in these plans. Effective January 1, 2006, benefits were curtailed, with the result that most participants stopped accruing benefits but continue to earn interest on benefits accrued prior to the curtailment. Certain participants subject to collective bargaining and certain other participants who met grandfathering rules continue to accrue benefits. Participants that do not receive credits and/or benefit accruals are included in the Anthem Cash Balance Plan A, while current employees who are still receiving credits and/or benefits participate in the Anthem Cash Balance Plan B. Several pension plans acquired through various corporate mergers and acquisitions have been merged into these plans in prior years.

The UGS Pension Plan is a defined benefit pension plan with a cash balance component. The UGS Pension Plan covers eligible employees of the affiliated companies that participate in the UGS Pension Plan. Effective January 1, 2004, benefits were curtailed, with the result that most participants stopped accruing benefits but continue to earn interest on benefits previously accrued. Certain employees subject to collective bargaining and certain other employees who met grandfathering rules continue to accrue benefits.

The Employees' Retirement Plan of Blue Cross of California, or the BCC Plan, is a defined benefit pension plan that covers eligible employees of Blue Cross of California who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Effective January 1, 2007, benefits were curtailed under the BCC Plan with the result that no Blue Cross of California employees hired or rehired after December 31, 2006 are eligible to participate in the BCC Plan.

All of the plans' assets consist primarily of common stocks, fixed maturity securities, investment funds and short-term investments. The funding policies for all plans are to contribute amounts at least sufficient to meet the minimum funding

requirements set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or ERISA, including amendment by the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and in accordance with income tax regulations, plus such additional amounts as are necessary to provide assets sufficient to meet the benefits to be paid to plan participants.

We use a December 31 measurement date for determining benefit obligations and fair value of plan assets.

The following tables disclose consolidated "pension benefits," which include the defined benefit pension plans described above, and consolidated "other benefits," which include postretirement health and welfare benefits including medical, vision and dental benefits offered to certain employees. Calculations were computed using assumptions at the December 31 measurement dates.

The reconciliation of the benefit obligation is as follows:

	Pension Benefits					Other Benefits			
		2014	2013		2014			2013	
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$	1,764.7	\$	1,948.5	\$	607.5	\$	623.0	
Service cost		13.0		14.2		3.2		6.7	
Interest cost		74.1		67.8		26.3		22.4	
Actuarial loss (gain)		185.4		(129.9)		45.3		4.8	
Benefits paid		(122.8)		(135.9)		(35.7)		(49.4)	
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$	1,914.4	\$	1,764.7	\$	646.6	\$	607.5	

The changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

	Pension Benefits					Other	Benefits	
		2014		2013		2014		2013
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$	1,944.0	\$	1,817.9	\$	349.8	\$	320.3
Actual return on plan assets		160.2		223.4		17.7		37.0
Employer contributions		3.6		38.6		16.1		31.3
Benefits paid		(122.8)		(135.9)		(35.7)		(38.8)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$	1,985.0	\$	1,944.0	\$	347.9	\$	349.8

The net amount included in the consolidated balance sheets is as follows:

	Pension Benefits					Other 1	Benefits		
		2014		2013		2014		2013	
Noncurrent assets	\$	146.3	\$	240.8	\$	_	\$	_	
Current liabilities		(4.3)		(3.5)		_		_	
Noncurrent liabilities		(71.4)		(58.0)		(298.7)		(257.7)	
Net amount at December 31	\$	70.6	\$	179.3	\$	(298.7)	\$	(257.7)	

The net amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss (income) that have not been recognized as components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows:

	Pension Benefits					Other Benefits			
	2014		2013		2014			2013	
Net actuarial loss	\$	563.7	\$	427.2	\$	211.2	\$	169.6	
Prior service credit		(2.2)		(3.0)		(88.0)		(102.4)	
Net amount before tax at December 31	\$	561.5	\$	424.2	\$	123.2	\$	67.2	

The estimated net actuarial loss and prior service credit for the defined benefit pension plans that will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic benefit costs over the next year are \$23.8 and \$0.8, respectively. The estimated net actuarial loss and prior service credit for postretirement benefit plans that will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic benefit costs over the next year are \$15.3 and \$14.4, respectively.

The accumulated benefit obligation for the defined benefit pension plans was \$1,908.1 and \$1,758.2 at December 31,2014 and 2013, respectively.

As of December 31, 2014, certain pension plans had accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets. For those same plans, the projected benefit obligation was also in excess of plan assets. Such plans had a combined projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets of \$111.9, \$109.4 and \$36.9, respectively.

The weighted-average assumptions used in calculating the benefit obligations for all plans are as follows:

	Pension B	enefits	Other Be	nefits
		2013	2014	2013
Discount rate	3.66%	4.39%	3.74%	4.48%
Rate of compensation increase	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	7.62%	7.66%	7.00%	7.00%

The components of net periodic (credit) benefit cost included in the consolidated statements of income are as follows:

		2014	2013	2012
Pension Benefits				
Service cost	\$	13.0	\$ 14.2	\$ 16.4
Interest cost		74.1	67.8	76.4
Expected return on assets		(137.5)	(133.1)	(134.7)
Recognized actuarial loss		21.0	28.3	30.5
Amortization of prior service credit		(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)
Settlement loss		5.2	11.0	13.8
Net periodic (credit) benefit cost	\$	(25.0)	\$ (12.6)	\$ 1.6
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Other Benefits				
Service cost	\$	3.2	\$ 6.7	\$ 6.8
Interest cost		26.3	22.4	27.5
Expected return on assets		(23.4)	(22.1)	(21.0)
Recognized actuarial loss		9.4	11.2	14.1
Amortization of prior service credit		(14.4)	(13.3)	(13.3)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	1.1	\$ 4.9	\$ 14.1

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 we incurred total settlement losses of \$5.2, \$11.0 and \$13.8, respectively, as lump-sum payments exceeded the service cost and interest cost components of net periodic benefit cost for certain of our plans.

The weighted-average assumptions used in calculating the net periodic benefit cost for all plans are as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Pension Benefits			
Discount rate	4.39%	3.60%	4.29%
Rate of compensation increase	3.00%	3.50%	3.50%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	7.66%	7.91%	8.00%
Other Benefits			
Discount rate	4.48%	3.71%	4.36%
Rate of compensation increase	3.00%	3.50%	3.50%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%

The assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of pre-Medicare (those who are not currently eligible for Medicare benefits) other benefits at our December 31, 2014 measurement date was 8.00% for 2015 with a gradual decline to 4.50% by the year 2025. The assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of post-Medicare (those who are currently eligible for Medicare benefits) other benefits at our December 31, 2014 measurement date was 6.00% for 2015 with a gradual decline to 4.50% by the year 2021. These estimated trend rates are subject to change in the future. The health care cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported. For example, an increase in the assumed health care cost trend rate of one percentage point would increase the postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2014 by \$56.7 and would increase service and interest costs by \$2.0. Conversely, a decrease in the assumed health care cost trend rate of one percentage point would decrease the postretirement benefit obligation by \$47.6 as of December 31, 2014 and would decrease service and interest costs by \$1.8.

Plan assets include a diversified mix of investment grade fixed maturity securities, equity securities and alternative investments across a range of sectors and levels of capitalization to maximize the long-term return for a prudent level of risk. The weighted-average target allocation for pension benefit plan assets is 45% equity securities, 46% fixed maturity securities, and 9% to all other types of investments. Equity securities primarily include a mix of domestic securities, foreign securities and mutual funds invested in equities. Fixed maturity securities primarily include treasury securities, corporate bonds, and asset-backed investments issued by corporations and the U.S. government. Other types of investments include partnership interests, collective trusts that replicate money market funds and insurance contracts designed specifically for employee benefit plans. As of December 31, 2014, there were no significant concentrations of investments in the pension benefit assets or other benefit assets. No plan assets were invested in Anthem common stock.

Pension benefit assets and other benefit assets recorded at fair value are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value.

The fair values of our pension benefit assets and other benefit assets by asset category and level inputs at December 31, 2014, excluding cash, investment income receivable and amounts due to/from brokers, resulting in a net liability of \$0.2, are as follows (see Note 6, "Fair Value," for additional information regarding the definition of level inputs):

	Level I	1	Level II	Level III	Total
December 31, 2014					
Pension Benefit Assets:					
Equity securities:					
U.S. securities	\$ 591.2	\$	4.5	\$ _	\$ 595.7
Foreign securities	246.2		_	_	246.2
Mutual funds	36.8		_	_	36.8
Fixed maturity securities:					
Government securities	206.5		11.5	_	218.0
Corporate securities	_		373.6	_	373.6
Asset-backed securities	_		170.0	_	170.0
Other types of investments:					
Common and collective trusts	_		37.1	_	37.1
Partnership interests	_		_	120.7	120.7
Insurance company contracts	_		_	187.7	187.7
Treasury futures contracts	(0.9)		_	_	(0.9)
Total pension benefit assets	\$ 1,079.8	\$	596.7	\$ 308.4	\$ 1,984.9
Other Benefit Assets:					
Equity securities:					
U.S. securities	\$ 22.0	\$	0.3	\$ _	\$ 22.3
Foreign securities	9.5		_	_	9.5
Mutual funds	33.6		_	_	33.6
Fixed maturity securities:					
Government securities	6.2		_	_	6.2
Corporate securities	_		10.0	_	10.0
Asset-backed securities	_		10.5	_	10.5
Other types of investments:					
Common and collective trusts	_		1.4	_	1.4
Partnership interests	_		_	1.5	1.5
Life insurance contracts	_		_	238.4	238.4
Investment in DOL 103-12 trust	_		14.8	_	14.8
Total other benefit assets	\$ 71.3	\$	37.0	\$ 239.9	\$ 348.2

The fair values of our pension benefit assets and other benefit assets by asset category and level inputs at December 31, 2013, excluding cash, investment income receivable and amounts due to/from brokers, resulting in a net asset of \$3.9, are as follows (see Note 6, "Fair Value," for additional information regarding the definition of level inputs):

	Level I		Level II	vel II Level		Total
December 31, 2013						
Pension Benefit Assets:						
Equity securities:						
U.S. securities	\$ 613.8	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 613.8
Foreign securities	296.8		_		_	296.8
Mutual funds	37.4		_		_	37.4
Fixed maturity securities:						
Government securities	177.9		11.5		_	189.4
Corporate securities	_		272.1		_	272.1
Asset-backed securities	_		127.0		_	127.0
Other types of investments:						
Common and collective trusts	_		46.6		_	46.6
Partnership interests	_		_		159.1	159.1
Insurance company contracts	_		_		197.4	197.4
Treasury futures contracts	0.7		_		_	0.7
Total pension benefit assets	\$ 1,126.6	\$	457.2	\$	356.5	\$ 1,940.3
Other Benefit Assets:						
Equity securities:						
U.S. securities	\$ 39.0	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 39.0
Foreign securities	18.6		_		_	18.6
Mutual funds	4.7		_		_	4.7
Fixed maturity securities:						
Government securities	14.3		_		_	14.3
Corporate securities	4.3		9.9		_	14.2
Asset-backed securities	_		11.2		_	11.2
Other types of investments:						
Common and collective trusts	_		2.2		_	2.2
Partnership interests	_		_		1.2	1.2
Life insurance contracts	_		_		230.0	230.0
Investment in DOL 103-12 trust	_		14.2		_	14.2
Total other benefit assets	\$ 80.9	\$	37.5	\$	231.2	\$ 349.6

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of plan assets measured at fair value using Level III inputs for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

		S. Equity ecurities	Partnership Interests		(Insurance Company Contracts	ipany Ins			Total
Year ended December 31, 2014										
Beginning balance at January 1, 2014	\$	_	\$	160.3	\$	197.4	\$	230.0	\$	587.7
Actual return on plan assets:										
Relating to assets still held at the reporting date		_		(5.4)		1.4		8.4		4.4
Purchases		_		8.4		11.6		_		20.0
Sales		_		(41.1)		(22.7)		_		(63.8)
Ending balance at December 31, 2014	\$		\$	122.2	\$	187.7	\$	238.4	\$	548.3
Year ended December 31, 2013										
•	\$		\$	177.7	\$	202.5	\$	203.7	\$	583.9
Beginning balance at January 1, 2013 Actual return on plan assets:	Ф	<u> </u>	Ф	1//./	Ф	202.3	Ф	203.7	Ф	363.9
Relating to assets still held at the reporting date		<u></u>		2.2		(5.6)		26.3		22.9
Purchases		_		15.6		9.5		_		25.1
Sales		_		(35.2)		(9.0)		_		(44.2)
Ending balance at December 31, 2013	\$	_	\$	160.3	\$	197.4	\$	230.0	\$	587.7
Year ended December 31, 2012										
Beginning balance at January 1, 2012	\$	317.6	\$	166.1	\$	195.5	\$	95.7	\$	774.9
Actual return on plan assets:	Ψ	317.0	Ψ	100.1	Ψ	175.5	Ψ	75.7	Ψ	771.5
Relating to assets still held at the reporting date		_		4.5		5.5		13.2		23.2
Purchases		_		14.1		8.8		94.8		117.7
Sales		(317.6)		(7.0)		(7.3)				(331.9)
Ending balance at December 31, 2012	\$	_	\$	177.7	\$	202.5	\$	203.7	\$	583.9

There were no transfers between Levels I, II and III during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The significant decline in plan assets measured using Level III inputs as of December 31, 2012 was primarily due to the sale of an equity partnership.

Our current funding strategy is to fund an amount at least equal to the minimum required funding as determined under ERISA with consideration of maximum tax deductible amounts. We may elect to make discretionary contributions up to the maximum amount deductible for income tax purposes. For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, no material contributions were necessary to meet ERISA required funding levels. However, during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we made tax deductible discretionary contributions to the pension benefit plans of \$3.6, \$38.6 and \$34.5, respectively. Employer contributions to other benefit plans represent discretionary contributions and do not include payments to retirees for current benefits.

Our estimated future payments for pension benefits and postretirement benefits, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits
2015	\$ 148.8	\$	40.8
2016	152.6		41.4
2017	146.7		42.4
2018	143.4		43.3
2019	142.8		43.8
2020 – 2024	619.3		213.5

In addition to the defined benefit plans, we maintain the Anthem 401(k) Plan and CareMore 401(k) Pension Plan which are qualified defined contribution plans covering substantially all employees. Voluntary employee contributions are matched by us subject to certain limitations. Contributions made by us totaled \$111.1, \$102.5 and \$91.0 during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

11. Medical Claims Payable

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for medical claims payable for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	Years Ended December 31									
		2014		2013		2012				
Gross medical claims payable, beginning of year	\$	6,127.2	\$	6,174.5	\$	5,489.0				
Ceded medical claims payable, beginning of year		(23.4)		(27.2)		(16.4)				
Net medical claims payable, beginning of year		6,103.8		6,147.3		5,472.6				
Business combinations and purchase adjustments		_		_		804.4				
Net incurred medical claims:										
Current year		56,305.8		55,894.3		48,080.1				
Prior years redundancies		(541.9)		(599.1)		(513.6)				
Total net incurred medical claims		55,763.9		55,295.2		47,566.5				
Net payments attributable to:										
Current year medical claims		50,353.9		49,887.2		42,832.4				
Prior years medical claims		5,420.0		5,451.5		4,863.8				
Total net payments		55,773.9		55,338.7		47,696.2				
Net medical claims payable, end of year		6,093.8		6,103.8		6,147.3				
Ceded medical claims payable, end of year		767.4		23.4		27.2				
Gross medical claims payable, end of year	\$	6,861.2	\$	6,127.2	\$	6,174.5				

Amounts incurred related to prior years vary from previously estimated liabilities as the claims are ultimately settled. Liabilities at any period end are continually reviewed and re-estimated as information regarding actual claims payments, or runout, becomes known. This information is compared to the originally established year end liability. Negative amounts reported for incurred medical claims related to prior years result from claims being settled for amounts less than originally estimated. The prior year redundancy of \$541.9 shown above for the year ended December 31, 2014 represents an estimate based on paid claim activity from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Medical claim liabilities are usually described as having a "short tail," which means that they are generally paid within twelve months of the member receiving service from the provider. Accordingly, the majority of the \$541.9 redundancy relates to claims incurred in calendar year 2013.

The following table provides a summary of the two key assumptions having the most significant impact on our incurred but not paid liability estimates for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, which are the completion and trend factors. These two key assumptions can be influenced by utilization levels, unit costs, mix of business, benefit plan designs, provider reimbursement levels, processing system conversions and changes, claim inventory levels, claim processing patterns, claim submission patterns and operational changes resulting from business combinations.

	Favorable Developments by Changes in Key Assumptions								
	2014			2013	2012				
Assumed trend factors	\$	(399.5)	\$	(428.4)	\$	(394.4)			
Assumed completion factors		(142.4)		(170.7)		(119.2)			
Total	\$	(541.9)	\$	(599.1)	\$	(513.6)			

The favorable development recognized in 2014 and 2013 resulted primarily from trend factors in late 2013 and late 2012, respectively, developing more favorably than originally expected as well as a smaller but significant contribution from completion factor development. The favorable development recognized in 2012 was driven by trend factors in late 2011 developing more favorably than originally expected.

12. Debt

Short-term Borrowings

We are a member, through certain subsidiaries, of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, collectively, the FHLBs, and as a member we have the ability to obtain short-term cash advances subject to certain minimum collateral requirements. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, \$400.0 was outstanding under our short-term FHLBs borrowings. These outstanding short-term FHLBs borrowings at December 31, 2014 and 2013 had fixed interest rates of 0.195% and 0.170%, respectively.

Long-term Debt

The carrying value of long-term debt at December 31 consists of the following:

	2014	2013
Senior unsecured notes:		
5.000%, due 2014	\$ —	\$ 518.0
1.250%, due 2015	625.0	624.9
5.250%, due 2016	_	1,109.6
2.375%, due 2017	400.1	399.6
5.875%, due 2017	527.7	545.1
1.875%, due 2018	619.0	614.5
2.300%, due 2018	648.0	647.5
2.250%, due 2019	848.2	_
7.000%, due 2019	440.0	452.9
4.350%, due 2020	698.6	688.9
3.700%, due 2021	699.4	699.4
3.125%, due 2022	846.7	846.3
3.300%, due 2023	997.2	996.9
3.500%, due 2024	796.1	_
5.950%, due 2034	447.3	447.3
5.850%, due 2036	772.0	775.6
6.375%, due 2037	644.1	651.4
5.800%, due 2040	208.3	216.2
4.625%, due 2042	893.9	893.9
4.650%, due 2043	994.4	994.4
4.650%, due 2044	798.3	
5.100%, due 2044	599.2	599.1
4.850%, due 2054	249.4	
Senior convertible debentures:		
2.750%, due 2042	974.4	966.0
Surplus notes:		
9.000%, due 2027	24.9	24.9
Variable rate debt:		
Commercial paper program	<u> </u>	379.2
Total long-term debt	14,752.2	14,091.6
Current portion of long-term debt	(625.0)	(518.0)
Long-term debt, less current portion	\$ 14,127.2	\$ 13,573.6

All long-term debt shown above is a direct obligation of Anthem, Inc., except for the surplus notes.

On September 15, 2014, we redeemed the \$500.0 outstanding principal balance of our 5.000% senior unsecured notes due 2014, plus applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, for cash totaling \$512.3 . We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 for the redemption of these notes.

On September 11, 2014, we redeemed the \$1,097.9 outstanding principal balance of our 5.250% senior unsecured notes due 2016, plus applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, for cash totaling \$1,178.2 . We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$67.6 for the redemption of these notes.

Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2014, we repurchased \$52.0 of outstanding principal amount of certain other senior unsecured notes, plus applicable premium for early redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest, for cash totaling \$61.0 . We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$11.2 for the repurchase of these notes.

On August 12, 2014, we issued \$850.0 of 2.250% notes due 2019, \$800.0 of 3.500% notes due 2024, \$800.0 of 4.650% notes due 2044, and \$250.0 of 4.850% notes due 2054 under our shelf registration statement. We used the proceeds from this offering in part to fund the purchase price of the 5.000% and 5.250% senior unsecured notes discussed above, and the remaining net proceeds are being used for general corporate purposes. Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing on February 15, 2015. The notes have a call feature that allows us to repurchase the notes at any time at our option and a put feature that allows a note holder to require us to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of both a change in control event and a downgrade of the notes below an investment grade rating.

On September 5, 2013, we redeemed the \$400.0 outstanding principal balance of our 6.000% senior unsecured notes due 2014, plus applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, for cash totaling \$411.0 . We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$10.0 for the redemption of these notes.

On July 30, 2013, we initiated a cash tender offer and consent solicitation to purchase up to \$300.0 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 5.875% notes due 2017 and 7.000% notes due 2019 (the "First Tranche Offer") and to purchase up to \$300.0 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 5.950% notes due 2034, 5.850% notes due 2036, 6.375% notes due 2037 and 5.800% notes due 2040 (the "Second Tranche Offer"), collectively, the "Tender Offers". The Tender Offers were each subject to increase up to an additional \$100.0 at our election. On August 12, 2013, we increased the Second Tranche Offer to \$400.0 and on August 13, 2013 we repurchased \$300.0 of the First Tranche Offer notes and 400.0 of the Second Tranche Offer notes for cash totaling \$837.7. Holders who tendered their notes prior to the early tender date received the principal amounts, applicable premium for early redemption and accrued and unpaid interest to the early tender offer settlement date. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$135.3 for the repurchase of these notes.

On July 30, 2013, we issued \$650.0 of 2.300% notes due 2018 and \$600.0 of 5.100% notes due 2044 under our shelf registration statement. We used the proceeds from this offering in part to fund the purchase price of the 6.000% senior unsecured notes and the Tender Offers, discussed above, and the balance for general corporate purposes. Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing on January 15, 2014. The notes have a call feature that allows us to repurchase the notes at any time at our option and a put feature that allows a note holder to require us to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of both a change in control event and a downgrade of the notes below an investment grade rating.

On January 25, 2013, we redeemed the outstanding principal balance of \$475.0 of 7.500% senior unsecured notes due 2019, plus applicable premium for early redemption, for cash totaling \$555.6 . The weighted-average redemption price of the notes was approximately 117% of the principal amount outstanding.

Surplus notes are unsecured obligations of Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., or Anthem Insurance, a wholly owned subsidiary, and are subordinate in right of payment to all of Anthem Insurance's existing and future indebtedness. Any payment of interest or principal on the surplus notes may be made only with the prior approval of the Indiana Department of Insurance, or IDOI, and only out of capital and surplus funds of Anthem Insurance that the IDOI determines to be available for the payment under Indiana insurance laws.

We have a senior credit facility, or the facility, with certain lenders for general corporate purposes. The facility, as amended, provides credit up to \$2,000.0 and matures on September 29, 2016. The interest rate on the facility is based on either, (i) the LIBOR rate plus a predetermined percentage rate based on our credit rating at the date of utilization, or (ii) a base rate as defined in the facility agreement plus a predetermined percentage rate based on our credit rating at the date of utilization. Our ability to borrow under the facility is subject to compliance with certain covenants. There were no amounts outstanding under the facility at December 31, 2014 or 2013.

We have an authorized commercial paper program of up to \$2,500.0, the proceeds of which may be used for general corporate purposes. We did not have any borrowings outstanding under our commercial paper program at December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2013, we had \$379.2 outstanding under our commercial paper program with a weighted-average interest rate of 0.420%. Commercial paper borrowings have been classified as long-term debt at December 31, 2013 as our general practice and intent is to replace short-term commercial paper outstanding at expiration with additional short-term commercial paper for an uninterrupted period extending for more than one year and we have the ability to redeem our commercial paper with borrowings under the senior credit facility described above. We resumed borrowing under our commercial paper program in the first quarter of 2015.

Convertible Debentures

On October 9, 2012, we issued \$1,500.0 of senior convertible debentures, or the Debentures. The Debentures are governed by an indenture, or the Indenture, dated as of October 9, 2012 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The Debentures bear interest at a rate of 2.750% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on April 15 and October 15 of each year, and mature on October 15, 2042, unless earlier redeemed, repurchased or converted into shares of common stock at the applicable conversion rate. The Debentures also have a contingent interest feature that will require us to pay additional interest based on certain thresholds and for certain events, as defined in the Indenture, beginning on October 15, 2022.

Holders may convert their Debentures at their option prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding April 15, 2042, only under the following circumstances: (1) during any fiscal quarter commencing after the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2012, if the last reported sale price of our common stock for at least 20 trading days during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day; (2) during the five business day period after any 10 consecutive trading day period, or the measurement period, in which the trading price per \$1,000 (whole dollars) principal amount of Debentures for each trading day of that measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such day; (3) if we call any or all of the Debentures for redemption, at any time prior to the close of business on the third scheduled trading day prior to the redemption date; or (4) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events, as defined in the Indenture. On and after April 15, 2042 and until the close of business on the third scheduled trading day immediately preceding the Debentures' maturity date of October 15, 2042, holders may convert their Debentures into common stock at any time irrespective of the preceding circumstances. The Debentures are redeemable at our option at any time on or after October 20, 2022, upon the occurrence of certain events, as defined in the Indenture.

Upon conversion of the Debentures, we will deliver cash up to the aggregate principal amount of the Debentures converted. With respect to any conversion obligation in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the Debentures converted, we have the option to settle the excess with cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of common stock based on a daily conversion value, determined in accordance with the Indenture. The initial conversion rate for the Debentures will be 13.2319 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 (whole dollars) of principal amount of Debentures, which represents a 25% conversion premium based on the closing price of \$60.46 per share of our common stock on October 2, 2012 (the date the Debentures' terms were finalized) and is equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$75.575 per share of our common stock. As of December 31, 2014, our common stock was last traded at a price of \$125.67 per share. If the Debentures had been converted or matured at December 31, 2014, we would be obligated to pay the principal of the Debentures plus an amount in cash or shares equal to \$1,019.3. The Debentures and underlying shares of our common stock have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The Debentures were offered and sold to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, the restrictions for which expired in October 2013. We used approximately \$371.0 of the net proceeds from the issuance to repurchase shares of our common stock concurrently with the offering of the Debentures, and the remaining balance was used for general corporate purposes, including but not limited to additional purchases of shares of our common stock pursuant to our share repurchase program and the repayment of short-term and/or long-term debt.

We have accounted for the Debentures in accordance with the cash conversion guidance in FASB guidance for debt with conversion and other options. As a result, the value of the embedded conversion option has been bifurcated from its debt host

and recorded as a component of "additional paid-in capital" (net of deferred taxes and equity issuance costs) in our consolidated balance sheet.

The following table summarizes at December 31, 2014 the related balances, conversion rate and conversion price of the Debentures:

Outstanding principal amount	\$ 1,500.0
Unamortized debt discount	\$ 525.6
Net debt carrying amount	\$ 974.4
Equity component carrying amount	\$ 543.6
Conversion rate (shares of common stock per \$1,000 of principal amount)	13.3645
Effective conversion price (per \$1,000 of principal amount)	\$ 74.8244

The remaining amortization period of the unamortized debt discount as of December 31, 2014 is approximately 28 years. The unamortized discount will be amortized into interest expense using the effective interest method based on an effective interest rate of 5.130%, which represents the market interest rate for a comparable debt instrument that does not have a conversion feature. During the year ended December 31, 2014, we recognized \$49.6 of interest expense related to the Debentures, of which \$41.2 represented interest expense recognized at the stated interest rate of 2.750% and \$8.4 represented interest expense resulting from amortization of the debt discount.

Total interest paid during 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$575.9, \$597.2, and \$479.1, respectively.

We were in compliance with all applicable covenants under all of our outstanding debt agreements at December 31, 2014.

Future maturities of all long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2014 are as follows: 2015, \$625.0; 2016, \$0.0; 2017, \$927.8; 2018, \$1,267.0; 2019, \$1,288.2 and thereafter, \$10,644.2.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, we are defendants in, or parties to, a number of pending or threatened legal actions or proceedings. To the extent a plaintiff or plaintiffs in the following cases have specified in their complaint or in other court filings the amount of damages being sought, we have noted those alleged damages in the descriptions below. With respect to the cases described below, we contest liability and/or the amount of damages in each matter and believe we have meritorious defenses.

We are defending a certified class action filed as a result of the 2001 demutualization of Anthem Insurance. The lawsuit names Anthem Insurance as well as Anthem, Inc. and is captioned *Ronald Gold, et al. v. Anthem, Inc. et al.* Anthem Insurance's 2001 Plan of Conversion, or the Plan, provided for the conversion of Anthem Insurance from a mutual insurance company into a stock insurance company pursuant to Indiana law. Under the Plan, Anthem Insurance distributed the fair value of the company at the time of conversion to its Eligible Statutory Members, or ESMs, in the form of cash or Anthem common stock in exchange for their membership interests in the mutual company. Plaintiffs in *Gold* allege that Anthem Insurance distributed value to the wrong ESMs. Cross motions for summary judgment were granted in part and denied in part on July 26, 2006 with regard to the issue of sovereign immunity asserted by co-defendant, the state of Connecticut, or the State. The trial court also denied our motion for summary judgment as to plaintiffs' claims on January 10, 2005. The State appealed the denial of its motion to the Connecticut Supreme Court. We filed a cross-appeal on the sovereign immunity issue. On May 11, 2010, the Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the trial court denying the State's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's claims under sovereign immunity and dismissed our cross-appeal. The case was remanded to the trial court for further proceedings. Plaintiffs' motion for class certification was granted on December 15, 2011. We and the plaintiffs filed renewed cross-motions for summary judgment on January 24, 2013. On August 19, 2013, the trial court denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment. The trial court deferred a final ruling on our motion for summary judgment. On March 6, 2014, the trial court denied our motion for summary judgment finding that an issue of material fact

existed. A trial on liability commenced on October 14, 2014 and concluded on October 16, 2014. The matter was taken under advisement by the trial court, which has requested post-trial briefing. We expect the trial court to issue its decision on liability sometime in 2015. We intend to vigorously defend the *Gold* lawsuit; however, its ultimate outcome cannot be presently determined.

We are currently a defendant in eleven putative class actions relating to out-of-network, or OON, reimbursement that were consolidated into a single multi-district lawsuit called In re WellPoint, Inc. (n/k/a Anthem, Inc.) Out-of-Network "UCR" Rates Litigation that is pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The lawsuits were filed in 2009. The plaintiffs include current and former members on behalf of a putative class of members who received OON services for which the defendants paid less than billed charges, the American Medical Association, four state medical associations, OON physicians, OON non-physician providers, the American Podiatric Medical Association, California Chiropractic Association and the California Psychological Association on behalf of putative classes of OON physicians and all OON non-physician health care providers. The plaintiffs have filed several amended complaints alleging that the defendants violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, the Sherman Antitrust Act, ERISA, federal regulations, and state law by using an OON reimbursement database called Ingenix and by using non-Ingenix OON reimbursement methodologies. We have filed motions to dismiss in response to each of those amended complaints. Our motions to dismiss have been granted in part and denied in part by the court. The most recent pleading filed by the plaintiffs is a Fourth Amended Complaint to which we filed a motion to dismiss most, but not all, of the claims. In July 2013 the court issued an order granting in part and denying in part our motion. The court held that the state and federal anti-trust claims along with the RICO claims should be dismissed in their entirety with prejudice. The court further found that the ERISA claims, to the extent they involved non-Ingenix methodologies, along with those that involved our alleged non-disclosures should be dismissed with prejudice. The court also dismissed most of the plaintiffs' state law claims with prejudice. The only claims that remain after the court's decision are an ERISA benefits claim relating to claims priced based on Ingenix, a breach of contract claim on behalf of one subscriber plaintiff, a breach of implied covenant claim on behalf of one subscriber plaintiff, and one subscriber plaintiff's claim under the California Unfair Competition Law. The plaintiffs filed a motion for reconsideration of the motion to dismiss order, which the court granted in part and denied in part. The court ruled that the plaintiffs adequately allege that one Georgia provider plaintiff is deemed to have exhausted administrative remedies regarding non-Ingenix methodologies based on the facts alleged regarding that plaintiff so those claims are back in the case. Fact discovery is complete. The plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification in November 2013 seeking the following classes: (1) a subscriber ERISA class as to OON claims processed using the Ingenix database as the pricing methodology; (2) a physician provider class as to OON claims processed using Ingenix; (3) a non-physician provider class as to OON claims processed using Ingenix; (4) a provider ERISA class as to OON claims processed using non-Ingenix pricing methodologies; (5) a California subscriber breach of contract/unfair competition class; and (6) a subscriber breach of implied covenant class for all Anthem states except California. Following expert discovery and briefing, oral argument was held on the motion. In late 2014, the court denied the plaintiffs' motion for class certification in its entirety. The California subscriber plaintiffs are seeking leave to file a renewed motion for class certification with more narrowly defined proposed classes. We will oppose their request. Earlier in the case, in 2009, we filed a motion in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, or the Florida Court, to enjoin the claims brought by the physician plaintiffs and certain medical association plaintiffs based on prior litigation releases, which was granted in 2011. The Florida Court ordered those plaintiffs to dismiss their claims that are barred by the release. The plaintiffs then filed a petition for declaratory judgment asking the court to find that these claims are not barred by the releases from the prior litigation. We filed a motion to dismiss the declaratory judgment action, which was granted. The plaintiffs appealed the dismissal of the declaratory judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, but the dismissal was upheld. The enjoined physicians and some the medical associations did not dismiss their barred claims. The Florida Court found those enjoined plaintiffs in contempt and sanctioned them in July 2012. Those plaintiffs appealed the Florida Court's sanctions order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The Eleventh Circuit upheld the Florida court's enforcement of the injunction as it relates to the plaintiffs' RICO and antitrust claims, but vacated it as it relates to certain ERISA claims. The plaintiffs filed a petition for rehearing en banc as to the antitrust claims only, which was denied. The plaintiffs then filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. The American Medical Association filed an amicus brief in support of the petition. We filed a response in opposition to the petition and the plaintiffs filed a reply. The petition is now full briefed and we are awaiting a ruling from the U.S Supreme Court. We intend to vigorously defend these suits; however, their ultimate outcome cannot be presently determined.

We are a defendant in multiple lawsuits that were initially filed in 2012 against the BCBSA as well as Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield licensees across the country. The cases were consolidated into a single multi-district lawsuit called *In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation* that is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Generally, the suits allege that the BCBSA and the Blue plans have engaged in a conspiracy to horizontally allocate geographic markets through license agreements and other arrangements in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act and related state laws. The cases were brought by two putative nationwide classes of plaintiffs, health plan subscribers and providers. Subscriber and provider plaintiffs each filed consolidated amended complaints on July 1, 2013. The consolidated amended subscriber complaint was also brought on behalf of putative state classes of health plan subscribers in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Defendants filed motions to dismiss in September 2013, which were argued in April 2014. In June 2014, the court denied the majority of the motions, ruling that plaintiffs had alleged sufficient facts at this stage of the litigation to avoid dismissal of their claims. Following the subsequent filing of amended complaints by each of the subscriber and provider plaintiffs, we filed our answer and asserted our affirmative defenses in December 2014. Discovery has commenced. We intend to vigorously defend these suits; however, their ultimate outcome cannot be presently determined.

Where available information indicates that it is probable that a loss has been incurred as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and we can reasonably estimate the amount of that loss, we accrue the estimated loss by a charge to income. In many proceedings, however, it is difficult to determine whether any loss is probable or reasonably possible. In addition, even where loss is possible or an exposure to loss exists in excess of the liability already accrued with respect to a previously identified loss contingency, it is not always possible to reasonably estimate the amount of the possible loss or range of loss.

With respect to many of the proceedings to which we are a party, we cannot provide an estimate of the possible losses, or the range of possible losses in excess of the amount, if any, accrued, for various reasons, including but not limited to some or all of the following: (i) there are novel or unsettled legal issues presented, (ii) the proceedings are in early stages, (iii) there is uncertainty as to the likelihood of a class being certified or decertified or the ultimate size and scope of the class, (iv) there is uncertainty as to the outcome of pending appeals or motions, (v) there are significant factual issues to be resolved, and/or (vi) in many cases, the plaintiffs have not specified damages in their complaint or in court filings. For those legal proceedings where a loss is probable, or reasonably possible, and for which it is possible to reasonably estimate the amount of the possible loss or range of losses, we currently believe that the range of possible losses, in excess of established reserves, for all of those proceedings is from \$0 to approximately \$250.0 at December 31, 2014. This estimated aggregate range of reasonably possible losses is based upon currently available information taking into account our best estimate of such losses for which such an estimate can be made.

Data Breach

In February 2015, we reported that we were the target of a sophisticated external cyber attack. The attackers gained unauthorized access to certain of our information technology systems and obtained personal information related to many of our current and former members and employees, such as names, birthdays, health care identification/social security numbers, street addresses, email addresses and employment information, including income data. To date, there is no evidence that credit card or medical information, such as claims, test results or diagnostic codes, were targeted, accessed or obtained, although no assurance can be given that we will not identify additional information that was accessed or obtained.

Currently, we are in the process of determining the extent of this cyber attack and supporting federal law enforcement efforts to identify the responsible parties. Upon discovery of the cyber attack, we took immediate action to remediate the security vulnerability and retained a cybersecurity firm to evaluate our systems and identify solutions based on the evolving landscape. We will provide credit monitoring and identity protection services to those who have been affected by this cyber attack. While the cyber attack did not have an impact on our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2014, we have incurred expenses subsequent to the cyber attack to investigate and remediate this matter and expect to continue to incur expenses of this nature in the foreseeable future. Although we are unable to quantify the ultimate magnitude of such expenses at this time, they may be significant. We will recognize these expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Actions have been filed in courts in many states and other claims have been or may be asserted against us on behalf of current or former members, current or former employees, shareholders or others seeking damages or other related relief, allegedly arising out of the cyber attack. State and federal agencies, including state insurance regulators, state attorneys general, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, are investigating events related to the cyber attack, including how it occurred, its consequences and our responses. Although we are cooperating in these investigations, we may be subject to fines or other obligations, which may have an adverse effect on how we operate our business and our results of operations.

We have contingency plans and insurance coverage for potential liabilities of this nature, however, the coverage may not be sufficient to cover all claims and liabilities. While a loss from these matters is reasonably possible, we cannot reasonably estimate a range of possible losses because our investigation into the matter is ongoing, the proceedings remain in the early stages, alleged damages have not been specified, there is uncertainty as to the likelihood of a class or classes being certified or the ultimate size of any class if certified, and there are significant factual and legal issues to be resolved.

Other Contingencies

From time to time, we and certain of our subsidiaries are parties to various legal proceedings, many of which involve claims for coverage encountered in the ordinary course of business. We, like HMOs and health insurers generally, exclude certain health care and other services from coverage under our HMO, PPO and other plans. We are, in the ordinary course of business, subject to the claims of our enrollees arising out of decisions to restrict or deny reimbursement for uncovered services. The loss of even one such claim, if it results in a significant punitive damage award, could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, the risk of potential liability under punitive damage theories may increase significantly the difficulty of obtaining reasonable settlements of coverage claims.

In addition to the lawsuits described above, we are also involved in other pending and threatened litigation of the character incidental to our business, and are from time to time involved as a party in various governmental investigations, audits, reviews and administrative proceedings. These investigations, audits, reviews and administrative proceedings include routine and special inquiries by state insurance departments, state attorneys general, the U.S. Attorney General and subcommittees of the U.S. Congress. Such investigations, audits, reviews and administrative proceedings could result in the imposition of civil or criminal fines, penalties, other sanctions and additional rules, regulations or other restrictions on our business operations. Any liability that may result from any one of these actions, or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

The National Organization of Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Associations, or NOLHGA, is a voluntary organization consisting of the state life and health insurance guaranty associations located throughout the U.S. Such associations, working together with NOLHGA, provide a safety net for their state's policyholders, ensuring that they continue to receive coverage, subject to state maximum limits, even if their insurer is declared insolvent. We are aware that the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner, or Insurance Commissioner, has placed Penn Treaty Network America Insurance Company and its subsidiary American Network Insurance Company, or collectively Penn Treaty, in rehabilitation, an intermediate action before insolvency. The state court denied the Insurance Commissioner's petition for the liquidation of Penn Treaty and ordered the Insurance Commissioner to file an updated plan of rehabilitation. An initial plan was filed on April 30, 2013. The Insurance Commissioner filed an amended plan on August 8, 2014 and a second amended plan on October 8, 2014. The state court set a schedule for a notice and comment period and ordered a hearing on the second amended plan, with public comments due by February 13, 2015. The Insurance Commissioner has filed a Notice of Appeal asking the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to reverse the order denying the liquidation petition. The Supreme Court held oral argument on the appeal in September 2014. In the event rehabilitation of Penn Treaty is unsuccessful and Penn Treaty is declared insolvent and placed in liquidation, we and other insurers may be required to pay a portion of their policyholder claims through state guaranty association assessments in future periods. Given the uncertainty around whether Penn Treaty will ultimately be declared insolvent and, if so, the amount of the insolvency, the amount and timing of any associated future guaranty fund assessments, and the availability and amount of any potential premium tax and other offsets, we currently cannot estimate our net exposure, if any, to this potential insolvency. We will continue to monitor the situation and may record a liability and expense in future reporting periods, which could be material to our cash flows and results of operations.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

We are a party to an agreement with Express Scripts, Inc., or Express Scripts, whereby Express Scripts is the exclusive provider of pharmacy benefit management, or PBM, services to our plans, excluding some Amerigroup subsidiaries and certain self-insured members, which have exclusive agreements with different PBM service providers. It is expected that those Amerigroup subsidiaries will complete their transition to the Express Scripts agreement during 2015. The initial term of this agreement expires on December 31, 2019. Under this agreement, Express Scripts is the exclusive provider of certain specified PBM services, such as pharmacy network management, home delivery, pharmacy customer service, claims processing, rebate management, drug utilization and specialty pharmaceutical management services. Accordingly, the agreement contains certain financial and operational requirements obligating both Express Scripts and us. Express Scripts' primary obligations relate to the performance of such services and meeting certain pricing guarantees and performance standards. Our primary obligations relate to oversight, provision of data, payment for services and certain minimum volume requirements. The failure by either party to meet the respective requirements could potentially serve as a basis for financial penalties or early termination of the contract. We believe we have appropriately recognized all rights and obligations under this contract at December 31, 2014.

During December 2014, we entered into a new agreement with International Business Machines Corporation to provide information technology infrastructure services. This new agreement supersedes certain prior agreements and also includes provisions for additional services. Our remaining commitment under this agreement at December 31, 2014 was \$475.3 through March 31, 2020. We have the ability to terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of certain events, subject to early termination fees.

On March 31, 2009, we entered into an agreement with Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. to provide certain print and mailroom services that were previously performed in-house. Our remaining commitment under this agreement at December 31, 2014 was \$78.6 through March 31, 2016. We have the ability to terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of certain events, subject to early termination fees.

Vulnerability from Concentrations

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents, investment securities, premium receivables and instruments held through hedging activities. All investment securities are managed by professional investment managers within policies authorized by our Board of Directors. Such policies limit the amounts that may be invested in any one issuer and prescribe certain investee company criteria. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to premium receivables are limited due to the large number of employer groups that constitute our customer base in the states in which we conduct business. As of December 31, 2014, there were no significant concentrations of financial instruments in a single investee, industry or geographic location.

14. Capital Stock

Stock Incentive Plan s

Our Board of Directors has adopted the Anthem Incentive Compensation Plan, or Incentive Compensation Plan, which has been approved by our shareholders. The term of the Incentive Compensation Plan is such that no awards may be granted on or after May 20, 2019. The Incentive Compensation Plan gives authority to the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors to make incentive awards to our non-employee directors, employees and consultants, consisting of stock options, stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units, cash-based awards, stock appreciation rights, performance shares and performance units. The Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended and restated, limits the number of available shares for issuance to 60.1 shares, subject to adjustment as set forth in the Incentive Compensation Plan.

Stock options are granted for a fixed number of shares with an exercise price at least equal to the fair value of the shares at the grant date. Stock options vest over three years in equal semi-annual installments and generally have a term of seven years from the grant date.

Certain option grants contain provisions whereby the employee continues to vest in the award subsequent to termination due to retirement. Our attribution method for newly granted awards considers all vesting and other provisions, including retirement eligibility, in determining the requisite service period over which the fair value of the awards will be recognized.

Restricted stock awards are issued at the fair value of the stock on the grant date and may also include one or more performance measures that must be met for the restricted stock award to vest. The restrictions lapse in three equal annual installments.

For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recognized share-based compensation expense of \$168.9, \$146.0 and \$146.5, respectively, as well as related tax benefits of \$60.7, \$52.6 and \$52.0, respectively.

A summary of stock option activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted-Average Option Price per Share	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2014	10.0	\$ 65.38		
Granted	1.8	90.32		
Exercised	(4.2)	67.26		
Forfeited or expired	(0.3)	69.30		
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	7.3	70.30	3.54	\$ 402.0
Exercisable at December 31, 2014	4.8	65.94	2.46	\$ 286.8

The intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31,2014, 2013 and 2012 amounted to \$156.7, \$176.0 and \$65.4, respectively. We recognized tax benefits of \$53.2, \$56.8 and \$22.9 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, from option exercises and disqualifying dispositions. During the years ended December 31,2014, 2013 and 2012 we received cash of \$283.6, \$524.7 and \$110.8, respectively, from exercises of stock options.

The total fair value of restricted stock awards that vested during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$174.0, \$46.7 and \$222.3, respectively.

A summary of the status of nonvested restricted stock activity, including restricted stock units, for the year ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

	Restricted Stock Shares and Units	W	Veighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share
Nonvested at January 1, 2014	4.2	\$	63.83
Granted	1.7		90.53
Vested	(1.9)		64.10
Forfeited	(0.4)		68.71
Nonvested at December 31, 2014	3.6		75.63

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we granted approximately 0.7 restricted stock units under the Incentive Compensation Plan that were contingent upon us achieving specified operating gain targets for 2014. We expect to issue approximately 1.0 restricted stock units under this performance plan as certain performance targets were exceeded. These restricted stock units have been included in the activity shown above.

As of December 31, 2014, the total remaining unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested stock options and restricted stock amounted to \$14.0 and \$76.9, respectively, which will be amortized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service periods of 11 months and 10 months, respectively.

As of December 31, 2014, there were approximately 21.2 shares of common stock available for future grants under the Incentive Compensation Plan.

Fair Value

We use a binomial lattice valuation model to estimate the fair value of all stock options granted. Expected volatility assumptions used in the binomial lattice model are based on an analysis of implied volatilities of publicly traded options on our stock and historical volatility of our stock price. The risk-free interest rate is derived from the U.S. Treasury strip rates at the time of the grant. The expected term of the options was derived from the outputs of the binomial lattice model, which incorporates post-vesting forfeiture assumptions based on an analysis of historical data. The dividend yield was based on our estimate of future dividend yields. Similar groups of employees that have dissimilar exercise behavior are considered separately for valuation purposes. We utilize the "multiple-grant" approach for recognizing compensation expense associated with each separately vesting portion of the share-based award.

The following weighted-average assumptions were used to estimate the fair values of options granted during the years ended December 31:

	2014	2013	2012
Risk-free interest rate	2.16%	1.25%	1.41%
Volatility factor	35.00%	35.00%	34.00%
Dividend yield (annual)	2.00%	2.40%	1.60%
Weighted-average expected life (years)	3.75	4.00	4.10

The following weighted-average fair values were determined for the years ending December 31:

	2014	2013		2012
Options granted during the year	\$ 22.41	\$	14.64	\$ 16.50
Restricted stock and stock awards granted during the year	90.53		63.06	65.91

The binomial lattice option-pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because our stock option grants have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in our opinion, existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of our stock option grants.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

We have registered 14.0 shares of common stock for the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, or the Stock Purchase Plan, which is intended to provide a means to encourage and assist employees in acquiring a stock ownership interest in Anthem. The Stock Purchase Plan was suspended during 2012 and 2013 and no shares were issued during those years. Effective January 1, 2014, the Stock Purchase Plan was reinstated. Pursuant to terms of the Stock Purchase Plan, an employee is permitted to purchase no more than \$25,000 (actual dollars) worth of stock in any calendar year, based on the fair value of the stock at the end of each plan quarter. Employees become participants by electing payroll deductions from 1% to 15% of gross compensation. Once purchased, the stock is accumulated in the employee's investment account. The Stock Purchase Plan allows participants to purchase shares of our common stock at a price per share of 95% of the fair value of a share of common stock on the last trading day of the plan quarter. The employee stock purchase plan discount is not recognized as compensation expense based on GAAP guidance. There were 0.2 shares issued during the year ended December 31, 2014. As of December 31, 2014, 5.9 shares were available for issuance under the Stock Purchase Plan.

Use of Capital and Stock Repurchase Program

We regularly review the appropriate use of capital, including common stock and debt security repurchases and dividends to shareholders. The declaration and payment of any dividends or repurchases of our common stock or debt are at the discretion of our Board of Directors and depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, future liquidity needs, regulatory and capital requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors. Historically our common stock repurchase program, discussed below, has been our primary use of capital. Beginning in 2011, our Board of Directors established a quarterly dividend to shareholders.

A summary of the cash dividend activity for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Total	
Year ended December 31, 2014		Tayment Butc	Share	Total
January 28, 2014	March 10, 2014	March 25, 2014	\$ 0.4375	\$ 123.4
April 29, 2014	June 10, 2014	June 25, 2014	0.4375	120.5
July 29, 2014	September 10, 2014	September 25, 2014	0.4375	119.2
October 28, 2014	December 5, 2014	December 22, 2014	0.4375	117.6
Year ended December 31, 2013	3			
February 20, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 25, 2013	\$ 0.3750	\$ 113.4
May 15, 2013	June 10, 2013	June 25, 2013	0.3750	112.7
July 23, 2013	September 10, 2013	September 25, 2013	0.3750	111.4
October 22, 2013	December 9, 2013	December 23, 2013	0.3750	110.5

On January 27, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of \$0.6250 per share on the outstanding shares of our common stock. This quarterly dividend will be paid on March 25, 2015 to the shareholders of record as of March 10, 2015.

Under our Board of Directors' authorization, we maintain a common stock repurchase program. On October 2, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized a \$5,000.0 increase to the common stock repurchase program. Repurchases may be made from time to time at prevailing market prices, subject to certain restrictions on volume, pricing and timing. The repurchases are effected from time to time in the open market, through negotiated transactions, including accelerated share repurchase agreements, and through plans designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our stock repurchase program is discretionary as we are under no obligation to repurchase shares. We repurchase shares under the program when we believe it is a prudent use of capital. The excess cost of the repurchased shares over par value is charged on a pro rata basis to additional paid-in capital and retained earnings.

A summary of common stock repurchases for the period January 1, 2015 through February 5, 2015 (subsequent to December 31, 2014) and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

	January 1, 2015 through	 Years Ended	Dec	December 31		
	 February 5, 2015	2014		2013		
Shares repurchased	1.8	30.4		20.7		
Average price per share	\$ 131.16	\$ 98.52	\$	78.08		
Aggregate cost	\$ 229.9	\$ 2,998.8	\$	1,620.1		
Authorization remaining at the end of each period	\$ 5,461.8	\$ 5,691.7	\$	3,691.0		

During 2013, we purchased call options on 3.0 shares of our common stock. The call options allow us to repurchase shares at a predetermined strike price up through the expiration dates. The purpose of the call options is to reduce share price volatility on potential future common stock repurchases. The aggregate premium paid was \$25.8, of which \$7.9 was recorded as a reduction of shareholders' equity and the remaining \$17.9 was recorded as a derivative asset based on FASB guidance. The aggregate premium is reported in financing activities in our consolidated statements of cash flow. The call options had strike prices ranging from \$77.50 to \$83.10 per share. The aggregate fair value of the call options reported as a derivative asset was \$27.5 at December 31, 2013. The call options were exercised on various dates throughout January and February 2014.

Under the common stock repurchase program authorized by our Board of Directors, on February 4, 2014, we entered into an accelerated share repurchase agreement with a counterparty. The agreement provided for the repurchase of a number

of our shares, equal to \$600.0, as determined by the dollar volume weighted-average share price during the term of the agreement. In March 2014, we repurchased 6.6 shares under the agreement.

For additional information regarding the use of capital for debt security repurchases, see Note 12, "Debt."

15. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

A reconciliation of the components of accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31 is as follows:

	2014	2013
Investments:		
Gross unrealized gains	\$ 1,154.9	\$ 1,054.2
Gross unrealized losses	(196.8)	(277.8)
Net pretax unrealized gains	958.1	776.4
Deferred tax liability	(330.5)	(267.4)
Net unrealized gains on investments	 627.6	509.0
Non-credit components of OTTI on investments:		
Gross unrealized losses	(6.8)	(0.8)
Deferred tax asset	 2.4	 0.3
Net unrealized non-credit component of OTTI on investments	(4.4)	(0.5)
Cash flow hedges:		
Gross unrealized losses	(55.2)	(49.7)
Deferred tax asset	 19.3	 17.4
Net unrealized losses on cash flow hedges	(35.9)	(32.3)
Defined benefit pension plans:		
Deferred net actuarial loss	(563.7)	(427.2)
Deferred prior service credits	2.2	3.0
Deferred tax asset	223.2	169.9
Net unrecognized periodic benefit costs for defined benefit pension plans	(338.3)	(254.3)
Postretirement benefit plans:		
Deferred net actuarial loss	(211.2)	(169.6)
Deferred prior service credits	88.0	102.4
Deferred tax asset	 48.9	 27.0
Net unrecognized periodic benefit costs for postretirement benefit plans	(74.3)	(40.2)
Foreign currency translation adjustments:		
Gross unrealized (losses) gains	(4.3)	2.2
Deferred tax asset (liability)	1.5	(0.7)
Net unrealized (losses) gains on foreign currency translation adjustments	 (2.8)	 1.5
Accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 171.9	\$ 183.2

Other comprehensive income (loss) reclassification adjustments for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

	2014		2013		2012
Investments:					
Net holding gain (loss) on investment securities arising during the period, net of tax (expense) benefit of (\$18.3), \$223.6 and \$5.4, respectively	\$	35.4	\$	(407.2)	\$ (3.2)
Reclassification adjustment for net realized gain on investment securities, net of tax expense of (\$44.8), (\$60.6) and (\$104.0), respectively		83.2		112.5	193.1
Total reclassification adjustment on investments		118.6		(294.7)	189.9
Non-credit component of OTTI on investments:					
Non-credit component of OTTI on investments, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$2.1, (\$0.9) and (\$2.4), respectively		(3.9)		1.7	4.5
Cash flow hedges:					
Holding (loss) gain, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$1.9, (\$1.6) and (\$0.1), respectively		(3.6)		3.0	0.1
Other:					
Net change in unrecognized periodic benefit costs for defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$75.2, (\$106.8) and (\$7.1), respectively		(118.1)		172.7	(10.9)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$2.2, (\$0.6) and (\$0.3), respectively		(4.3)		1.4	0.6
Net (loss) gain recognized in other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$18.3, \$53.1 and (\$108.5), respectively	\$	(11.3)	\$	(115.9)	\$ 184.2

16. Reinsurance

We reinsure certain risks with other companies and assume risk from other companies. We remain primarily liable to policyholders under ceded insurance contracts and are contingently liable for amounts recoverable from reinsurers in the event that such reinsurers do not meet their contractual obligations. We evaluate the financial condition of our reinsurers and monitor concentrations of credit risk arising from similar geographic regions, activities, or economic characteristics of the reinsurers to minimize our exposure to significant losses from reinsurer insolvencies. In conjunction with the Health Care Reform temporary reinsurance premium stabilization program, we recognize assessments upon our fully-insured non-grandfathered individual market plans that are eligible for reinsurance recoveries as ceded premiums and estimated reinsurance recoveries as a reduction to benefit expense. Assessments upon all other lines of business not eligible for reinsurance recoveries are recognized in general and administrative expense.

A summary of direct, assumed and ceded premiums written and earned for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	2014					2013				2012			
		Written		Earned		Written		Earned		Written		Earned	
Direct	\$	68,628.6	\$	68,304.3	\$	65,939.1	\$	66,038.9	\$	56,443.6	\$	56,373.6	
Assumed		192.3		194.0		174.3		174.0		197.0		196.4	
Ceded		(108.5)		(108.5)		(92.6)		(93.8)		(73.2)		(73.3)	
Net premiums	\$	68,712.4	\$	68,389.8	\$	66,020.8	\$	66,119.1	\$	56,567.4	\$	56,496.7	
Percentage—assumed to net premiums		0.3%		0.3%		0.3%		0.3%		0.3%		0.3%	

A summary of net premiums written and earned by segment (see Note 19, "Segment Information") for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	 2014					013 2012					
	 Written		Earned		Written		Earned		Written		Earned
Reportable segments:											
Commercial and Specialty Business	\$ 35,084.7	\$	35,045.2	\$	35,733.9	\$	35,772.0	\$	35,358.1	\$	36,036.7
Government Business	33,627.7		33,344.6		30,286.9		30,347.1		21,209.3		20,460.0
Other	_		_		_		_		_		_
Net premiums	\$ 68,712.4	\$	68,389.8	\$	66,020.8	\$	66,119.1	\$	56,567.4	\$	56,496.7

The effect of reinsurance on benefit expense for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	2014	2013	2012	
Direct	\$ 57,496.6	\$ 56,185.2	\$	48,135.1
Assumed	182.4	155.6		173.0
Ceded	(824.1)	(103.7)		(94.5)
Net benefit expense	\$ 56,854.9	\$ 56,237.1	\$	48,213.6

The effect of reinsurance on certain assets and liabilities at December 31 is as follows:

	2014	2013	
Policy liabilities, assumed	\$ 57	\$ 55.4	ĺ
Unearned income, assumed		0.4	
Premiums payable, ceded	7	'.7 17.1	
Premiums receivable, assumed	5	5.4 14.1	

17. Leases

We lease office space and certain computer and related equipment using noncancelable operating leases. At December 31, 2014, future lease payments for operating leases with initial or remaining noncancelable terms of one year or more consist of the following:

2015	\$ 148.7
2016	132.1
2017	125.0
2018	115.8
2019	99.6
Thereafter	274.9
Total minimum payments required	\$ 896.1

We have certain lease agreements that contain contingent payment provisions. Under these provisions, we pay contingent amounts in addition to base rent, primarily based upon annual changes in the consumer price index. The schedule above contains estimated amounts for potential future increases in lease payments based on the contingent payment provisions.

Lease expense for 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$192.5, \$185.9 and \$153.3, respectively.

18. Earnings per Share

The denominator for basic and diluted earnings per share at December 31 is as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Denominator for basic earnings per share—weighted-average shares	275.9	298.5	321.5
Effect of dilutive securities—employee stock options, non-vested restricted stock awards and convertible debentures	10.0	5.3	3.3
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	285.9	303.8	324.8

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, weighted-average shares related to certain stock options of 0.5, 4.2 and 12.6, respectively, were excluded from the denominator for diluted earnings per share because the stock options were anti-dilutive.

19. Segment Information

On May 20, 2013, we announced certain organizational and executive leadership changes to align with how our Chief Executive Officer is managing our operations. Beginning with the three months ended June 30, 2013, our organizational structure is comprised of three reportable segments: Commercial and Specialty Business; Government Business; and Other.

Our Commercial and Specialty Business segment includes our Local Group, National Accounts, Individual and Specialty businesses. Business units in the Commercial and Specialty Business segment offer fully-insured health products; provide a broad array of managed care services to self-funded customers including claims processing, underwriting, stop loss insurance, actuarial services, provider network access, medical cost management, disease management, wellness programs and other administrative services; and provide an array of specialty and other insurance products and services such as dental, vision, life and disability insurance benefits, radiology benefit management and analytics-driven personal health care guidance.

Our Government Business segment includes Medicare and Medicaid businesses, National Government Services, or NGS, and services provided to the federal government in connection with FEP. Medicare business includes services such as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D, and Medicare Supplement. Medicaid business includes our managed care alternatives through publicly funded health care programs, including Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Family programs, programs for seniors and people with disabilities, programs for long-term services and support, Children's Health Insurance Programs and ACA-related Medicaid expansion programs. NGS acts as a Medicare contractor in several regions across the nation.

Our Other segment includes other businesses that do not meet the quantitative thresholds for an operating segment as defined by FASB guidance, as well as corporate expenses not allocated to the other reportable segments.

We define operating revenues, a non-GAAP measure, to include premium income, administrative fees and other revenues. Operating revenues are derived from premiums and fees received primarily from the sale and administration of health benefit products. Operating gain, a non-GAAP measure, is calculated as total operating revenue less benefit expense and selling, general and administrative expense.

Through our participation in various federal government programs, we generated approximately 21.0%, 20.3% and 23.7% of our total consolidated revenues from agencies of the U.S. government for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively. These revenues are contained in the Government Business segment.

The accounting policies of the segments are consistent with those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in Note 2, "Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies," except that certain shared administrative expenses for each segment are recognized on a pro rata allocated basis, which in aggregate approximates the consolidated expense. Any difference between the allocated expenses and actual consolidated expense is included in other expenses not allocated to reportable segments. Intersegment sales and expenses are recorded at cost and eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. We evaluate performance of the reportable segments based on operating gain or loss as defined above. We evaluate investment income, net realized gains on investments, OTTI losses recognized in income, interest expense, amortization expense, loss on extinguishment of debt and income taxes, and asset and liability details on a consolidated basis

as these items are managed in a corporate shared service environment and are not the responsibility of segment operating management.

Financial data by reportable segment for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	Con	mmercial and Specialty Business	(Government Business	Other	Total
Year ended December 31, 2014						
Operating revenue	\$	39,199.6	\$	33,796.4	\$ 25.7	\$ 73,021.7
Operating gain (loss)		3,260.9		1,191.9	(34.4)	4,418.4
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		_		_	474.3	474.3
Year ended December 31, 2013						
Operating revenue	\$	39,404.2	\$	30,752.6	\$ 34.6	\$ 70,191.4
Operating gain (loss)		3,176.4		844.0	(19.0)	4,001.4
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		_		_	457.1	457.1
Year ended December 31, 2012						
Operating revenue	\$	39,639.9	\$	20,838.9	\$ 35.2	\$ 60,514.0
Operating gain (loss)		3,396.3		285.4	(61.8)	3,619.9
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		_		_	363.5	363.5

The major product revenues for each of the reportable segments for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

	2014		2013		 2012
Commercial and Specialty Business					
Managed care products	\$	33,755.6	\$	34,516.9	\$ 34,875.4
Managed care services		3,997.8		3,474.0	3,446.9
Dental/Vision products and services		1,037.3		952.5	903.9
Other		408.9		460.8	 413.7
Total Commercial and Specialty Business		39,199.6		39,404.2	39,639.9
Government Business					
Managed care products		33,344.6		30,347.1	20,460.0
Managed care services		451.8		405.5	378.9
Total Government Business		33,796.4		30,752.6	20,838.9
Other					
Other		25.7		34.6	 35.2
Total product revenues	\$	73,021.7	\$	70,191.4	\$ 60,514.0

The classification between managed care products and managed care services in the above table primarily distinguishes between the level of risk assumed. Managed care products represent insurance products where we bear the insurance risk, whereas managed care services represent product offerings where we provide claims adjudication and other administrative services to the customer, but the customer principally bears the insurance risk.

Asset and equity details by reportable segment have not been disclosed, as we do not internally report such information.

Anthem, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

A reconciliation of reportable segment operating revenues to the amounts of total revenues included in the consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	 2014	2013	2012
Reportable segments operating revenues	\$ 73,021.7	\$ 70,191.4	\$ 60,514.0
Net investment income	724.4	659.1	686.1
Net realized gains on investments	177.0	271.9	334.9
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income	(49.0)	(98.9)	(37.8)
Total revenues	\$ 73,874.1	\$ 71,023.5	\$ 61,497.2

A reconciliation of reportable segment operating gain to income from continuing operations before income taxes included in the consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Reportable segments operating gain	\$ 4,418.4	\$ 4,001.4	\$ 3,619.9
Net investment income	724.4	659.1	686.1
Net realized gains on investments	177.0	271.9	334.9
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income	(49.0)	(98.9)	(37.8)
Interest expense	(600.7)	(602.7)	(511.8)
Amortization of other intangible assets	(220.9)	(245.3)	(233.0)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(81.1)	(145.3)	_
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense	\$ 4,368.1	\$ 3,840.2	\$ 3,858.3

20. Related Party Transactions

Anthem Foundation, Inc., or the Foundation, is an Indiana non-profit organization exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation was formed to conduct, support and assist charitable, health-related, educational, and other community-based programs and projects. The officers and directors of the Foundation are also our officers. These officers and directors receive no compensation from the Foundation for the management services performed for the Foundation but may be reimbursed by the Foundation for any cash expenditures incurred on behalf of the Foundation. During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we received \$0.8, \$0.7 and \$0.6, respectively, from the Foundation for administrative services provided by our associates. We contributed \$10.0 to the Foundation during the year ended December 31, 2013. We did not make any contributions to the Foundation during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2012. The Foundation is not a subsidiary of ours and the financial results of the Foundation are not consolidated with our financial statements. We have no current legal obligations for future commitments to the Foundation.

21. Statutory Information

The majority of our insurance and HMO subsidiaries report their accounts in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by state insurance regulatory authorities, or statutory, which vary in certain respects from GAAP. However, certain of our insurance and HMO subsidiaries, including BCC, Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc., Golden West Health Plan, Inc. and CareMore Health Plan are regulated by the California Department of Managed Health Care, or DMHC, and report their accounts in conformity with GAAP (these entities are collectively referred to as the "DMHC regulated entities"). Typical differences of GAAP reporting as compared to statutory reporting are the inclusion of unrealized gains or losses relating to fixed maturity securities in shareholders' equity, recognition of all assets including those that are non-admitted for statutory purposes and recognition of all deferred tax assets without regard to statutory limits. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or NAIC, developed a codified version of the statutory accounting principles, designed to foster more consistency among the states for accounting guidelines and reporting. Prescribed statutory accounting practices are set forth in a variety of publications of the NAIC as well as state laws, regulations and general administrative rules.

Anthem, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Our ability to pay dividends and credit obligations is significantly dependent on receipt of dividends from our subsidiaries. The payment of dividends to us by our insurance and HMO subsidiaries without prior approval of the insurance departments of each subsidiary's domiciliary jurisdiction is limited by formula. Dividends in excess of these amounts are subject to prior approval by the respective state insurance departments or the DMHC.

Our statutory basis insurance and HMO subsidiaries are subject to risk-based capital requirements. Risk-based capital is a method developed by the NAIC to determine the minimum amount of statutory capital appropriate for an insurance company or HMO to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. The formula for determining the amount of risk-based capital specifies various factors, weighted based on the perceived degree of risk, which are applied to certain financial balances and financial activity. Below minimum risk-based capital requirements are classified within certain levels, each of which requires specified corrective action. Additionally, the DMHC regulated entities are subject to capital and solvency requirements as prescribed by the DMHC. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, all of our regulated subsidiaries exceeded the minimum risk-based capital requirements and/or capital and solvency requirements of their applicable governmental regulator. The statutory risk-based capital necessary to satisfy regulatory requirements of our statutory basis insurance and HMO subsidiaries was approximately \$3,400.0 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. The tangible net equity required for the DMHC regulated entities was approximately \$520.0 and \$450.0 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Statutory-basis capital and surplus of our insurance and HMO subsidiaries and capital and surplus of our other regulated subsidiaries, excluding the DMHC regulated entities, was \$9,727.2 and \$9,992.7 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Statutory-basis net income of our insurance and HMO subsidiaries and net income of our other regulated subsidiaries, excluding the DMHC regulated entities, was \$2,403.8, \$2,635.8 and \$2,800.0 for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. GAAP equity of the DMHC regulated entities was \$1,696.1 and \$1,449.2 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. GAAP net income of the DMHC regulated entities was \$453.6, \$487.7 and \$469.7 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Anthem, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

22. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

Selected quarterly financial data is as follows:

		For the Quarter Ended						
		March 31		June 30	September 30		ember 30 D	
2014								
Total revenues	\$	17,859.4	\$	18,473.4	\$	18,557.0	\$	18,984.3
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		1,130.1		1,263.7		1,087.2		887.1
Income from continuing operations		691.4		731.1		630.9		506.7
Income from discontinued operations		9.6		_		_		_
Net income		701.0		731.1		630.9		506.7
Basic net income per share - continuing operations	\$	2.43	\$	2.64	\$	2.31	\$	1.88
Basic net income per share - discontinued operations		0.03		_		_		_
Basic net income per share		2.46		2.64		2.31		1.88
Diluted net income per share - continuing operations	\$	2.37	\$	2.56	\$	2.22	\$	1.80
Diluted net income per share - discontinued operations		0.03		_		_		_
Diluted net income per share		2.40		2.56		2.22		1.80
2013								
Total revenues	\$	17,576.0	\$	17,690.3	\$	17,855.5	\$	17,901.7
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		1,282.5		1,208.1		879.7		469.9
Income from continuing operations		872.3		799.3		653.8		308.9
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		12.9		0.8		2.4		(160.7)
Net income		885.2		800.1		656.2		148.2
Basic net income per share - continuing operations	\$	2.88	\$	2.67	\$	2.20	\$	1.05
Basic net income (loss) per share - discontinued operations		0.04		_		0.01		(0.55)
Basic net income per share		2.92		2.67		2.21		0.50
Diluted net income per share - continuing operations	\$	2.85	\$	2.64	\$	2.15	\$	1.02
Diluted net income (loss) per share - discontinued operations	Ψ.	0.04	+		+	0.01	+	(0.53)
Diluted net income per share		2.89		2.64		2.16		0.49
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ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

There have been no changes in or disagreements with our independent registered public accounting firm on accounting or financial disclosures.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation as of December 31, 2014, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to

us (including our consolidated subsidiaries) required to be disclosed in our reports under the Exchange Act. In addition, based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of Anthem, Inc., or the Company, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, or Internal Control, as such term is defined in the Exchange Act. The Company's Internal Control is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Company's financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. The Company's Internal Control includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of inherent limitations in any Internal Control, no matter how well designed, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Accordingly, even effective Internal Control can provide only reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP.

Management, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, assessed the effectiveness of the Company's Internal Control as of December 31, 2014. Management's assessment was based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Based on management's assessment, management has concluded that the Company's Internal Control was effective as of December 31, 2014 to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP.

Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2014, and has also issued an audit report dated February 24, 2015, on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, which is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended December 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Anthem, Inc.

We have audited Anthem, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). Anthem, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Anthem, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Anthem, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014 of Anthem, Inc. and our report dated February 24, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ E RNST & Y OUNG LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana February 24, 2015

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

The information required by this Item concerning our Executive Officers, Directors and nominees for Director, Audit Committee members and financial expert(s) and concerning disclosure of delinquent filers under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and our Standards of Business Conduct is incorporated herein by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of our last fiscal year.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information required by this Item concerning remuneration of our Executive Officers and Directors, material transactions involving such Executive Officers and Directors and Compensation Committee interlocks, as well as the Compensation Committee Report, are incorporated herein by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of our last fiscal year.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

The information required by this Item concerning the stock ownership of management and five percent beneficial owners and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans is incorporated herein by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of our last fiscal year.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information required by this Item concerning certain relationships and related person transactions and director independence is incorporated herein by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of our last fiscal year.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

The information required by this Item concerning principal accounting fees and services is incorporated herein by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of our last fiscal year.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

(a) 1. Financial Statements:

The following consolidated financial statements of the Company are set forth in Part II, Item 8

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013

Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Financial Statement Schedule:

The following financial statement schedule of the Company is included in Item 15(c):

Schedule II—Condensed Financial Information of Registrant (Parent Company Only).

All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the SEC are not required under the related instructions, are inapplicable, or the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements, and therefore, have been omitted.

3. Exhibits:

A list of exhibits required to be filed as part of this report is set forth in the Index to Exhibits, which immediately precedes such exhibits, and is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Exhibits

The response to this portion of Item 15 is submitted as a separate section of this report.

(c) Financial Statement Schedule

Schedule II—Condensed Financial Information of Registrant (Parent Company Only).

Schedule II—Condensed Financial Information of Registrant

Anthem, Inc. (Parent Company Only) Balance Sheets

(In millions, except share data)	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	739.8	\$	1,174.5
Investments available-for-sale, at fair value:				
Fixed maturity securities (amortized cost of \$1,798.8 and \$897.4)		1,753.4		900.4
Equity securities (cost of \$148.7 and \$52.6)		206.7		89.6
Other invested assets, current		5.7		1.9
Other receivables		44.6		35.6
Income taxes receivable		227.9		154.4
Net due from subsidiaries		327.3		893.4
Securities lending collateral		224.8		46.2
Deferred tax assets, net		22.0		11.8
Other current assets		233.2		183.1
Total current assets		3,785.4		3,490.9
Long-term investments available-for-sale, at fair value:				
Equity securities (cost of \$6.6 and \$6.7)		6.6		6.7
Other invested assets, long-term		654.5		615.7
Property and equipment, net		134.0		148.3
Deferred tax assets, net		_		2.9
Investments in subsidiaries		35,647.2		35,516.2
Other noncurrent assets		220.6		152.3
Total assets	\$	40,448.3	\$	39,933.0
Liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u> </u>	-,	<u> </u>	
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	599.9	\$	592.1
Security trades pending payable	Ψ	14.0	Ψ	28.9
Securities lending payable		224.8		46.2
Current portion of long-term debt		625.0		518.0
Other current liabilities		280.1		213.4
Total current liabilities				
		1,743.8		1,398.6
Long-term debt, less current portion		14,102.3		13,548.6
Deferred tax liabilities, net		37.2		
Other noncurrent liabilities		313.7		220.6
Total liabilities		16,197.0		15,167.8
Commitments and contingencies—Note 5				
Shareholders' equity				
Preferred stock, without par value, shares authorized - 100,000,000; shares issued and outstanding - none		_		_
Common stock, par value \$0.01, shares authorized - 900,000,000; shares issued and outstanding - 268,109,932 and 293,273,830		2.7		2.9
Additional paid-in capital		10,062.3		10,765.2
Retained earnings		14,014.4		13,813.9
Accumulated other comprehensive income		171.9		183.2
Total shareholders' equity		24,251.3		24,765.2
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	40,448.3	\$	39,933.0

Anthem, Inc. (Parent Company Only) Statements of Income

	Years ended December 31					
(In millions)		2014		2013		2012
Revenues						
Net investment income	\$	87.4	\$	61.2	\$	95.3
Net realized losses on investments		(27.1)		(83.2)		(28.5)
Other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments:						
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments		(35.5)		(51.6)		(15.3)
Portion of other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in other comprehensive income		7.0		0.2		1.3
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income		(28.5)		(51.4)		(14.0)
Other revenue		4.8		4.4		3.5
Total revenues (losses)		36.6		(69.0)		56.3
Expenses						
General and administrative expense		20.3		196.6		211.9
Interest expense		597.8		598.4		507.0
Loss on extinguishment of debt		81.1		145.3		_
Total expenses		699.2		940.3		718.9
Loss before income tax credits and equity in net income of subsidiaries		(662.6)		(1,009.3)		(662.6)
Income tax credits		(255.4)		(369.7)		(172.1)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries		2,976.9		3,129.3		3,146.0
Net income	\$	2,569.7	\$	2,489.7	\$	2,655.5

Anthem, Inc. (Parent Company Only) Statements of Comprehensive Income

(in millions)	Years ended December 31				
		2014		2013	2012
Net income	\$	2,569.7	\$	2,489.7	\$ 2,655.5
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:					
Change in net unrealized gains/losses on investments		118.6		(294.7)	189.9
Change in non-credit component of other-than-temporary impairment losses on investments		(3.9)		1.7	4.5
Change in net unrealized gains/losses on cash flow hedges		(3.6)		3.0	0.1
Change in net periodic pension and postretirement costs		(118.1)		172.7	(10.9)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(4.3)		1.4	0.6
Other comprehensive (loss) income		(11.3)		(115.9)	184.2
Total comprehensive income	\$	2,558.4	\$	2,373.8	\$ 2,839.7

See accompanying notes.

Anthem, Inc. (Parent Company Only) Statements of Cash Flows

(In millions)	Years ended December 31				
	2014		2013		2012
Operating activities					
Net income	\$ 2,569	.7 \$	2,489.7	\$	2,655.5
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Distributed (undistributed) earnings of subsidiaries	244	.3	(78.5)		(432.0)
Net realized losses on investments	27	.1	83.2		28.5
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income	28	.5	51.4		14.0
Loss on extinguishment of debt	81	.1	145.3		_
Loss on disposal of assets	3	.9	3.6		_
Deferred income taxes	52	.7	(4.5)		49.2
Amortization, net of accretion	17	.5	25.2		23.2
Depreciation expense	67	.4	45.7		13.1
Share-based compensation	168	.9	146.0		146.5
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(46	.4)	(30.1)		(28.8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of business combinations:					
Receivables, net	(16	.6)	3.5		9.6
Other invested assets, current	(3	.8)	(0.3)		0.2
Other assets	55	.6	42.3		(31.7
Amounts due from/to subsidiaries	566	.1	(983.1)		754.7
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(111	.4)	111.8		(34.5
Other liabilities	(113	.8)	(18.6)		8.9
Income taxes	(36	.0)	83.9		(204.0
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,554	.8	2,116.5		2,972.4
Investing activities					
Purchases of investments	(1,819	.3)	(1,964.3)		(5,383.2
Proceeds from sales, maturities, calls and redemptions of investments	820	.7	2,443.3		5,554.5
Settlement of non-hedging derivatives	(67	.4)	(109.8)		(59.8
Capitalization of subsidiaries	(32)	.8)	(121.2)		(6,085.1
Changes in securities lending collateral	(178	.8)	(17.0)		73.8
Purchases of property and equipment, net of sales	(57	.0)	(87.4)		(117.1
Other, net	(38	.0)	(18.9)		(114.4
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(1,661	.6)	124.7		(6,131.3
Financing activities					
Net repayments of commercial paper borrowings	(379	.2)	(191.7)		(229.0
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	2,700	.0	1,250.0		6,468.9
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(1,730	.1)	(1,245.0)		(800.0
Changes in securities lending payable	178	.6	17.1		(72.7
Changes in bank overdrafts	55	.5	71.8		30.5
Premiums paid on equity options		_	(25.8)		_
Repurchase and retirement of common stock	(2,998	.8)	(1,620.1)		(2,496.8
Cash dividends	(501	.6)	(465.9)		(380.9
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	301	.3	524.7		110.8
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	46	.4	30.1		28.8
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(2,327	.9)	(1,654.8)		2,659.6
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(434	.7)	586.4		(499.3
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,174	.5	588.1		1,087.4
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 739	.8 \$	1,174.5	\$	588.1

Anthem, Inc. (Parent Company Only) Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

(In Millions, Except Per Share Data)

1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

In the parent company only financial statements of Anthem, Inc., or Anthem, Anthem's investment in subsidiaries is stated at cost plus equity in undistributed earnings of the subsidiaries. Anthem's share of net income of its unconsolidated subsidiaries is included in income using the equity method of accounting.

Certain amounts presented in the parent company only financial statements are eliminated in the consolidated financial statements of Anthem.

Anthem's parent company only financial statements should be read in conjunction with Anthem's audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

2. Subsidiary Transactions

Dividends from Subsidiaries

Anthem received cash dividends from subsidiaries of \$3,234.5, \$3,046.5 and \$2,935.1 during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Dividends to Subsidiaries

Certain subsidiaries of Anthem own shares of Anthem common stock. Anthem paid cash dividends to subsidiaries related to these shares of common stock in the amount of \$20.9, \$17.9 and \$13.8 during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Investments in Subsidiaries

Capital contributions to subsidiaries were \$321.8, \$121.2 and \$6,085.1 during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Amounts Due to and From Subsidiaries

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, Anthem reported \$327.3 and \$893.4 due from subsidiaries, respectively. The amounts due to or from subsidiaries primarily include amounts for allocated administrative expenses or cash held overnight at the parent level resulting from daily cash management activities. These items are routinely settled, and as such, are classified as current assets or liabilities.

3. Derivative Financial Instruments

The information regarding derivative financial instruments contained in Note 5, "Derivative Financial Instruments," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of Anthem and its subsidiaries is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Long-Term Debt

The information regarding long-term debt contained in Note 12, "Debt," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of Anthem and its subsidiaries is incorporated herein by reference.

5. Commitments and Contingencies

The information regarding commitments and contingencies contained in Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of Anthem and its subsidiaries is incorporated herein by reference.

6. Capital Stock

The information regarding capital stock contained in Note 14, "Capital Stock," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of Anthem and its subsidiaries is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AN	THEM,	INC.
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By:	/s/ JOSEPH R. SWEDISH			
Joseph R. Swedish President and Chief Executive Officer				

Dated: February 24, 2015

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal	
/s/ JOSEPH R. SWEDISH	Executive Officer)	February 24, 2015
Joseph R. Swedish		
/s/ WAYNE S. DEVEYDT	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 24, 2015
Wayne S. DeVeydt		•
/s/ JOHN E. GALLINA	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 24, 2015
John E. Gallina		
/s/ GEORGE A. SCHAEFER, JR.	Chair of the Board	February 24, 2015
George A. Schaefer, Jr.		
/s/ R. KERRY CLARK	Director	February 24, 2015
R. Kerry Clark		
/s/ ROBERT L. DIXON, JR.	Director	February 24, 2015
Robert L. Dixon, Jr.		
/s/ LEWIS HAY III	Director	February 24, 2015
Lewis Hay III		
/s/ JULIE A. HILL	Director	February 24, 2015
Julie A. Hill		
/s/ RAMIRO G. PERU	Director	February 24, 2015
Ramiro G. Peru		
/s/ WILLIAM J. RYAN	Director	February 24, 2015
William J. Ryan		
/s/ JOHN H. SHORT	Director	February 24, 2015
John H. Short		
/s/ ELIZABETH E. TALLETT	Director	February 24, 2015
Elizabeth E. Tallett		

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Exhibit Number 2.1 Stock and Interest Purchase Agreement dated April 9, 2009, by and between the Company and Express Scripts, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 13, 2009, SEC File No. 001-16751. 2.2 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 9, 2012 by and among WellPoint, Inc. (now known as "Anthem, Inc."), WellPoint Merger Sub, Inc. and AMERIGROUP Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 10, 2012. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 2, 2012, by and among WellPoint, Inc. (now known as "Anthem, Inc."), WellPoint Merger Sub, Inc. and AMERIGROUP Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1(a) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended effective December 2, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2014. 3.2 By-laws of the Company, as amended effective December 2, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2014. 4.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended effective December 2, 2014 (included in Exhibit 3.1). 4.2 By-laws of the Company, as amended effective December 2, 2014 (Included in Exhibit 3.2). 4.3 Indenture, dated as of December 9, 2004, between the Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2004, SEC File No. 001-16751. Form of the Company's 5.950% Notes due 2034 (included in Exhibit 4.3). 4.4 Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2006, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A.), as trustee, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 11, 2006, SEC File No. 001-16751.

- (a) Form of 5.85% Notes due 2036, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 11, 2006, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- (b) Form of 5.875% Notes due 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 8, 2007, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- (c) Form of 6.375% Notes due 2037, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 8, 2007, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- (d) Form of 7.000% Notes due 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 5, 2009, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- (e) Form of 4.350% Notes due 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2010.
- (f) Form of 5.800% Notes due 2040, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2010.
- (g) Form of 2.375% Notes due 2017, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 15, 2011.
- (h) Forms of 2 7000/ Notes due 2001 incommented by informatic Euclibit 4.2 to the Comment's Cumant Deposit on Forms 9 V

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- (i) Form of 3.125% Notes due 2022, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2012.
- (j) Form of 4.625% Notes due 2042, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2012.
- (k) Form of 1.250% Notes due 2015, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 10, 2012.
- (1) Form of 1.875% Notes due 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 10, 2012.
- (m) Form of 3.300% Notes due 2023, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 10, 2012.
- (n) Form of 4.650% Notes due 2043, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 10, 2012.
- (o) Form of 2.300% Notes due 2018, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 31, 2013.
- (p) Form of 5.100% Notes due 2044, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 31, 2013.
- (q) Form of 2.250% Notes due 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2014.
- (r) Form of 3.500% Notes due 2024, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2014.
- (s) Form of 4.650% Notes due 2044, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2014.
- (t) Form of 4.850% Notes due 2054, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2014.
- 4.5 Indenture dated as of October 9, 2012 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as trustee, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 9, 2012.
 - (a) Form of the 2.750% Senior Convertible Debentures due 2042 (included in Exhibit 4.5).
- 4.6 Upon the request of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company will furnish copies of any other instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt of the Company or its subsidiaries.
- 10.1 * Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, amended and restated as of January 1, 2003, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1(iii) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, SEC File No. 001-16751.
 - (a) Form of Stock Incentive Plan General Stock Option Grant Agreement as of March 1, 2006, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1(b) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- 10.2 * Anthem Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective December 2, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2014.

- (a) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement under the 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(j) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- (b) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement for 2008 under the 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(k) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, SEC File No. 001-16751.

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- (c) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement for 2009 under the 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(m) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, SEC File No. 001-16751.
- (d) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(o) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.
- (e) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Performance Share Award Agreement, Grant A for 2012, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(p) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.
- (f) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Performance Share Award Agreement, Grant B for 2012, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(q) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.
- (g) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 (t) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 14, 2012.
- (h) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement for 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(s) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.
- (i) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(t) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.
- (j) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Performance Share Award Agreement for 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(u) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.
- (k) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement for 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(p) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.
- (1) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(q) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.
- (m) Form of Incentive Compensation Plan Performance Share Award Agreement for 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(r) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.
- 10.3 * Anthem, Inc. Comprehensive Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective December 2, 2014.
- 10.4 * Anthem, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan, amended and restated effective December 2, 2014.
- 10.5 * WellPoint, Inc. Executive Salary Continuation Plan effective January 1, 2006, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.59 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006, SEC File No. 001-016751.
- 10.6 * WellPoint Directed Executive Compensation Plan amended effective January 1, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013.
- 10.7 * WellPoint, Inc. Board of Directors Compensation Program, as amended effective May 14, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014.
- 10.8 * Anthem Board of Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective December 2, 2014.

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- 10.9 * Amerigroup Corporation 2009 Equity Incentive Plan effective May 7, 2009, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on December 26, 2012 (Registration No. 333-185675).
- 10.10 * Employment Agreement between Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. and Samuel R. Nussbaum, M.D., dated as of January 2, 2001 (with respect to Section 5(b) only), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-67714).
 - (a) Amendment dated September 30, 2011 to Employment Agreement between Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. and Samuel R. Nussbaum, M.D., dated as of January 2, 2001, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.
- 10.11 * (a) Form of Employment Agreement between the Company and each of the following: Ken R. Goulet and Samuel R. Nussbaum, M.D., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.43 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, SEC File No. 001-16751.
 - (b) Form of Employment Agreement between the Company and Wayne S. DeVeydt, incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 2, 2006, SEC File No. 001-16751.
 - (c) Form of Employment Agreement between the Company and each of the following: Jose D. Tomas, Gloria McCarthy, Peter D. Haytaian, Martin Silverstein, M.D. and Thomas C. Zielinski incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 10.41 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, SEC File No. 001-16751.
 - (d) Form of Employment Agreement between the Company and Joseph R. Swedish, incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2013.
- 10.12 * Employment Agreement between the Company and Richard C. Zoretic dated as of July 9, 2012 and effective December 24, 2012, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed on February 22, 2013.
 - (a) First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Richard C. Zoretic dated as of October 26, 2012 and effective December 24, 2012, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16(a) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed on February 22, 2013.
 - (b) Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Richard C. Zoretic dated as of April 23, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16(b) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 23, 2013.
- 10.13 Blue Cross License Agreement by and between Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the Company, including revisions, if any, adopted by the Member Plans through November 21, 2014.
- Blue Shield License Agreement by and between Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the Company, including revisions, if any, adopted by the Member Plans through November 21, 2014.
- 10.15 Undertakings to California Department of Managed Health Care, dated October 15, 2012, delivered by Blue Cross of California, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- 10.16 * Offer Letter, by and between WellPoint, Inc. and Joseph R. Swedish, dated as of February 6, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2013.
 - 21 Subsidiaries of the Company.
 - 23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act Rules, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act Rules, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	The following materials from Anthem, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Income; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; (v) the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity; (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and (vii) Financial Statement Schedule II.

^{*} Indicates management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements.

ANTHEM, INC. COMPREHENSIVE NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (AS AMENDED AND RESTATED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2, 2014)

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ANTHEM, INC.

COMPREHENSIVE NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED

COMPENSATION PLAN

(AS AMENDED AND RESTATED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2, 2014)

ARTICLE I HISTORY AND PURPOSE

- 1.01 <u>History.</u> Anthem, Inc. (filch WellPoint, Inc.) (the "Company") established the WellPoint, Inc. 2005 Comprehensive Executive Non-Qualified Retirement Plan, originally effective January 1, 2005 ("WellPoint Plan"), as a new plan for certain types of deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which governs nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements. The Company amended and restated the WellPoint Plan effective January 1, 2006, and renamed it the WellPoint, Inc. Comprehensive Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). The Company amended and restated the Plan effective as of November 1, 2006, then restated it again effective as of January 1, 2009 for compliance with the final regulations issued under Code Section 409A. The Company subsequently amended and restated the Plan effective January 1, 2011, and again effective as of January 1, 2014. The Company hereby amends and restates the Plan effective as of December 2, 2014 to reflect a change in the Company's name from WellPoint, Inc. to Anthem, Inc. and to rename the Plan the "Anthem, Inc. Comprehensive Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan."
 - (a) <u>Merged Plans.</u> In addition, effective January 1, 2005, the Company, one of its predecessors or entities related to the Company or a predecessor also established the following nonqualified deferred compensation plans applicable to amounts subject to Code Section 409A.
 - (i) the 2005 Anthem Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan;
 - (ii) the 2005 Anthem Deferred Compensation Plan;
 - (iii) the 2005 Trigon Insurance Company 401(k) Restoration Plan; and
 - (iv) the 2005 Supplemental Retirement Plan for Certain Employees of Trigon Insurance Company.

Each of the foregoing plans were separately maintained for the 2005 calendar year and cover deferred compensation that related solely to the 2005 calendar year. The Company subsequently ceased accruals and merged each of the plans into the Anthem Plan effective as of December 31, 2005 and are referred to herein as the Merged Plans (either alone or collectively).

(b) <u>Predecessor Plans.</u> The Company or one of its predecessors separately maintained the following nonqualified deferred compensation plans, which cover

amounts earned and vested as of December 31, 2004 (including vested bonuses earned in 2004 and paid in 2005):

- (i) each pre-2005 Anthem Long-Term Incentive Plan;
- (ii) the WellPoint Health Networks Inc. Comprehensive Executive Non-Qualified Retirement Plan;
- (iii) the Anthem Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan;
- (iv) the Anthem Deferred Compensation Plan;
- (v) the Trigon Insurance Company 401(k) Restoration Plan; and
- (vi) the Supplemental Retirement Plan for Certain Employees of Trigon Insurance Company.

Each of the foregoing plans are referred to as a "Predecessor Plan(s)." Benefits ceased to accrue under the Predecessor Plans effective December 31, 2004 and, as such, are grandfathered for purposes of Code Section 409A. Solely for administrative purposes, Predecessor Plan Account balances, determined as of December 31, 2005, became accounted for under the 2005 WellPoint Plan effective as of January 1, 2006. In all other respects, each Predecessor Plan Account remains subject exclusively to the terms of the Predecessor Plan to which it relates.

1.02 <u>Purpose</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Plan applies only to Participants to whose Account contributions are credited under Article IV and Article V. The purpose of the Plan is for certain management and highly compensated employees to (1) restore certain benefits that cannot be provided under the tax-qualified plans maintained by the Company and its affiliates and (2) provide additional opportunities to defer one or more items of their compensation.

The Plan is intended to comply with Code Section 409A and shall be interpreted, administered and operated as necessary to comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A and applicable Treasury Regulations. The Plan is further intended to be a plan that is unfunded and maintained by Anthem, Inc. primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

In this Plan, the following terms have the meanings indicated below:

2.01 "Account" means the account maintained under the Plan for each Participant which is credited with amounts under Article IV and Article V of the Plan and adjusted periodically for investment performance under Article VI of the Plan and distributions or withdrawals in accordance with Article VIII. The Account of each Participant who is also a

Predecessor Plan Participant shall also include the Predecessor Plan Account maintained on behalf of that Predecessor Plan Participant, as adjusted periodically for investment performance under Article VI of the Plan and distributions or withdrawals in accordance with the terms of the Predecessor Plan to which it relates. Each Participant's Account shall be divided into a series of Plan Year subaccounts, one for each Plan Year for which the Participant defers any Compensation under the Plan. To the extent it considers necessary or appropriate, the Administrator may further divide each such Plan Year subaccount into a series of separate subaccounts so that each category of deferred Compensation may be credited to its own separate subcategories within that particular Plan Year subaccount.

- 2.02 "Administrator" means the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company and, if the context requires, the Human Resources Department of the Company, in charge of the day-to-day administration of the Plan.
- 2.03 "Affiliate" means an entity other than the Company whose employees participate in the tax-qualified retirement plans of ATH Holding Company, LLC or National Government Services, Inc. or whose employees are authorized to participate in the Plan by the Committee.
 - 2.04 "Anthem LTIP" means each pre-2005 Anthem Long-Term Incentive Plan.
 - 2.05 "Anthem Plan" means the Anthem Deferred Compensation Plan.
 - 2.06 "Anthem SERP" means the Anthem Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.
- 2.07 "Anthem SERP Participant" means an individual who is eligible on or after January 1, 2006 to earn a benefit under the 2005 Anthem SERP.
- 2.08 "Beneficiary" means the person or persons, trust or estate designated in writing, to receive a Participant's vested Account if the Participant dies before distribution of the entire vested balance credited to that Account. A Participant may designate one or more primary Beneficiaries and one or more secondary Beneficiaries. A Participant's Beneficiary designation must be made in writing pursuant to such procedures as the Administrator may establish and delivered to the Administrator before the Participant's death. The Participant may revoke or change this designation at any time before his or her death by following such procedures as the Administrator will establish. If the Administrator has not received a Participant's Beneficiary designation before the Participant's death or if the Participant does not otherwise have an effective Beneficiary designation on file when he or she dies, the vested balance of such Participant's Account will be distributed to his or her estate.
- 2.09 "Bonus" means an amount awarded to an Eligible Employee under an annual incentive plan maintained by the Company as determined by the Administrator.
- 2.10 <u>"Bonus Deferral"</u> means an election by a Participant to defer the receipt of a Bonus in accordance with the requirements of Article IV.
 - 2.11 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

- 2.12 "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors or a subcommittee of two or more members thereof. The Committee shall have full discretionary authority to administer and interpret the Plan, to determine eligibility for Plan benefits, to select employees for Plan participation, to determine the benefit entitlement of each Participant and Beneficiary hereunder and to correct errors. The Committee may delegate any of its duties and responsibilities not otherwise delegated hereunder to the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer as Administrator, and unless the Committee expressly provides to the contrary, any such delegation will carry with it the Committee's full discretionary authority with respect to the delegated duties and responsibilities. In no event, however, shall the Committee delegate its authority to amend or terminate the Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.06. Decisions of the Committee or its delegate will be final and binding on all persons.
 - 2.13 "Company" means Anthem, Inc., an Indiana corporation.
 - 2.14 "Company Contribution" means, for any one Plan Year, the amount determined in accordance with Section 4.04.
- 2.15 "Compensation" means the respective definitions of compensation as set forth in the Savings Plan for elective deferrals and matching contributions, as constituted from time to time and as the context requires. In either case, the respective definition of compensation as set forth in the Savings Plan is determined without regard to the application of the limitation under Code Section 401(a)(17).
- 2.16 <u>"Compensation Deferral"</u> means an election by a Participant to defer the receipt of the portion of his or her Compensation in accordance with the requirements of Article IV.
- 2.17 <u>"Election Form"</u> means the form or forms established from time to time by the Administrator that a Participant completes, signs and returns to the Administrator to make a deferral election, make or change a payment election, and/or make or change an investment election. To the extent authorized by the Administrator, such form may be electronic or set forth in some other media or format.
- 2.18 "Eligible Employee" means each employee of the Company or an Affiliate whose Compensation is equal to or in excess of the Code Section 401(a)(17) compensation limit in effect at the time the employee's eligibility is determined in accordance with Section 3.01.
- 2.19 <u>"In-Service Payout"</u> means a complete distribution of a Participant's vested Plan Year subaccount (including the related Matching Contribution) as of a specified date elected by a Participant.
- 2.20 <u>"Key Employee"</u> means for the period January 1 through December 31 each individual identified by the Administrator as of the immediately preceding September 30 as a "key employee," as defined under Code Section 416(i), disregarding Code Section 416(i)(5).
 - 2.21 "Make-Up Contribution" means the contribution described under Section 4.04.
 - 2.22 "Matching Contribution" means a matching contribution pursuant to Section 4.03.

- 2.23 "Merged Plan" means the 2005 Anthem SERP, the 2005 Anthem Plan, the 2005 Trigon Plan or the 2005 Trigon SERP.
- 2.24 "Participant" means a current or former Eligible Employee for whom an Account (including one or more Plan Year subaccounts) is maintained. A Participant shall also include a Predecessor Plan Participant for the limited purposes set forth in the Plan.
- 2.25 "Pension Benefit" means the benefit payable to an individual under the Pension Plan or the UGS Pension Plan, as the context requires.
- 2.26 "Pension Plan" means the qualified pension plan maintained by ATH Holding Company, LLC or its predecessors under which a Participant is actively accruing a benefit, which may include the WellPoint Cash Balance Pension Plan B, as amended from time to time or renamed, and/or such other qualified pension plan maintained by ATH Holding Company, LLC.
- 2.27 "Plan" means this Anthem, Inc. Comprehensive Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended from time to time.
 - 2.28 "Plan Year" means the calendar year.
- 2.29 "Predecessor Plan" means any of the WellPoint Plan, the Anthem SERP, the Anthem Plan, the various Anthem LTIPs, the Trigon Plan or the Trigon SERP, each of which cover grandfathered benefits not subject to Code Section 409A.
- 2.30 "Predecessor Plan Account" means a hypothetical or bookkeeping account reflecting a grandfathered benefit under a Predecessor Plan, the amount of which was transferred to the Plan on December 31, 2005. Such account is credited with additional earnings pursuant to Article VI.
- 2.31 <u>"Predecessor Plan Participant"</u> means an individual who was eligible to participate in one or more of the Predecessor Plans and who, as of December 31, 2005 (the date Predecessor Plan Accounts were transferred to the Plan), has a Predecessor Plan Account.
 - 2.32 "Regulations" mean Treasury Regulations issued under the Code.
 - 2.33 "Savings Plan" means the WellPoint 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, as amended from time to time or renamed.
- 2.34 "Separation from Service" means termination of the Participant's employment relationship (within the meaning of Code Section 409A and Regulations issued thereunder) with the Company and its affiliates and any other service relationship defined in such applicable Regulations, other than by reason of death. For purposes of the foregoing, whether an entity is affiliated with the Company shall be determined pursuant to the controlled group rules of Code Section 414, as modified by Code Section 409A. However, the Participant's employment relationship with the Employer shall be treated as continuing intact while the individual is on a military leave, sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence if the period of such leave does not exceed six months (or longer, if required by statute or contract). If the period of the leave

exceeds six months and the Participant's right to reemployment is not provided either by statute or contract, the employment relationship is deemed to terminate on the first date immediately following such six-month period for purposes of Code Section 409A only.

- 2.35 "Trigon Plan" means the Trigon Insurance Company 401(k) Restoration Plan.
- 2.36 "Trigon SERP" means the Supplemental Retirement Plan for Certain Employees of Trigon Insurance Company.
- 2.37 "UGS Pension Plan" means the UGS Pension Plan, as amended from time to time, and any predecessor qualified pension plan maintained by National Government Services, Inc.
- 2.38 "WellPoint Plan" means the WellPoint Health Networks Inc. Comprehensive Executive Non-Qualified Retirement Plan.
- 2.39 "WellPoint SERP Participant" means an individual who is eligible on or after January 1, 2006 to earn a benefit under Section 4.01 of the 2005 WellPoint Plan.
 - 2.40 "2005 Anthem SERP" means the 2005 Anthem Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.
- 2.41 <u>"2005 WellPoint Plan"</u> means the WellPoint, Inc. 2005 Comprehensive Executive Non-Qualified Retirement Plan, as in effect on December 31, 2005.
 - 2.42 "2005 Anthem Plan" means the 2005 Anthem Deferred Compensation Plan.
 - 2.43 "2005 Trigon Plan" means the 2005 Trigon Insurance Company 401(k) Restoration Plan.
- 2.44 "2005 Trigon SERP" means the 2005 Supplemental Retirement Plan for Certain Employees of Trigon Insurance Company.

ARTICLE III ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

3.01 Eligibility. Determination of an individual as an Eligible Employee is made on a Plan Year by Plan Year basis. The Administrator may determine the individual is an Eligible Employee for the immediately following Plan Year pursuant to any such rules and requirements regarding the criteria for, and manner in, which individuals are determined to be an Eligible Employee. Such rules and requirements do not need to be consistent from Plan Year to Plan Year or among individuals. An individual who is determined to be an Eligible Employee shall be permitted to make a Compensation Deferral and Bonus Deferral election effective for the Plan Year that begins immediately following the Administrator's determination of the individual as an Eligible Employee in accordance with the rules set forth in Article IV. An individual who is determined to be an Eligible Employee shall not be permitted to make a Compensation Deferral with respect to Compensation earned or a Bonus Deferral with respect to the Bonus paid in the Plan Year in which he or she is determined to be an Eligible Employee. Such an individual may make a Bonus Deferral for the Bonus earned in such Plan Year pursuant to the rules set forth in

Article IV provided the individual becomes an Eligible Employee before or during the enrollment period established for such Plan Year.

Notwithstanding any Plan provision to the contrary, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, place further requirements and/or limitations on an Eligible Employee's participation in any portion of the Plan.

- 3.02 <u>Participation</u>. To begin participation in the Plan, an Eligible Employee shall properly complete and timely submit an Election Form to the Administrator in accordance with the Administrator's rules. An Eligible Employee shall become a Participant on the first day on which a deferral of an elected amount or contribution is first credited to his or her Account. The Administrator may establish from time to time such other enrollment requirements as it determines in its sole discretion are necessary.
- 3.03 Enrollment Requirements. Election Forms shall be completed and filed with the Administrator by the time periods set forth in Article IV for the particular type of compensation to be deferred or during such other enrollment period as the Administrator determines in accordance with such Article. Subject to Section 8.05, a Participant may change or revoke a deferral or distribution election any time before such election becomes irrevocable, which shall occur as of the applicable deadline specified in Article IV unless the Administrator establishes an earlier deadline. Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, a new Election Form shall be required for each Plan Year in which an Eligible Employee wants to defer his or her Compensation or Bonus. A Participant's Election Form shall specify the form of payment, which shall be paid at the times specified in Article VIII. Unless otherwise specified herein or determined by the Administrator, the election made by the Participant for each Plan Year shall apply to all amounts credited to the Participant's Plan Year subaccount for such Plan Year.

3.04 Cessation of Participation.

- (a) Loss of Eligibility. An individual who qualifies as an Eligible Employee for a particular Plan Year will continue to be an Eligible Employee until such time as the Administrator determines otherwise, including that the Eligible Employee no longer satisfies the Plan's eligibility requirements or is not a member of a select group of management or highly compensated employees. Any determination of ineligibility shall be effective for an immediately following Plan Year. Any individual who ceases to be an Eligible Employee shall continue to be a Participant with respect to amounts credited to his or her Account until such amounts are completely distributed to him or her in accordance with the Plan.
- (b) <u>Committee Discretion.</u> Notwithstanding any Plan provision to the contrary, the Committee shall have the sole discretionary authority to exclude a Participant from making further deferrals under the Plan with such exclusion becoming effective as of the first day of the next succeeding Plan Year. Such Participant shall remain a Participant in the Plan until his Account balance is paid in full.
- (c) <u>Hardship Withdrawals.</u> Elective or deemed deferrals made by a Participant who receives a hardship withdrawal shall be canceled pursuant to

Section 8.07. The Participant shall remain a Participant in the Plan until his Account balance is paid in full.

(d) <u>Separation from Service or Death.</u> Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, upon a Participant's Separation from Service or death, if earlier, any outstanding distribution election shall be given effect to the extent any amounts covered by such election are paid after such event.

ARTICLE IV DEFERRALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

4.01 Compensation.

- (a) <u>Elections.</u> Subject to Article III, an Eligible Employee may make a Compensation Deferral by filing an Election Form with the Administrator before the beginning of the Plan Year in which the Compensation is earned. All deferrals shall be made on a pre-tax basis. The Administrator may prescribe such rules and requirements regarding Compensation Deferral elections as it deems appropriate. An Eligible Employee's Savings Plan election cannot be changed during the Plan Year to which the Compensation Deferral election relates.
- (b) Amount. For each Plan Year, an Eligible Employee may elect to make a Compensation Deferral for each payroll period in a percentage (not to exceed 60%) of his or her Compensation net of any required taxes, Savings Plan deferrals and salary reduction amounts described in Code Section 125. Deferrals to the Plan shall begin after the Eligible Employee has made the maximum salary deferrals permitted under the Savings Plan for the Plan Year under Code Section 402(g). For purposes of the preceding sentence, for any given Plan Year and for all Eligible Employees, the Administrator may determine whether such maximum salary deferral includes catch-up contributions (within the meaning of Code Section 402(g)).
- (c) <u>No Changes.</u> Subject to Section 3.03, a Compensation Deferral election shall be irrevocable as of the first day of the Plan Year to which the Election Form relates.
- (d) <u>Crediting.</u> Compensation Deferrals made by a Participant will be credited to his or her applicable Plan Year subaccount as soon as practical after the date that the Compensation amount to which those Compensation Deferrals relate would have otherwise been paid.

4.02 Bonus.

- (a) <u>Elections.</u> The Administrator may prescribe such rules and requirements regarding Bonus Deferral elections.
 - (i) <u>Generally.</u> Subject to Article III, an Eligible Employee may make a Bonus Deferral by filing an Election Form with the

Administrator before the beginning of the Plan Year in which the Bonus is earned. All deferrals shall be made on a pre-tax basis.

(ii) <u>Performance-Based Compensation.</u> Notwithstanding anything in

the Plan to the contrary, to the extent the Committee determines that a Bonus constitutes "performance-based compensation" (within the meaning of Code Section 409A and Regulations issued thereunder), the Committee may permit an Eligible Employee to file an Election Form with the Administrator on or before a date that occurs no later than six months before the end of the performance period provided that (A) the Eligible Employee performs services continuously from the later of the beginning of the performance period or the date the criteria are established through the date the Election Form is submitted and (B) the compensation is not readily ascertainable (within the meaning of Code Section 409A and Regulations issued thereunder) as of the date the Election Form is filed. If a Bonus Deferral election is made pursuant to this paragraph after the beginning of the Plan Year in which the Bonus is earned, such election shall be void if the Bonus becomes payable as a result of the Eligible Employee's death before the satisfaction of the performance criteria.

- (b) <u>Amount.</u> For each Plan Year, an Eligible Employee may elect to make a Bonus Deferral with respect to any amount of his or her Bonus net of any required taxes and salary reduction amounts described in Code Section 125. Further, the amount deferred will be equal to the percentage elected for his or her Bonus Deferral plus the percentage elected for his Compensation Deferral. The total amount of Compensation Deferrals and Bonus Deferrals for a given Plan Year cannot exceed 80% of his or her Compensation.
- (c) <u>No Changes.</u> Subject to Section 3.03, such Bonus Deferral election shall be irrevocable as of the first day of the Plan Year to which the Election Form relates or the deadline established by the Administrator for performance-based compensation, as the case may be.
- (d) <u>Crediting.</u> Bonus Deferrals made by the Participant will be credited to his or her applicable Plan Year subaccount as soon as practical after the date that the Bonus amount to which those Bonus Deferrals relate would have otherwise been paid.

4.03 Matching Contributions.

- (a) <u>Eligibility.</u> Participants shall be entitled to a Matching Contribution under the Plan only to the extent he or she has satisfied the eligibility requirements for an employer matching contribution under the Savings Plan.
- (b) <u>Amount.</u> The amount of the Matching Contribution to which a Participant is entitled will be a percentage of Compensation that he or she elects to defer under the

Plan applied to the matching contribution formula then in effect under the Savings Plan less the amount of matching contribution made, if any, under the Savings Plan.

(c) <u>Crediting.</u> The Matching Contributions to which the Participant is entitled will be credited to his or her applicable Plan Year subaccount at such time and in such manner as determined by the Administrator and as applied uniformly to all Participants.

4.04 Non-Elective Contributions.

(a) <u>Eligibility.</u> For each Plan Year, the Company or an Affiliate, in its sole discretion, may, but is not required to, credit any amount it desires as a Company Contribution and/or Make-Up Contribution to the Plan Year subaccount of one or more Participants, on such terms as it determines, which need not be the same for each Participant.

(b) <u>Company Contribution.</u>

(i) Form of Payment. A Participant who receives a Company

Contribution may make a separate election as to the form of payment for such Amount. Any Election Form pursuant to which a Participant selects a form of payment must be filed with the Administrator either:

- (A) During a period of at least 30 days, or as otherwise specified by the Administrator in its discretion, that occurs before the beginning of the Plan Year in which the Company Contribution is earned or begins to be earned, as the case may be, or
- (B) Within 30 days after the Company Contribution is awarded, provided the Company Contribution is subject to a vesting schedule of at least 12 months from the date the completed Election Form is filed with the Administrator (taking into account any automatic vesting provisions that may be provided upon certain terminations from employment that may occur before such 12 month period).

If no such Election Form is filed, then the form of payment shall be a lump sum at Separation from Service.

(ii) <u>No Changes.</u> Subject to Section 3.03, a Participant's Election

Form shall be irrevocable as of the first day of the Plan Year to which the Election Form relates.

(iii) Amount. The Company Contribution credited to a Participant shall

be determined by the Committee or the Administrator, in their discretion. Such contribution may be smaller or larger than the amount credited to any other Participant, and the amount credited

to any Participant for a Plan Year may be zero, even though one or more other Participants receive a Company Contribution for that Plan Year. Crediting of a Company Contribution for one Plan Year does not guarantee a Company Contribution for subsequent Plan Years.

(c) <u>Make-Up Contribution.</u>

- (i) <u>Form of Payment.</u> If a Participant is credited with a Make-Up Contribution, such contribution shall be paid in a lump sum at the earlier of the Participant's Separation from Service or death.
- (ii) <u>Amount.</u> The Make-Up Contribution credited to a Participant shall be determined by the Committee or the Administrator, in their discretion.
- (d) <u>Crediting.</u> Company and Make-Up Contributions will be credited to a Participant's applicable Plan Year subaccount as soon as practical after the date that the Company or Affiliate determines such contributions shall be made.

ARTICLE V SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

- 5.01 <u>Eligibility for Supplemental Pension Contribution.</u> A Participant whose benefit under the Pension Plan or UGS Pension Plan, as the case may be, is limited as a result of Code Section 401(a)(17) or Code Section 415, shall be credited with a Supplemental Pension Contribution as described in this Article.
- 5.02 <u>In General.</u> Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the Supplemental Pension Contribution shall be equal to the difference between the amount which was actually credited to his account under the Pension Plan or the UGS Pension Plan, as the case may be, and the amount which would have been credited to his account had the amount not been limited as a result of Code Section 401(a)(17) or Code Section 415. The Supplemental Pension Contribution to which the Participant is entitled will be credited to his applicable Plan Year subaccount as of the date that the Pension Benefit to which such Supplemental Pension Contribution relates would otherwise have been credited under the Pension Plan.
- 5.03 Former DeCare Dental Pension Plan Participants. An individual who was a named participant in the DeCare Dental Deferred Compensation Plan and/or the DeCare Dental Restoration Plan as of such plans' termination on or about April 9, 2009, became a Participant under this Article as of April 9, 2009. Such Participant shall be eligible for a Supplemental Pension Contribution if *he* previously participated in the DeCare Dental Pension Plan, met the Rule of 65 (as defined under the Pension Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and became a Participant in the Pension Plan on January 1, 2010. In such circumstance, the Supplemental Pension Contribution will be equal to the "Supplemental Part A Benefit," the "Supplemental A* Benefit," if any, plus the "Supplemental Part B Benefit," if any, each as further described below.
 - (a) The Supplemental Part A Benefit will be equal to:

- (i) the Part A Benefit (as determined under and set forth in the Pension Plan) that would have been payable to the Participant without regard to Code Section 401(a)(17) or Code Section 415, as of December 31, 2014 (or such earlier Separation from Service) less the Part A Benefit actually payable to the Participant under the Pension Plan and determined in an annuity, less
- (ii) an annuity equivalent of any lump sum amount received by the Participant from (i) the DeCare Dental Deferred Compensation Plan and the DeCare Dental Restoration Plan upon the respective plans' termination, and (ii) if applicable, the non-qualified plans sponsored by BCBSM, Inc. (d/b/a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota) that provided benefits in excess of the benefits provided under such entity's qualified plans.

The Part A Benefit formula uses a Participant's actual "Salary" (as defined in Exhibit S of the Pension Plan), to determine the Part A Benefit. In the event a Participant has an individual agreement that provides for certain assumptions to apply in the determination of Salary, the terms of the agreement shall be given effect.

The Supplemental Part A Benefit will be credited to a Plan Year subaccount as soon as administratively feasible after December 31, 2014, or Separation from Service, as the case may be.

- (b) If the Participant continues to be eligible to participate in the Pension Plan after December 31, 2014, the Supplemental Part A* Benefit will be equal to the Benefit Transition Adjustment (as determined and defined under the Pension Plan) without regard to Code Section 401(a)(17) less the actual Benefit Transition Adjustment payable to the Participant under the Pension Plan. Such Benefit Transition Adjustment will be determined each Plan Year. The Supplemental Part A* Benefit to which the Participant is entitled will be credited to his applicable Plan Year subaccount as of the date that the Benefit Transition Adjustment to which such Supplemental Part A* Benefit relates would otherwise have been credited under the Pension Plan.
- (c) If the Participant continues to be eligible to participate in the Pension Plan after December 31, 2014, the Supplemental Part B Benefit will be determined under, and credited pursuant to, Section 5.02 of this Article.
- 5.04 <u>OSERP.</u> Notwithstanding anything in this Article to the contrary and subject to Section 12.06, the Company reserves the discretion to credit some or all of a Participant's Supplemental Pension Contributions including earnings on such amounts, on a prospective or retroactive basis, to the Pension Plan or the UGS Pension Plan, as the case may be. Any such credit shall only be made if it is consistent with applicable rules governing the Pension Plan and/or the UGS Pension Plan and Code Section 409A and Regulations issued thereunder.

ARTICLE VI EARNINGS

- 6.01 <u>Investment Funds.</u> Amounts credited to a Participant's Account under the Plan shall be credited with earnings, at periodic intervals determined by the Administrator, at a rate equal to the actual rate of return for such period on the investment fund or funds or index or indices or vehicle or vehicles selected by that Participant. The investment options shall be comparable to those offered under the Savings Plan, from time to time, except for the option to invest in Anthem common stock or the Vanguard brokerage option (or other self-managed account option that may be offered under the Savings Plan). The Committee may offer other investment options in its discretion. The rate of return on such investment vehicles shall be tracked solely for the purpose of determining the phantom investment gain, earnings and losses to be credited to the Participant's Account during the deferral period. Neither the Company nor any of its affiliates shall be obligated to make any actual investment.
- 6.02 Conversion of Investments from Predecessor Plans and Merged Plans. Before January 1, 2006, amounts representing Predecessor Plan Account balances and account balances from Merged Plans were credited with earnings based on investment options available under the Predecessor Plan or Merged Plan to which they related. Effective as of January 1, 2006, those Predecessor Plan Accounts (or accounts from Merged Plans) shall be credited with earnings in accordance with Section 6.01. Before January 1, 2006, the Committee shall prescribe rules (that may vary among classes of Participants) that provide each Predecessor Plan Participant (and Participant with a Merged Plan account balance) an opportunity to select the investment fund or funds or index or indices to be used as the basis for crediting his or her Predecessor Plan Account (or Merged Plan account) with earnings as of January 1, 2006. To the extent the Committee has not received investment direction from a Participant before December 15, 2005 with respect to his or her Predecessor Plan Account or Merged Plan account, such Predecessor Plan Account or Merged Plan account shall be credited with earnings based upon a default investment option under the Savings Plan designated as such by the Committee or in accordance with such other rules as may be adopted by the Committee and applied on a consistent, uniform basis.

ARTICLE VII VESTING

7.01 Elective Deferrals under the Plan.

- (a) Each Participant will be 100% vested in that portion of his or her Account attributable to Compensation Deferrals and Bonus Deferrals made on or after January 1, 2006. For periods on or after January 1, 2006 and before January 1, 2014, this provision also applied to Salary Deferrals made pursuant to the Plan terms then in effect.
 - (b) Deferrals made under the Plan are 100% vested except as follows::
 - (i) To the extent any item of Compensation deferred under the Plan before January 1, 2006 would have been subject to additional vesting requirements if not deferred, then the portion of the

Participant's Plan Year subaccount attributable to that item shall be subject to those additional vesting requirements.

- (ii) Each Participant will vest in the portion of each Plan Year subaccount attributable to "Supplemental Special Deferred Compensation Arrangements" (as those terms were defined in the Plan before January 1, 2006) in the manner described in the "Supplemental Special Deferred Compensation Arrangement.".
- 7.02 <u>Supplemental Pension Plan Contributions</u>. All Supplemental Pension Plan Contributions as determined in accordance with Article V of the Plan shall be 100% vested.
- 7.03 <u>Predecessor or Merged Plans.</u> Vesting of a Participant's Account attributable to deferrals made and accruals earned before January 1, 2006 under a Predecessor Plan or Merged Plan were governed by the terms of the Predecessor Plan or Merged Plan to which they relate.
 - 7.04 <u>Company and/or Make-Up Contributions.</u> Vesting of any Company Contributions and Make-Up Contributions shall be determined by the Company or Affiliate, in its sole discretion, and need not be the same for all Participants.

ARTICLE VIII DISTRIBUTIONS

- 8.01 <u>Annual Election.</u> Participants must indicate on an Election Form which of the distribution options described below will govern payment of the Plan Year subaccount to which deferred amounts are credited before the beginning of the Plan Year in which the compensation is earned or such earlier or later time as may be specified by the Administrator pursuant to Article III or Article IV. Unless otherwise specified in the Plan or permitted by the Administrator, such distribution election applies to all amounts credited to the Plan Year subaccount, including, but not limited to, Matching Contributions and Supplemental Pension Contributions.
- 8.02 <u>Time for Distribution.</u> Except as otherwise provided in Section 8.07, distribution of a Participant's Account shall be made on the earliest to occur of:
 - (a) The date elected by a Participant under Section 8.03 with respect to an In-Service Payout;
 - (b) The date set forth in Section 8.04 with respect to the Participant's Separation from Service; or
 - (c) The date set forth in Section 8.06 with respect to the Participant's death.
- 8.03 <u>In-Service Payout.</u> A Participant may irrevocably select, on his or her Election Form, a specified date to receive a lump sum In-Service Payout of all vested amounts credited to a Plan Year subaccount. Payment shall be made as soon as administratively feasible following the specified date and before the later of (i) December 31 of the calendar year containing the specified date, or (ii) the 15 th day of the third month following the specified date. If any amounts

are unvested at the time of the elected In-Service Payout date, but later become vested, such remaining amounts shall be paid at the earlier of the Participant's Separation from Service or Death.

8.04 <u>Separation from Service.</u> Upon a Participant's Separation from Service for any reason other than death, a Participant's vested Plan Year subaccount shall be paid or begin to be paid as soon as administratively feasible following Separation from Service and before the later of (i) December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant's Separation from Service occurs, or (ii) the 15 ¹¹¹ day of the third month following the Participant's Separation from Service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, distributions made to a Key Employee upon such separation shall be paid or begin to be paid no earlier than the first day following the six month anniversary of the Participant's Separation from Service unless the Participant dies before or during such six-month period, in which case, such six-month delay shall not apply and payment shall be made pursuant to Section 8.06. Subsequent installment payments shall be made thereafter on or about the anniversary of the first installment payment.

Payment shall be made to the Participant in such form as determined below in subsection (a), (b), or (c).

- (a) <u>Lump Sum.</u> A Participant's Plan Year subaccount balance shall be paid in a lump sum if:
 - (I) timely elected by the Participant pursuant to the Plan; or
 - (ii) no valid payment election is in effect when distribution is to be made.
- (b) <u>Annual Installments.</u> A Participant may elect to receive payment of his or her Plan Year subaccount balance in either:
 - (i) five annual installments; or
 - (ii) ten annual installments.
- (c) <u>Exceptions.</u> Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the following shall apply:
 - (i) If a Participant's Account balance constituting contributions (other than Company and Make-Up Contributions) for all Plan Years at Separation from Service or death, whichever is earlier, is equal to or less than the limit then in effect under Code Section 402(g)(1)(B), such balance shall be paid in a lump sum in lieu of any election to receive installments.
 - (ii) A Participant who is entitled to receive a Supplemental Part A Benefit, as provided under Article V, shall receive such benefit in a lump sum. Payment of the Supplemental Part A* Benefit, if any,

8.05 Subsequent Changes in Elections.

- (a) Participants who previously elected to receive an In-Service Payout pursuant to Section 8.03 shall be permitted to change his or her election to delay the time for payment until the fifth anniversary of the date the lump sum distribution would otherwise have been made. However, no such change of election under this Section shall have any force or effect or become effective until the expiration of the 12-month period measured from the filing date of such election. In addition, each such change of election with respect to an original election to receive an In-Service Payout shall be valid only if such election is made at least 12 months before the date of the scheduled distribution. In no event, however, may any change to the time for payment in effect for the Plan Year subaccount result in any acceleration of the distribution of that subaccount. Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, in the event of the Participant's Separation from Service or death after a subsequent election is made but before the end of the five-year delay described above, payment shall instead be made upon such Separation from Service or death, as the case may be.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, on or before December 31, 2008, Participants may make changes to distribution elections previously filed with respect to amounts deferred under the Plan that relate to Plan Years 2005 through 2008 consistent with transition relief provided by the Department of the Treasury in Notice 2006-79, Notice 2007-86 and proposed regulations promulgated under Code Section 409A.

8.06 <u>Death.</u> If a Participant dies with a vested balance credited to one or more of his or her Plan Year subaccounts, whether or not the Participant was receiving payouts from those subaccounts at the time of his or her death, then the Participant's Beneficiary will receive the vested balance of each of those Plan Year subaccounts in a lump sum. If a Participant has any unvested Matching Contributions or Supplemental Pension Contributions credited to the Participant's Account as of death, such amounts will become fully vested, nonforfeitable and distributed pursuant to this Section.

8.07 <u>Hardship Withdrawal.</u> This Section shall only apply to amounts credited to a Participant's Account that are subject to Code Section 409A. Any hardship withdrawal right with respect to grandfathered amounts (within the meaning of Code Section 409A) shall be subject to rules, if any, of the Predecessor Plans. If a Participant (A) incurs a severe financial hardship as a result of (i) an illness or accident involving the Participant, his or her spouse, Beneficiary or any dependent (as determined pursuant to Code Section 152(a)), (ii) a casualty loss involving the Participant's property or (iii) other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable event beyond the Participant's control and (B) does not have any other resources available, whether through reimbursement or compensation (by insurance or otherwise) or liquidation of existing assets (to the extent such liquidation would not itself result in financial hardship), to satisfy such financial emergency, then the Participant may apply to the Administrator for an immediate distribution from the vested portion of his or her Account (but not the Predecessor

Plan Account) in an amount necessary to satisfy such financial hardship and the tax liability attributable to such distribution. The Administrator shall have complete discretion to accept or reject the request and shall in no event authorize a distribution in an amount in excess of that reasonably required to meet such financial hardship and the tax liability attributable to that distribution.

Any hardship withdrawal shall be made only to the extent permitted in accordance with Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(3). As a condition of the Administrator's acceptance of a request for a hardship withdrawal under this Section, the Participant's election to make Compensation Deferrals and/or Bonus Deferrals shall be terminated for the remainder of the Plan Year in which the hardship withdrawal is taken. In addition, such Participant shall be suspended from making Compensation Deferrals and Bonus Deferrals for the Plan Year immediately after the Plan Year in which the hardship withdrawal is taken. Such Participant, if then an Eligible Employee, may make a deferral election that relates to the second Plan Year following the Plan Year in which the hardship withdrawal was made in accordance with Article III and Article IV.

- 8.08 <u>Valuation</u>. The amount to be distributed from any Plan Year subaccount pursuant to this Article VIII shall be determined on the basis of the vested balance credited to that subaccount as of the most recent practicable date (as determined by the Administrator or its delegate) preceding the date of the actual distribution.
- 8.09 <u>Tax Withholding.</u> Income taxes and other taxes payable with respect to an Account shall be deducted from amounts payable under the Plan. All federal, state or local taxes that the Administrator determines are required to be withheld from any payments made pursuant to this Article VIII shall be withheld.
- 8.10 <u>Payment of Small Accounts.</u> The Administrator may, in its sole discretion which shall be evidenced in writing no later than the date of payment, elect to pay the value of the Participant's Account in a single lump sum if the balance of such Account is not greater than the applicable dollar amount under Code Section 402(g)(1)(B), provided the payment represents the complete liquidation of the Participant's interest in the Plan and all other account balance plans as determined pursuant to Regulation Section 1.409A-1(c)(2).
- 8.11 <u>Right of Offset.</u> The Company or an Affiliate shall have the right to offset any amounts payable to a Participant under the Plan to reimburse the Company or an Affiliate for liabilities or obligations of the Participant to the Company or Affiliate if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) the liabilities or obligations of the Participant to the Company or Affiliate were incurred in the ordinary course of the service relationship between the Participant and the Company or Affiliate;
 - (b) the entire amount to be offset does not exceed \$5,000 in any taxable year of the Participant; and
 - (c) the offset is made at the same time and in the same amount as the liabilities or obligations otherwise would have been due and collected from the Participant.

- 8.12 <u>Bona Fide Dispute.</u> The Committee or the Administrator shall have the discretion to accelerate the time or schedule of payment under the Plan pursuant to Regulation Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(xiv) where such payment occurs as part of an arm's length settlement of a bona fide dispute between the Company or an Affiliate and a Participant as to the Participant's right to the deferred amount.
- 8.13 <u>Income Inclusion Under Code Section 409A.</u> The Committee or the Administrator shall have the discretion to accelerate the time or schedule of payment under the Plan if the Plan fails to meet the requirements of Code Section 409A and Regulations issued thereunder, provided that any such payment does not exceed the amount required to be included in income as a result of such failure.
- 8.14 Effect of Rehire. In the event a Participant experiences a Separation from Service, begins receiving payment of his or her Account and is subsequently rehired by the Company or an Affiliate, distributions shall continue as regularly scheduled.

ARTICLE IX EFFECT ON PREDECESSOR AND MERGED PLANS

- 9.01 <u>Coordination With Predecessor Plans</u>. Solely for ease of administration, the Predecessor Plans may be attached as exhibits to the Plan and are incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, eligibility for and entitlement to benefits under the Predecessor Plans are governed solely by the terms of those Predecessor Plans. Effective January 1, 2005 (or such earlier date as may be provided in a Predecessor Plan), Participants ceased to accrue further benefits under the Predecessor Plans; however, Predecessor Plan benefits continue to accrue earnings per the Predecessor Plan terms before January 1, 2006 and pursuant to the Plan effective as of January 1, 2006.
- 9.02 Predecessor Plan Accounts. Although benefits accrued under Predecessor Plans are grandfathered for purposes of Code Section 409A to the extent such amounts were earned and vested as of December 31, 2004, for administrative purposes, the December 31, 2005 Predecessor Plan Account balance of any Predecessor Plan Participant became accounted for under the Plan as of January 1, 2006 and shall be subject to Article VI. In all other respects, each Predecessor Plan Account shall remain subject exclusively to the terms of the Predecessor Plan to which it relates, including without limitation the existing distribution election (commencement date and form of distribution) applicable to the Predecessor Participant's Predecessor Plan Account. Any change in that distribution election must be made in compliance with the applicable provisions of the applicable Predecessor Plan.
- 9.03 Merged Plans. The 2005 Anthem Plan, the 2005 Anthem SERP, the 2005 Trigon Plan and the 2005 Trigon SERP were merged into the Plan effective as of December 31, 2005. All benefits accrued under such merged plans are subject to Code Section 409A. In conjunction with the merger, on and after January 1, 2006, benefits ceased to accrue under the 2005 Anthem Plan, the 2005 Anthem SERP, the 2005 Trigon Plan, and the 2005 Trigon SERP except as otherwise provided in the Plan. The rights and obligations of participants in the Merged Plans before their effective dates of merger shall be governed solely by the terms of the Merged Plans; provided, however, that to the extent minimally necessary to comply with the requirements of

Section 409A of the Code, the requirements and restrictions of Sections 5.01(a)-(c) and 8.01(a)-(d) of the 2005 WellPoint Plan shall apply, effective as of January 1, 2005, to the portion of the Participant's Account attributable to the 2005 Anthem Plan. Distributions of amounts attributable to Merged Plan benefits are made pursuant to a Participant's election in effect under the applicable Merged Plan. If no such election is on file, amounts shall be distributed in a single lump sum payment.

ARTICLE X CLAIMS PROCEDURES

10.01 Presentation of Claim. No application is required for the commencement of benefits under the Plan. However, if a Participant or Beneficiary ("Claimant") believes that he or she is entitled to a greater benefit under the Plan, the Claimant may submit a signed, written application to the Committee for such a greater benefit. If such a claim relates to the contents of a notice received by the Claimant, the claim must be made within 90 days after such notice was received by the Claimant. All other claims shall be made within 180 days of the date on which the event that caused the claim to arise occurred. The claim shall state with particularity the determination desired by the Claimant. A claim shall be considered to have been made when a written communication made by the Claimant or the Claimant's representative is received by the Committee or its authorized delegate. References to the Committee in this Article includes references to the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer and, if applicable, such officer's delegate. The Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer may further delegate, orally or in writing, authority to decide certain claims under this Article.

10.02 <u>Decision on Initial Claim.</u> The Committee shall consider a Claimant's claim and provide written notice to the Claimant of any denial within a reasonable time, but no later than 90 days after receipt of the claim. If an extension of time beyond the initial 90-day period for processing is required, written notice of the extension shall be provided to the Claimant before the initial 90-day period expires indicating the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which the Committee expects to render a final decision. In no event shall the period, as extended, exceed 180 days. If the Committee denies, in whole or in part, the claim, the notice shall set forth in a manner calculated to be understood by the Claimant:

- (a) The specific reasons for the denial of the claim, or any part thereof;
- (b) Specific references to pertinent Plan provisions upon which such denial was based;
- (c) A description of any additional material or information necessary for the Claimant to perfect the claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; and
- (d) An explanation of the claim review procedure, which explanation shall also include a statement of the Claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following a denial of the claim upon review.

10.03 <u>Right to Review.</u> A Claimant is entitled to appeal any claim that has been denied in whole or in part. To do so, the Claimant must submit a signed, written request for review with the Committee within 60 days after receiving a notice from the Committee that a claim has been denied, in whole or in part. Absent receipt by the Committee of a written request for review within such 60-day period, the claim shall be deemed to be conclusively denied. The Claimant (or the Claimant's duly authorized representative) may:

- (a) Review and/or receive copies of, upon request and free of charge, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Claimant's claim; and/or
- (b) Submit written comments, documents, records or other information relating to her claim, which the Committee shall take into account in considering the claim on review, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial review of the claim.

If a Claimant requests to review and/or receive copies of relevant information pursuant to subsection (a) above before filing a written request for review, the 60-day period for submitting the written request for review will be tolled during the period beginning on the date the Claimant makes such request and ending on the date the Claimant reviews or receives such relevant information.

10.04 <u>Decision on Review.</u> The Committee shall render its decision on review promptly, and not later than 60 days after it receives a written request for review of the denial, unless other special circumstances require additional time. In such case, the Committee will notify the Claimant, before the expiration of the initial 60-day period and in writing, of the need for additional time, the reason the additional time is necessary, and the date (no later than 60 days after expiration of the initial 60-day period) by which the Committee expects to render its decision on review. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Committee determines that an extension of the initial 60-day period is required due to the Claimant's failure to submit information necessary for the Committee to decide the claim, the time period by which the Committee must make its determination on review shall be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to the Claimant until the date on which the Claimant responds to the request for additional information. The decision on review shall be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the Claimant, and shall contain:

- (a) Specific reasons for the decision;
- (b) Specific references to the pertinent Plan provisions upon which the decision was based;
- (c) A statement that the Claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records or other information relevant (within the meaning of Department of Labor Regulation Section 2560.503-1(m)(8)) to the Claimant's claim;
- (d) A statement of the Claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following a wholly or partially denied claim for benefits; and

- (e) Such other matters as the Committee deems relevant.
- 10.05 Form of Notice and Decision. Any notice or decision by the Committee under this Article may be furnished electronically in accordance with Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104b-(1)(c)(i), (iii) and (iv).
- 10.06 <u>Legal Action.</u> Any final decision by the Committee shall be binding on all parties. A Claimant's compliance with the foregoing provisions of this Article is a mandatory prerequisite to a Claimant's right to commence any legal action with respect to any claim for benefits under the Plan. Any such legal action must be initiated no later than 180 days after the Committee renders its final decision. If a final determination of the Committee is challenged in court, such determination shall not be subject to de novo review and shall not be overturned unless proven to be arbitrary and capricious based on the evidence considered by the Committee at the time of such determination.

ARTICLE XI ADMINISTRATION

- 11.01 <u>Plan Administration</u>. The Committee has overall responsibility for the Plan, but the Administrator shall have responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the Plan, as specified herein and as otherwise delegated by the Committee. The Administrator and members of the Committee may be Participants under this Plan. Any individual serving on the Committee who is a Participant shall not vote or act on any matter relating solely to himself or herself. The Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer or any other individual charged with administrative authority may not act on any matter involving such individual's own participation in the Plan.
- 11.02 Powers, Duties and Procedures. The Committee shall have full and complete discretionary authority to (i) make, amend, interpret and enforce all appropriate rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan, including any rules relating to trading restrictions as it determines necessary, and (ii) decide or resolve any and all questions including interpretations of the Plan, as may arise in connection with the claims procedures set forth in Article X or otherwise with regard to the Plan. The Committee shall have complete control and authority to determine the rights and benefits of all claims, demands and actions arising out of the provisions of the Plan of any Participant or Beneficiary or other person having or claiming to have any interest under the Plan. When making a determination or calculation, the Committee may rely on information furnished by a Participant or the Company, an Affiliate or other related entity. Benefits under the Plan shall be paid only if the Committee decides in its sole discretion that the Participant or Beneficiary is entitled to them. The Committee may delegate such powers and duties as it determines for the efficient administration of the Plan.
- 11.03 <u>Agents.</u> In the administration of this Plan, the Committee or the Administrator may, from time to time, employ agents and delegate to them such administrative duties as it sees fit (including acting through a duly appointed representative) and may from time to time consult with counsel who may be counsel to the Company, an Affiliate or other related entity.

- 11.04 <u>Binding Effect of Decisions.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee or its delegate shall have complete discretion to interpret the Plan and to decide all matters under the Plan. Any such interpretation shall be final, conclusive and binding on all Participants, Beneficiaries and any person claiming under or through any Participant, in the absence of clear and convincing evidence that the Committee or its delegate acted arbitrarily and capriciously.
- 11.05 <u>Information</u>. To enable the Committee and the Administrator to perform its functions, the Company, an Affiliate or other related entity shall supply full and timely information to the Committee or the Administrator, as the case may be, on all matters relating to the compensation of its Participants, the dates of the death or Separation from Service and such other pertinent information as the Committee or Administrator may reasonably require.
- 11.06 <u>Coordination with Other Benefits</u>. The benefits provided to a Participant and the Beneficiary under the Plan are in addition to any other benefits available to such Participant under any other plan or program for employees of the Company, an Affiliate or other related entity. The Plan shall supplement and shall not supersede, modify or amend any other such plan or program except as may otherwise be expressly provided.

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.01 <u>Limitation of Rights.</u> Participation in the Plan does not give any individual the right to be retained in the service of the Company, any Affiliate or other related entity, or to interfere with the right of the Company, any Affiliate or other related entity to discipline or discharge the individual at any time, with or without cause, or to modify the Salary, Compensation or Bonus of such individual at any time.
- 12.02 Additional Restrictions. If the Administrator determines that additional restrictions or limitations must be placed on the investment vehicles utilized for measuring the return on the amounts credited to Participant Accounts, the right of Participants to make investment elections with respect to their Accounts, their ability to make or change distribution elections, their ability to defer distributions or to change the commencement date for the distribution of their benefits or the method of such distribution or their rights or status as creditors under the Plan in order to avoid current income taxation of amounts deferred under the Plan, the Administrator may, in its sole discretion, amend the Plan to impose such restrictions or limitations, cease deferrals under the Plan and/or defer distribution dates under the Plan.
- 12.03 <u>Indemnification</u>. The Company will indemnify and hold harmless the Directors, the members of the Committee and any delegate of the Committee, and employees of the Company and its Affiliates, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of an alleged breach in the performance of their fiduciary duties under the Plan, other than such liabilities, claims, costs and expenses as may result from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such persons. The Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to conduct the defense of such persons in any proceeding to which this Section applies.

- 12.04 <u>Assignment.</u> To the fullest extent permitted by law, benefits under the Plan and rights thereto are not subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, attachment, or garnishment by creditors of a Participant or a Beneficiary.
- 12.05 <u>Inability to Locate Recipient.</u> If a benefit under the Plan remains unpaid for two (2) years from the date it becomes payable, solely by reason of the inability of the Administrator to locate the Participant or Beneficiary entitled to the payment, the benefit shall be treated as forfeited. Any amount forfeited in this manner shall be restored without interest upon presentation of an authenticated written claim by the person entitled to the benefit.

12.06 Amendment and Termination.

- (a) The Committee may, at any time, amend or terminate the Plan. Any amendment must be made in writing; no oral amendment will be effective. Except to the limited extent authorized pursuant to Section 12.02, no amendment may, without the consent of an affected Participant (or, if the Participant is deceased, the Participant's Beneficiary), adversely affect the Participant's or the Beneficiary's rights and obligations under the Plan with respect to amounts already credited to a Participant's Account, and all amounts deferred under the Plan before the date of any such amendment or termination of the Plan shall continue to become due and payable in accordance with the distribution provisions of Article VIII as in effect immediately before such amendment or termination.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if the Company exercises its discretion under Article V and determines an amendment is necessary to the Plan, participant consent shall only be required if the amendment impacts Supplemental Contributions and earnings credited through December 31, 2008.
- (c) Upon termination of the Plan, the Committee reserves the discretion to accelerate distribution of the Accounts of Participants in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Treasury under Code Section 409A.
- 12.07 <u>Applicable Law.</u> To the extent not governed by Federal law, the laws of the State of Indiana shall govern the Plan. If any provision of the Plan is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Plan will continue to be fully effective.
- 12.08 No Funding. The obligation to pay the vested balance of each Participant's Account shall at all times be an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company or its Affiliates, as the case may be, and Participants and Beneficiaries shall have the status of general unsecured creditors of the Company or applicable Affiliate. Except to the extent provided below in Section 12.09, Plan benefits will be paid from the general assets of the Company, and nothing in the Plan will be construed to give any Participant or any other person rights to any specific assets of the Company or its Affiliates. In all events, it is the intention of the Company and its Affiliates and all Participants that the Plan be treated as unfunded for tax purposes and for purposes of Title I of ERISA.
- 12.09 Trust. The benefits under the Plan will be paid from the assets of a grantor trust (the "Trust") established by the Company to assist it and its Affiliates in meeting their

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obligations hereunder and, to the extent that such assets are not sufficient, by the Company or the applicable Affiliate out of their general assets. The Trust shall conform to the terms of the Internal Revenue Service Model Trust in Internal Revenue Service Procedure 92-64 (or any successor procedure).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Anthem, Inc. has caused the Plan to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date indicated above.

ANTHEM, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph R. Swedish
Joseph R. Swedish
President & Chief Executive Officer

Anthem, Inc.

EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT PLAN

(Amended and Restated Effective December 2, 2014)

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Anthem, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan Amended and Restated Effective December 2, 2014

ARTICLE I

ESTABLISHMENT, AMENDMENT, PURPOSE AND INTENT

1.1 Establishment, Amendment, Purpose and Intent. Anthem, Inc. (f/k/a WellPoint,

Inc.), an Indiana corporation with its principal place of business in Indianapolis, Indiana ("Anthem"), established the WellPoint, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan ("Plan"), effective as of January 1, 2006, and amended and restated the Plan effective November 1, 2006, and again effective October 1, 2007. The Plan was further amended and restated in its entirety, effective January 1, 2009 in response to final regulations issued under Code Section 409A. The Plan is hereby further amended and restated effective December 1, 2014 to reflect a change in the Company's name and to incorporate amendments adopted since the last restatement. The Plan is hereby renamed the Anthem, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan.

The Plan is intended to protect key executive employees of Anthem and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the "Company") against an involuntary loss of employment so as to attract and retain such employees, and motivate them to enhance the value of the Company. The Plan is intended to be an unfunded welfare plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"); or to the extent it is a pension plan subject to ERISA, as an unfunded pension plan maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation to a select group of management or highly compensated employees. Words and phrases used with initial capitals in the Plan and not otherwise defined in the Plan have the meanings defined for them in Article 8.

ARTICLE 2

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

2.1 <u>Participation.</u> Each Executive shall become a Participant ("Participant")upon mutual execution by the eligible Executive and the Company of an agreement (an "Employment Agreement") substantially in the form of that attached as Exhibit A. Each such executed Employment Agreement shall form part of this Plan and is incorporated into this Plan by this reference. As soon as practicable after the date that the individual becomes an Executive, the Committee shall deliver a copy of the Plan to the Executive, advise the Executive of his or her eligibility, and offer him or her for a period of forty-five (45) days the opportunity to enter into an Employment Agreement substantially in the form of that attached as Exhibit A. If an Executive does not enter into an Employment Agreement within forty-five (45) days of such advice the Executive shall have no further opportunity to become a Participant in the Plan unless either the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company in his or her sole discretion affords the Executive a new or extended opportunity to become a Participant in the Plan.

- 2.2 <u>Termination of Participation.</u> A Participant's participation in the Plan shall automatically terminate, without notice to or consent of the Participant, upon the earliest to occur of the following events:
- (a) termination of the Participant's employment with the Company for any reason (including but not limited to death, disability, Transfer of Business or other disposition of the subsidiary of the Company which employs the Participant) that is not an Eligible Separation from Service (as defined in Section 3.1); or
 - (b) expiration of the Employment Agreement.
 - 2.3 Employment Period. Subject to the termination provisions hereinafter provided,

the initial term of Executive's employment under this Plan shall commence on the date provided as the "Agreement Date" in the Employment Agreement and shall end on the date that is one year after the Agreement Date; provided, however, that commencing on the day following the Agreement Date the term will automatically be extended each day by one day, until a date (the "Expiration Date") which is the first annual anniversary of the first date on which either the Company or Executive delivers to the other written notice of non renewal. The term beginning on the Agreement Date and ending on the Expiration Date shall constitute the "Employment Period" for purposes of the Plan. Expiration of the Employment Agreement shall not be construed to terminate the employment of Executive. If the employment of Executive does not terminate on or before the Expiration Date in accordance with the Plan, Executive shall continue to be an employee at will of the Company after the Expiration Date unless such employment is otherwise terminated by the Company or Executive.

ARTICLE 3

SEVERANCE BENEFITS

- 3.1 <u>Eligible Separation from Service.</u> Each Participant shall be entitled to severance and other benefits under the Plan in the amount set forth in Sections 3.2 and 3.3 below ("Severance Benefits") if the Participant incurs an Eligible Separation from Service. Entitlement to Severance Benefits is subject to the Participant's compliance with Sections 3.6 and 3.7 of the Plan and the other terms and conditions of this Plan, and subject to the execution and delivery of a valid and unrevoked Waiver and Release Agreement as required by Section 3.5 and to the other conditions set forth below. For this purpose an "Eligible Separation from Service" is:
- (a) a Separation from Service by reason of a termination of the Participant's employment by the Company for any reason other than death, disability, Cause, or Transfer of Business;
- (b) a Separation from Service by reason of a termination of the Participant's employment by the Participant for Good Reason;
- (c) a Separation from Service during an Imminent Change in Control Period by reason of a termination of the Participant's employment by the Company for any reason other than death, disability, Cause, or Transfer of Business.

No Severance Benefits shall be payable in respect of a Separation from Service that is not an Eligible Separation from Service. For avoidance of doubt, none of the following shall be an Eligible Separation from Service: (i) termination of the Participant's employment upon death or disability, (ii) termination of the Participant's employment by the Company for Cause or upon Transfer of Business, or (iii) any voluntary resignation that does not constitute a termination of the Participant's employment for Good Reason. No Severance Benefits shall be payable merely upon termination of an Employment Agreement without a Separation from Service.

3.2 Amount of Severance Pay.

- (a) The amount of severance pay ("Severance Pay") to which the Participant is entitled over the applicable severance period ("Severance Period") under the Plan shall be the product of the amount described in (i) multiplied by the percentage described in (ii), with such product reduced by the amount described in (iii):
 - (i) if a Vice President, Senior Vice President, or Executive Vice President, the sum of the Participant's Annual Salary and Annual Target Bonus or if an Other Key Executive, Annual Salary;
 - (ii) the applicable percentage set forth below opposite the Participant's employment classification at the time of Separation from Service (disregarding any adverse change in employment classification during an Imminent Change in Control Period or after a Change in Control);
 - (iii) the sum of (A) severance or similar payments made pursuant to any Federal, state or local law, including but not limited to payments under the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), and (B) any termination or severance payments under any other termination or severance plans, policies or programs of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and affiliates that the Participant receives notwithstanding subsection (c) below.
 - (iv) In the event the Participant's Eligible Separation from Service occurs outside an Imminent Change in Control Period or outside the thirty-six month period following a Change in Control, the applicable percentage shall be the percentage set forth in column (A) below and the Severance Period shall be the period set forth in column (B) below. In the event the Participant's Eligible Separation from Service occurs within an Imminent Change in Control Period, provided the contemplated Change in Control occurs within one year of the Participant's Eligible Separation from Service, or within the thirty-six month period following a Change in Control, the applicable percentage shall be the percentage set forth in column (C) below and the applicable Severance Period shall be the period set forth in column (D) below.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Position	Percentage absent Change in Control	Severance Period, absent Change in Control, Over Which Severance Pay will be Paid	Percentage Change in Control	Severance Period Change in Control Over Which Severance Pay will be Paid
Other Key Executive	100%	One year	100%	One year
Senior Vice President ¹ and Vice President	100%	One year	100%	One year
Senior Vice President ²	150%	One and one-half years	250%	Two and one-half years
Executive Vice President	200%	Two years	300%	Three years

¹The percentage and corresponding severance period applies to an Executive classified as a Senior Vice President at the time of an Eligible Separation from Service as provided in (ii) of Section 3.2(a) and who either (a) first became a Participant on or after August 6, 2013, or (b) is a Participant as of August 6, 2013 in another employment classification and his employment classification changes to Senior Vice President on or after August 6, 2013.

- (b) There shall be no duplication of severance benefits in any manner. Severance Pay under this Plan shall be in lieu of any termination or severance payments to which the Participant may be entitled under any other termination or severance plans, policies or programs of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and affiliates. No Participant shall be entitled to Severance Pay hereunder for more than one position with the Company.
- (c) A Participant shall not be obligated to secure new employment, but each Participant shall report promptly to the Company any actual employment obtained during the Severance Period. Severance Pay under the Plan shall not be subject to mitigation except as provided (i) in Section 3.2(a) and (b) hereof for other severance pay from the Company and (ii) in Section 3.3 for determining continuing eligibility for health and life benefits coverage. Severance Pay shall be subject to Section 3.7.
 - (d) Severance Periods shall be measured from the date of the Eligible Separation from Service.

3.3 Other Benefits.

- (a) A Participant entitled to Severance Pay pursuant to Section 3.2 shall be entitled during the applicable Severance Period to receive the following additional benefits:
 - (i) continued participation for him or her (and for his or her eligible dependents) in the Company's health benefit plan on the same basis (excluding payment of contributions) as apply to active employees from time to time; provided that the Participant and his or her eligible dependents assume the cost, on an after-tax basis, for such continued coverage, and further provided that this coverage shall terminate prior to the end of the Severance Period when the Participant (or his or her eligible dependents, as applicable) becomes entitled to health benefit plan coverage (whether or not comparable to plans of the Company) from any successor employer; and

²The percentage and corresponding severance period applies to an Executive who became a Participant before August 6, 2013, is classified as a Senior Vice President as of August 6, 2013 and remains a Senior Vice President until the time of an Eligible Separation from Service as provided in (ii) of Section 3.2(a).

- (ii) on or about January 31 of the year following the year in which the Separation from Service occurs and continuing on or about each January 31 until the year following the year in which the Participant's health benefit plan coverage continues pursuant to Section 3.3(a)(i), the Company will make a payment to the Participant equal to the amount the Participant paid during the immediately preceding calendar year for health benefit plan continuation coverage described in Section 3.3(a)(i) that exceeds the amount that the Participant would have paid if the Participant paid for such continued health benefit plan coverage on the same basis as applicable to active employees, provided that each such cash payment by the Company pursuant to this Section 3.3(a)(ii) shall be considered a separate payment and not one of a series of payments for purposes of Section 409A; and
- (iii) continued participation for him or her in the Company's life insurance benefit plan on the same basis (including payment of contributions) as apply to active employees from time to time; provided that this coverage shall terminate prior to the end of the Severance Period when the Participant (or his or her eligible dependents, as applicable) becomes entitled to health and life insurance benefit plan coverage (whether or not comparable to plans of the Company) from any successor employer; and
- (iv) if the cash credits portion of the Directed Executive Compensation program is available to the active employees at the Participant's Executive level, the continuation of Directed Executive Compensation monthly cash payments, provided that each such cash payment by the Company pursuant to this Section 3.3(a)(iv) shall be considered a separate payment and not one of a series of payments for purposes of Section 409A; and
- (v) if financial planning services are available to the active employees at the Participant's Executive level, the Company shall reimburse the Participant's expenses for financial planning incurred during the Severance Period. Such reimbursement shall be made no later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant incurs the financial planning expense. In no event will the amount of expenses so reimbursed by the Company in one year affect the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other taxable year. Each reimbursement of the Participant's expenses for financial planning pursuant to this Section 3.3(a)(v) shall be considered a separate payment and not one of a series of payments for purposes of Section 409A.

Neither Executive nor his dependents shall be eligible for continued participation in any disability income plan, travel accident insurance plan or tax-qualified retirement plan. Nothing herein shall be deemed to restrict the right of the Company to amend or terminate any plan in a manner generally applicable to active employees.

(b) The period of continuation coverage to which the Participant is entitled under Section 601 et seq. of ERISA (the "COBRA Continuation Period") shall begin after the Severance Period.

- (c) Eligible Participants shall be entitled to reasonable outplacement counseling with an outplacement firm of the Company's selection in a form and manner determined by the Company, provided, however, that a Participant must conclude such services by December 31 ⁵¹ of the second taxable year following the Participant's Separation from Service or such earlier date established by the Company. The Company shall reimburse the Participant for such expenses, or pay the outplacement firm as the case may be, no later than December 31 ⁵¹ of the third taxable year following the Participant's Separation from Service.
- 3.4 <u>Payment.</u> Severance Pay (including payments pursuant to Section 4.5) and payments provided under Section 3.3(a) (ii), if any, shall commence to be paid as soon as practicable after the 45 th day after the Eligible Separation from Service and shall be paid in substantially equal monthly (or more frequent periodic installments corresponding to the Company's normal payroll practices for Executive employees) payments over the Severance Period. Each such payment shall be considered a separate payment and not part of a series of installments for purposes of the short-term deferral rules under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4)(i), and the exemption for involuntary terminations under separation pay plans under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii). As a result, the following payments are exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code:
- (a) Payments that are made on or before the 15th day of the third month of the calendar year following the year of the Eligible Separation from Service, and
- (b) Any additional payments that are made on or before the last day of the second calendar year following the year of the Executive's Eligible Separation from Service and that do not exceed the lesser of two times:
- (i) The Executive's annualized compensation based upon the annual rate of pay for services provided to the Company for the Executive's taxable year that precedes the taxable year in which the Eligible Separation from Service occurs (adjusted for any increase during that year that was expected to continue indefinitely if the Executive had not incurred a Separation from Service); or
 - (ii) the limit under Section 401(a)(17) of the Code then in effect.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Severance Pay is paid to an Executive who is a Key Employee during the taxable year in which the Separation from Service occurs, to the extent the payments to be made during the first six month period following the Executive's Eligible Separation from Service exceed the amounts exempt from Section 409A of the Code under Sections 3.4(a) and 3.4(b) above, the excess amount shall be withheld and will be instead paid on the first day of the seventh month following the Executive's Separation from Service. Any withheld amount shall include, together with interest thereon from the date that they would have been paid absent such delay through the date of payment at 120% of the applicable six month short-term federal rate, determined under Section 1274(d) of the Code (the "AFR").

3.5 <u>Waiver and Release.</u> In order to receive benefits under the Plan, a Participant must execute and deliver to the Company a valid Waiver and Release Agreement within thirty (30) days of his or her date of Separation from Service, in a form tendered by the Company,

which shall be substantially in the form of the Waiver and Release Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B, with any changes thereto approved by Anthem's counsel prior to execution. No benefits shall be paid under the Plan until the Participant has executed his or her Waiver and Release Agreement and the period within which a Participant may revoke his or her Waiver and Release Agreement within seven (7) days (or such other period provided by law) after his or her signing the Waiver and Release Agreement. Any such revocation must be made in writing and must be received by the Company within such seven (7) day (or such other) period. A Participant who does not submit a signed Waiver and Release Agreement to the Company within thirty (30) days of his or her Separation from Service shall not be eligible to receive any Severance Benefits under the Plan. A Participant who timely revokes his or her Waiver and Release Agreement shall not be eligible to receive any Severance Benefits under the Plan.

3.6 <u>Restrictive Covenants.</u> As a condition of participation in this Plan each Participant agrees as follows:

(a) Confidentiality.

- The Participant recognizes that the Company derives substantial economic value from information (i) created and used in its business which is not generally known by the public, including, but not limited to, plans, designs, concepts, computer programs, formulae, and equations; product fulfillment and supplier information; customer and supplier lists, and confidential business practices of the Company, its affiliates and any of its customers, vendors, business partners or suppliers; profit margins and the prices and discounts the Company obtains or has obtained or at which it sells or has sold or plans to sell its products or services (except for public pricing lists); manufacturing, assembling, labor and sales plans and costs; business and marketing plans, ideas, or strategies; confidential financial performance and projections; employee compensation; employee staffing and recruiting plans and employee personal information; and other confidential concepts and ideas related to the Company's business (collectively, "Confidential Information"). The Participant expressly acknowledges and agrees that by virtue of his or her employment with the Company, the Participant will have access and will use in the course of the Participant's duties certain Confidential Information and that Confidential Information constitutes trade secrets and confidential and proprietary business information of the Company, all of which is the exclusive property of the Company. For purposes of this Agreement, Confidential Information includes the foregoing and other information protected under the Indiana Uniform Trade Secrets Act (the "Act"), or to any comparable protection afforded by applicable law, but does not include information that the Participant establishes by clear and convincing evidence is or may become known to the Participant or to the public from sources outside the Company and through means other than a breach of this Agreement.
- (ii) The Participant agrees that the Participant will not for himself or herself or for any other person or entity, directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the Company, while employed by the Company and thereafter: (i) use Confidential Information for the benefit of any person or entity other than the Company or its

affiliates; (ii) remove, copy, duplicate or otherwise reproduce any document or tangible item embodying or pertaining to any of the Confidential Information, except as required to perform the Participant's duties for the Company or its affiliates; or (iii) while employed and thereafter, publish, release, disclose or deliver or otherwise make available to any third party any Confidential Information by any communication, including oral, documentary, electronic or magnetic information transmittal device or media. Upon termination of employment, the Participant shall return all Confidential Information and all other property of the Company. This obligation of non-disclosure and non-use of information shall continue to exist for so long as such information remains Confidential Information.

- (b) <u>Disclosure and Assignment of Inventions and Improvements.</u> Without prejudice to any other duties express or implied imposed on the Participant hereunder it shall be part of the Participant's normal duties at all times to consider in what manner and by what methods or devices the products, services, processes, equipment or systems of the Company and any customer or vendor of the Company might be improved and promptly to give to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or his or her designee full details of any improvement, invention, research, development, discovery, design, code, model, suggestion or innovation (collectively called "Work Product"), which the Participant (alone or with others) may make, discover, create or conceive in the course of the Participant's employment. The Participant acknowledges that the Work Product is the property of the Company. To the extent that any of the Work Product is capable of protection by copyright, the Participant acknowledges that it is created within the scope of the Participant's employment and is a work made for hire. To the extent that any such material may not be a work made for hire, the Participant hereby assigns to the Company all rights in such material. To the extent that any of the Work Product is an invention, discovery, process or other potentially patentable subject matter (the "Inventions"), the Participant hereby assigns to the Company all right, title, and interest in and to all Inventions. The Company acknowledges that the assignment in the preceding sentence does not apply to an Invention that the Participant develops entirely on his or her own time without using the Company's equipment, supplies, facilities or trade secret information, except for those Inventions that either:
 - (1) relate at the time of conception or reduction to practice of the Invention to the Company's business, or actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development of the Company, or
 - (2) result from any work performed by the Participant for the Company.

Execution of the Employment Agreement constitutes the Participant's acknowledgment of receipt of written notification of this Section and of notice of the general exception to assignments of Inventions provided under **the** Uniform Employee Patents Act, in the form adopted by the state having jurisdiction over this Plan or provision, or any comparable applicable law.

(c) <u>Non-Competition.</u> During the Employment Period and any period in which the Participant is employed by the Company during or after the Employment Period, and during a

period of time after the Participant's termination of employment (the "Restriction Period") which is eighteen (18) months for Executive Vice Presidents, fifteen (15) months for Senior Vice Presidents who became a Participant before August 6, 2013, and twelve (12) months for all other Participants (including Senior Vice Presidents who first *become* Participants on or after August 6, 2013 or were Participants as of August 6, 2013 in another employment classification and whose employment classification changes to Senior Vice President on or after August 6, 2013), the Participant will not, without prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly seek or obtain a Competitive Position in a Restricted Territory and perform a Restricted Activity with a Competitor, as those terms are defined herein.

- (i) Competitive Position means any employment or performance of services with a Competitor (A) in which the Participant has executive level duties for such Competitor, or (B) in which the Participant will use any Confidential Information of the Company.
- (ii) Restricted Territory means any geographic area in which the Company does business and in which the Participant had responsibility for, or Confidential Information about, such business, within the thirty-six (36) months prior to the Participant's termination of employment from the Company.
- (iii) Restricted Activity means any activity for which the Participant had responsibility for the Company within the thirty-six (36) months prior to the termination of the Participant's employment from the Company or about which the Participant had Confidential Information.
- (iv) Competitor means any entity or individual (other than the Company or its affiliates) engaged in management of network-based managed care plans and programs, or the performance of managed care services, health insurance, long term care insurance, dental, life or disability insurance, behavioral health, vision, flexible spending accounts and COBRA administration or other products or services substantially the same or similar to those offered by the Company while the Participant was employed, or other products or services offered by the Company within twelve (12) months after the termination of Participant's employment if the Participant had responsibility for, or Confidential Information about, such other products or services while the Participant was employed by the Company.
- (d) Non-Solicitation of Customers. During the Employment Period and any period in which the Participant is employed by the Company during or after the Employment Period, and during the Restriction Period after the Participant's termination of employment, the Participant will not, either individually or as an employee, partner, consultant, independent contractor, owner, agent, or in any other capacity, directly or indirectly, for a Competitor of the Company as defined in subsection (c) above: (i) solicit business from any client or account of the Company or any of its affiliates with which the Participant had contact, participated in the contact, or responsibility for, or about which the Participant had knowledge of Confidential Information by reason of the Participant's employment with the Company, (ii) solicit business from any client or account which was pursued by the Company or any of its affiliates and with which the Participant had contact, or responsibility for, or about which the Participant had knowledge of

Confidential Information by reason of the Participant's employment with the Company, within the twelve (12) month period prior to termination of employment. For purposes of this provision, an individual policyholder in a plan maintained by the Company or by a client or account of the Company under which individual policies are issued, or a certificate holder in such plan under which group policies are issued, shall not be considered a client or account subject to this restriction solely by reason of being such a policyholder or certificate holder.

- (e) <u>Non-Solicitation of Employees.</u> During the Employment Period and any period in which the Participant is employed by the Company during or after the Employment Period, and during the Restriction Period after the Participant's termination of employment as set forth on Schedule A to the Employment Agreement, the Participant will not, either individually or as an employee, partner, independent contractor, owner, agent, or in any other capacity, directly or indirectly solicit, hire, attempt to solicit or hire, or participate in any attempt to solicit or hire, for any non-Company affiliated entity, any person who on or during the six (6) months immediately preceding the date of such solicitation or hire is or was an officer or employee of the Company, or whom the Participant was involved in recruiting while the Participant was employed by the Company.
- (f) <u>Non-Disparagement.</u> The Participant agrees that he or she will not, nor will he or she cause or assist any other person to, make any statement to a third party or take any action which is intended to or would reasonably have the effect of disparaging or harming the Company or the business reputation of the Company's directors, employees, officers and managers. Further, the Participant will not at any time make any verbal or written statement to any media outlet regarding the Company.

3.7 Return of Consideration.

(a) If at any time a Participant breaches any provision of Section 3.6 or Section 3.10,

then: (i) the Company shall cease to provide any further Severance Pay or other benefits under Section 3.2 or Section 3.3 and the Participant shall repay to the Company all Severance Pay and other benefits previously received under Section 3.2 or Section 3.3; (ii) all unexercised Company stock options under any Designated Plan (defined below) whether or not otherwise vested shall cease to be exercisable and shall immediately terminate; (iii) the Participant shall forfeit any outstanding restricted stock or other outstanding equity award made under any Designated Plan and not otherwise vested on the date of breach; and (iv) the Participant shall pay to the Company (A) for each share of common stock of the Company ("Common Share") acquired on exercise of an option under a Designated Plan within the 24 months prior to such breach, the excess of the fair market value of a Common Share on the date of exercise over the exercise price, and (B) for each share of restricted stock that became vested under any Designated Plan within the 24 months prior to such breach, the fair market value (on the date of vesting) of a Common Share. Any amount to be repaid pursuant to this Section 3.7 shall be held by the Participant in constructive trust for the benefit of the Company and shall, upon written notice from the Company, within 10 days of such notice, be paid by the Participant to the Company with interest from the date such Common Share was acquired or the share of restricted stock became vested, as the case may be, to the date of payment, at 120% of the applicable six month short-term AFR. Any amount described in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) that the Participant forfeits as a result of a

breach of the provisions of Sections 3.6 or 3.10 shall not reduce any money damages that would be payable to the Company as compensation for such breach.

- (b) The amount to be repaid pursuant to this Section 3.7 shall be determined on a gross basis, without reduction for any taxes incurred, as of the date of the realization event, and without regard to any subsequent change in the fair market value of a Common Share. The Company shall have the right to offset such amount against any amounts otherwise owed to the Participant by the Company (whether as wages, vacation pay, or pursuant to any benefit plan or other compensatory arrangement other than any amount pursuant to any nonqualified deferred compensation plan under Section 409A of the Code).
- (c) For purposes of this Section 3.7, a "Designated Plan" is each annual bonus and incentive plan, stock option, restricted stock, or other equity compensation or long-term incentive compensation plan, deferred compensation plan, or supplemental retirement plan, listed on Exhibit C.
- (d) The provisions of this Section 3.7 shall apply to awards described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of subsection (a) earned or made after the date the Executive becomes a Participant in this Plan and executes an Employment Agreement, and to awards earned or made prior thereto which by their terms are subject to cessation and recoupment under terms similar to those of this Section 3.7
 - 3.8 Equitable Relief and Other Remedies. As a condition of participation in this Plan:
- (a) The Participant acknowledges that each of the provisions of Section 3.6 and 3.7 of the Plan are reasonable and necessary to preserve the legitimate business interests of the Company, its present and potential business activities and the economic benefits derived therefrom; that they will not prevent him or her from earning a livelihood in the Participant's chosen business and are not an undue restraint on the trade of the Participant, or any of the public interests which may be involved.
- (b) The Participant agrees that beyond the amounts otherwise to be provided under this Plan and the Employment Agreement, the Company will be damaged by a violation of the terms of this Plan and the amount of such damage may be difficult to measure. The Participant agrees that if the Participant commits or threatens to commit a breach of any of the covenants and agreements contained in Sections 3.6 or 3.10 to the extent permitted by applicable law, then the Company shall have the right to seek and obtain all appropriate injunctive and other equitable remedies, without posting bond therefor, except as required by law, in addition to any other rights and remedies that may be available at law or under this Plan, it being acknowledged and agreed that any such breach would cause irreparable injury to the Company and that money damages would not provide an adequate remedy. Further, if the Participant violates Section 3.6 hereof the Participant agrees that the period of violation shall be added to the period in which the Participant's activities are restricted.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company will not seek injunctive relief to prevent a Participant residing in California from engaging in post termination competition in

California under Section 3.6(c) or (d) of this Plan, provided that the Company may seek and obtain relief to enforce Section 3.7 of this Plan with respect to such Participants.

- (d) The parties agree that the covenants contained herein are severable. If an arbitrator or court shall hold that the duration, scope, area or activity restrictions stated herein are unreasonable under circumstances then existing, the parties agree that the maximum duration, scope, area or activity restrictions reasonable and enforceable under such circumstances shall be substituted for the stated duration, scope, area or activity restrictions to the maximum extent permitted by law. The parties further agree that the Company's rights under Section 3.7 should be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law irrespective of whether the Company seeks equitable relief in addition to relief provided therein or if the arbitrator or court deems equitable relief to be inappropriate.
 - 3.9 <u>Survival of Provisions.</u> The obligations contained in Sections 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 and Section 3.10 below shall survive the cessation of the Employment Period (as defined in the Employment Agreement) and the Participant's employment with the Company and shall be fully enforceable thereafter.
- 3.10 Cooperation. Upon the receipt of reasonable notice from the Company (including from outside counsel to the Company), the Participant agrees that while employed by the Company and for two years (or, if longer, for so long as any claim referred to in this Section remains pending) after the termination of Participant's employment for any reason, the Participant will respond and provide information with regard to matters in which the Participant has knowledge as a result of the Participant's employment with the Company, and will provide reasonable assistance to the Company, its affiliates and their respective representatives in defense of any claims that may be made against the Company or its affiliates, and will assist the Company and its affiliates in the prosecution of any claims that may be made by the Company or its affiliates, to the extent that such claims may relate to the period of the Participant's employment with the Company (or any predecessor); provided, that with respect to periods after the termination of the Participant's employment, the Company shall reimburse the Participant for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing such assistance and if the Participant is required to provide more than ten (10) hours of assistance per week after his termination of employment then the Company shall pay the Participant a reasonable amount of money for his services at a rate agreed to between the Company and the Participant; and provided further that after the Participant's termination of employment with the Company such assistance shall not unreasonably interfere with the Participant's business or personal obligations. The Participant agrees to promptly inform the Company if the Participant becomes aware of any lawsuits involving such claims that may be filed or threatened against the Company or its affiliates. The Participant also agrees to promptly inform the Company (to the extent the Participant is legally permitted to do so) if the Participant is asked to assist in any investigation of the Company or its affiliates (or their actions), regardless of whether a lawsuit or other proceeding has then been filed against the Company or its affiliates with respect to such investigation, and shall not do so unless legally required.

ARTICLE 4

ADDITIONAL CHANGE IN CONTROL BENEFITS

4.1 Equity Vesting Upon Change in Control.

- (a) If the conditions of Section 4.1(b) are satisfied, then as of the date of the Change in Control, all Options and SARs of a Participant shall become fully and immediately exercisable, all Restricted Stock shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable and forthwith delivered to a Participant if not previously delivered, and there shall be paid out in cash to the Participant within 30 days following the effective date of the Change in Control the value of the Performance Shares to which the Participant would have been entitled if performance achieved 100% of the target performance goals established for such Performance Shares.
 - (b) Both of the following conditions must be satisfied in order for Section 4.1(a) to apply:
 - (i) A Change in Control must occur, and
 - (ii) on or prior to such Change in Control either (A) Anthem has not confirmed the continuation of the following awards without economic change, or (B) the successor to Anthem in such Change in Control has not on or prior to such Change in Control assumed and continued the following awards without economic change:
 - (1) any and all outstanding options ("Options") to purchase Common Shares (or stock that has been converted into Common Shares),
 - (2) any and all stock appreciation rights ("SARs") based on appreciation in the value of Common Shares,
 - (3) any and all restricted Common Shares (or deferred rights thereto), regardless whether such restrictions are scheduled to lapse based on service or on performance or both ("Restricted Stock"), and
 - (4) any outstanding awards providing for the payment of a variable number of Common Shares dependent on the achievement of performance goals, or of an amount based on the fair market value of such shares or the appreciation thereof ("Performance Shares"), in each case awarded to a Participant under any Plan, contract or arrangement for Options, SARs, Restricted Stock or Performance Shares.
 - 4.2 <u>Guaranteed Annual Bonus for the Year of a Change in Control.</u> This Section 4.2 does not apply to Participants who are classified as Other Key Executives. If a Change in Control occurs, each Participant's annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the Change in Control occurs shall be in an amount <u>("Guaranteed Amount")</u> equal to the greater of (i) the Participant's Target Bonus for such fiscal year, or (ii) the bonus that is determined in the

ordinary course under each annual bonus or short-term incentive plan (as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion) (a "Bonus Plan") covering the Participant for the fiscal year in which the Change in Control occurs. The Guaranteed Amount shall be paid in a lump sum at the normal time for the payment of a bonus under the applicable Bonus Plan.

- Equity Vesting Upon Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason. This Section 4.3 does not apply to 4.3 Participants who are classified as Other Key Executives.
- (a) If the conditions of Section 4.3(b) are satisfied, then as of the date of the Participant's Eligible Separation from Service (i) all Pre-Change (as defined below) Options and Pre-Change SARs of such Participant shall become fully and immediately exercisable, (ii) all Pre-Change Restricted Stock shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable and forthwith delivered to the Participant if not previously delivered, and (iii) there shall be paid out in cash to the Participant within 45 days following the Separation from Service the value of the Pre-Change Performance Shares to which the Participant would have been entitled if performance achieved 100% of the target performance goals established for such Performance Shares.
- (b) Both of the following conditions must be satisfied in order for Section 4.3(a) to apply:
- the Participant must have had a Separation from Service within the thirty-six (36) month period following a Change in Control by reason of (A) a termination of the Participant's employment by the Company other than for Cause, death or disability, or (B) a termination of the Participant's employment by the Participant for Good Reason; and
- the Participant must have executed and delivered a valid Waiver and Release Agreement as required (ii) by Section 3.5, and the period for revoking such Waiver and Release Agreement must have elapsed.
- (c) For purposes of this Section 4.3 a "Pre-Change" Option, SAR, Restricted Stock or Performance Shares means (i) an award of an Option, SAR, Restricted Stock or Performance Shares which was outstanding on both the date of the Change in Control and the date of the Eligible Separation from Service, and (ii) an award of an Option, SAR, Restricted Stock or Performance Shares assumed and continued by a successor to Anthem in such Change in Control without economic change.
- Pro-Rata Bonus Payment Upon Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason. 4.4 This Section 4.4 does not apply to Participants who are classified as Other Key Executives.

- (a) If the conditions of Section 4.4(b) are satisfied, then for the fiscal year in which the Participant's Eligible Separation from Service occurs, the Participant shall be entitled to a pro-rata bonus (the "Pro-Rata Bonus") equal to the product of the applicable amount described in (i), multiplied by the fraction determined in (ii):
 - the applicable amount is the Guaranteed Amount described in Section 4.2 for the fiscal year in which the Eligible Separation from Service occurs, and

(ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in such fiscal year before the date of the Eligible Separation from Service, and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such fiscal year.

The Pro-Rata Bonus shall be paid in a lump sum at the normal time for payment of a bonus under the applicable Bonus Plan.

- (b) Both of the following conditions must be satisfied in order for Section 4.3(a) to apply:
- (i) the Participant must have had a Eligible Separation from Service within the thirty-six (36) month period following a Change in Control by reason of (A) a termination of the Participant's employment by the Company other than for Cause, death or disability, or (B) a termination of the Participant's employment by the Participant for Good Reason; and
- (ii) the Participant must have executed and delivered a valid and Waiver and Release Agreement as required by Section 3.5, and the period for revoking such Waiver and Release Agreement must have elapsed.
- 4.5 <u>Qualified and Supplemental Pension and 401(k) Match Contribution.</u> This Section 4.5 does not apply to Participants who are classified as Other Key Executives.
- (a) Severance Pay pursuant to Sections 3.2 and 3.4 shall be increased by an amount equal to the value of Anthem ongoing contributions to the Participant's qualified and supplemental cash balance pension accounts, and qualified and supplemental 401(k) accounts if Severance Pay had been considered covered earnings in those programs. This amount, is equal to the product of:
 - (i) Severance Pay multiplied by
- (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is (a) the Participant's cash balance pension contribution percentage, if any, plus (b) the Participant's maximum Anthem 401(k) matching percentage, and the denominator of which is 100%.

4.6 Gross-up for Certain Taxes.

- (a) If it is determined that any benefit received or deemed received by the Participant from the Company pursuant to this Plan or otherwise (collectively, "Payments") is or will become subject to any excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code or any similar tax payable under any United States federal, state, local or other law, but not including any tax payable under Section 409A of the Code (such excise tax and all such similar taxes collectively, "Excise Taxes"), then the Participant shall receive in respect of such Payments whichever of (i) or (ii) below would result in the Participant retaining, after application of all applicable income, Excise, and other taxes ("All Applicable Taxes"), the greater after-tax amount (the "After-Tax Benefit"); where:
 - (i) is the Payments; and

(ii) is a reduced amount of Payments sufficient to avoid the imposition of Excise Taxes.

ARTICLE 5

CLAIMS

- 5.1 Good Reason and Competition Determinations. Any Participant believing he or she has a right to resign for Good Reason may apply to the Committee for written confirmation that an event constituting Good Reason has occurred with respect to such Participant. The Committee shall confirm or deny in writing that Good Reason exists within 21 days following receipt of any such application. Any Participant may apply to the Committee for written confirmation that specified activities proposed to be undertaken by the Participant will not violate Section 3.6 of the Plan. The Committee shall confirm or deny in writing that specified activities proposed to be undertaken by the Participant will not violate Section 3.6 of the Plan within 21 days of receipt of any such application unless the Committee determines that it has insufficient facts on which to make that determination, in which event the Committee shall advise the Participant of information necessary for the Committee to make such determination. Any confirmation of Good Reason by the Committee shall be binding on the Company. Any confirmation that specified activities to be undertaken by the Participant will not violate Section 3.6 of the Plan shall be binding on the Company provided that all material facts have been disclosed to the Committee and there is no change in the material facts. For purposes of this Section 5.1, reference to the Committee includes reference to the Committee's delegate.
- 5.2 Claims Procedure. If any Participant has (a) a claim for compensation or benefits which are not being paid under the Plan or the Employment Agreement, (b) another claim for benefits under the Plan or Employment Agreement, (c) a claim for clarification of his or her rights under the Plan (to the extent not provided for in Section 5.1) or Employment Agreement, or (d) a claim for breach by the Company of the Employment Agreement, then the Participant (or his or her designee) (a "Claimant") may file with the Committee a written claim setting forth the amount and nature of the claim, supporting facts, and the Claimant's address. A claim shall be filed within six (6) months of (1) the date on which the claim first arises or (ii) if later, the earliest date on which the Participant knows or should know of the facts giving rise to a claim. The Committee shall notify each Claimant of its decision in writing by registered or certified mail within 90 days after its receipt of a claim, unless otherwise agreed by the Claimant. In special circumstances the Committee may extend for a further 90 days the deadline for its decision, provided the Committee notifies the Claimant of the need for the extension within 90 days after its receipt of a claim. If a claim is denied, the written notice of denial shall set forth the reasons for such denial, refer to pertinent provisions of the Plan or Employment Agreement on which the denial is based, describe any additional material or information necessary for the Claimant to realize the claim, and explain the claim review procedure under the Plan.
- 5.3 <u>Claims Review Procedure.</u> A Claimant whose claim has been denied or such Claimant's duly authorized representative may file, within 60 days after notice of such denial is received by the Claimant, a written request for review of such claim by the Committee. If a request is so filed, the Committee shall review the claim and notify the Claimant in writing of its decision within 60 days after receipt of such request, unless otherwise agreed by the Claimant.

In special circumstances, the Committee may extend for up to 60 additional days the deadline for its decision, provided the Committee notifies the Claimant of the need for the extension within 60 days after its receipt of the request for review. The notice of the final decision of the Committee shall include the reasons for its decision and specific references to the Plan or Employment Agreement on which the decision is based. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all parties in accordance with but subject to Section 5.4(a) below.

5.4 Arbitration.

- (a) In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Plan (including the Employment Agreement) the determinations of fact and the construction of this Plan (including the Employment Agreement) or any other determination by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Plan shall be final and binding on all persons and may not be overturned in any arbitration or any other proceeding unless the party challenging the Committee's determination can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that a determination of fact is clearly erroneous or any other determination by the Committee is arbitrary and capricious; provided, however, that if a claim relates to benefits due following a Change in Control, the Committee's determination shall not be final and binding if the party challenging the Committee's determination establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she is entitled to the benefits in dispute.
- (b) Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Plan (including the Employment Agreement) shall first be presented to the Committee pursuant to the claims procedure set forth in Section 5.2 of the Plan and the claims review procedure of Section 5.3 of the Plan within the times therein provided. In the event of any failure timely to use and exhaust such claims procedure and the claims review procedures, the decision of the Committee on any matter respecting the Plan (including the Employment Agreement) shall be final and binding and may not be challenged by further arbitration, or any other proceeding.
- (c) Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Plan (including the Employment Agreement), including the breach, termination or validity of the Employment Agreement, which has not been resolved as provided in subsection (b) of this Section as provided herein shall be finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the CPR Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration then currently in effect, by a sole arbitrator. The Company shall be initially responsible for the payment of any filing fee and advance in costs required by CPR or the arbitrator, provided, however, if the Participant initiates the claim, the Participant will contribute an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for these purposes. During the arbitration, each party shall pay for its own costs and attorneys fees, if any. Attorneys fees and costs shall be awarded by the arbitrator to the prevailing party pursuant to subsection (h) below.
- (d) The arbitration shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16 and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitrator shall not have the right to award speculative damages or punitive damages to either party except as expressly permitted by statute (notwithstanding this provision by which both parties hereto waive the right to such damages) and shall not have the power to amend this Agreement. The arbitrator shall be required to follow applicable law. The

place of arbitration shall be Indianapolis, Indiana. Any application to enforce or set aside the arbitration award shall be filed in a state or federal court located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- (e) Any demand for arbitration must be made or any other proceeding filed within six (6) months after the date of the Committee's decision on review pursuant to Section 5.3.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, an action to enforce the Plan (including the Employment Agreement) shall be filed within eighteen (18) months after the party seeking relief had actual or constructive knowledge of the alleged violation of the Plan (including the Employment Agreement) in question or any party shall be able to seek immediate, temporary, or preliminary injunctive or equitable relief from a court of law or equity if, in its judgment, such relief is necessary to avoid irreparable damage. To the extent that any party wishes to seek such relief from a court, the parties agree to the following with respect to the location of such actions. Such actions brought by the Participant shall be brought in a state or federal court located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Such actions brought by the Company shall be brought in a state or federal court located in Indianapolis, Indiana; the Participant's state of residency; or any other form in which the Participant is subject to personal jurisdiction. The Participant specifically consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Indiana for such purposes.
- (g) IF FOR ANY REASON THIS ARBITRATION CLAUSE BECOMES NOT APPLICABLE, THEN EACH PARTY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY AS TO ANY ISSUE RELATING HERETO IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER MATTER INVOLVING THE PARTIES HERETO.
- (h) In the event of any contest arising under or in connection with this Plan, the arbitrator or court, as applicable, shall award the prevailing party attorneys' fees and costs to the extent permitted by applicable law.

ARTICLE 6

ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1 <u>Committee.</u> The Chief Human Resources Officer of Anthem ("CHRO") shall appoint not less than three (3) members of a committee, to serve at the pleasure of the CHRO to administer this Plan. Members of the Committee may but need not be employees of the Company and may but need not be Participants in the Plan, but a member of the Committee who is a Participant shall not vote or act upon any matter which relates solely to such member as a Participant. All decisions of the Committee shall be by a vote or written evidence of intention of the majority of its members and all decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding except as provided in Section 5.4(a).
- 6.2 <u>Committee Membership.</u> Any member of the Committee may resign at any time by giving thirty days' advance written notice to the CHRO and to the remaining members (if any) of the Committee. A member of the Committee who at the time of his or her appointment to the Committee was an employee or director of the Company, and who for any reason becomes

neither an employee nor director of the Company, shall cease to be a member of the Committee effective on the date he or she is neither an employee nor a director of the Company unless the CHRO affirmatively continues his or her appointment as a member of the Committee. If there is any vacancy in the membership of the Committee, the remaining members shall constitute the full Committee. The CHRO may fill any vacancy in the membership of the Committee, or enlarge the Committee, by giving written notice of appointment to the person so appointed and to the other members (if any) of the Committee, effective as stated in such written notice. However, the CHRO shall not be required to fill any vacancy in the membership of the Committee if there remain at least three members of the Committee. Any notice required by this Section may be waived by the person entitled thereto.

- 6.3 <u>Duties.</u> The Committee shall have the power and duty in its sole and absolute discretion to do all things necessary or convenient to effect the intent and purposes of the Plan, whether or not such powers and duties are specifically set forth herein, and, by way of amplification and not limitation of the foregoing, the Committee shall have the power in its sole and absolute discretion to:
- (a) provide rules for the management, operation and administration of the Plan, and, from time to time, amend or supplement such rules;
- (b) construe the Plan in its sole and absolute discretion to the fullest extent permitted by law, which construction shall be final and conclusive upon all persons except as provided in Section 5.4(a);
- (c) correct any defect, supply any omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in such manner and to such extent as it shall deem appropriate in its sole discretion to carry the same into effect;
- (d) make all determinations relevant to a Participant's eligibility for benefits under the Plan, including determinations as to Separation from Service, Cause, Good Reason, Transfer of Business, and the Participant's compliance or not with Sections 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 and 3.10 of the Plan;
- (e) to enforce the Plan in accordance with its terms and the Committee's construction of the Plan as provided in subsection (b) above;
- (f) do all other acts and things necessary or proper in its judgment to carry out the purposes of the Plan in accordance with its terms and intent.
 - 6.4 <u>Binding Authority.</u> The decisions of the Committee or its duly authorized delegate within the powers conferred by the Plan shall be final and conclusive for all purposes of the Plan, and shall not be subject to any appeal or review other than pursuant to Sections 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4.
 - 6.5 <u>Exculpation.</u> No member of the Committee nor any delegate of the Committee serving as Plan Administrator nor any other officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Company with respect to this Plan shall be directly or indirectly responsible or

otherwise liable by reason of any action or default as a member of that Committee, Plan Administrator or other officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Company with respect to this Plan, or by reason of the exercise of or failure to exercise any power or discretion as such person, except for any action, default, exercise or failure to exercise resulting from such person's gross negligence or willful misconduct. No member of the Committee shall be liable in any way for the acts or defaults of any other member of the Committee, or any of its advisors, agents or representatives.

- 6.6 <u>Indemnification.</u> The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each member of the Committee, any delegate of the Committee serving as Plan Administrator, and each other officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Company with respect to this Plan, against any and all expenses and liabilities arising out of his or her own membership on the Committee, service as Plan Administrator, or other actions respecting this Plan on behalf of the Company, except for expenses and liabilities arising out of such person's gross negligence or willful misconduct. A person indemnified under this Section who seeks indemnification hereunder ("Indemnitee") shall tender to the Company a request that the Company defend any claim with respect to which the Indemnitee seeks indemnification under this Section and shall fully cooperate with the Company in the defense of such claim. If the Company shall fail to timely assume the defense of such claim then the Indemnitee may control the defense of such claim. However, no settlement of any claim otherwise indemnified under this Section shall be subject to indemnity hereunder unless the Company consents in writing to such settlement.
- 6.7 <u>Information.</u> The Company and each Participant shall furnish to the Committee in writing all information the Committee may deem appropriate for the exercise of their powers and duties in the administration of the Plan. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, the names of all Participants, their earnings and their dates of birth, employment, retirement or death. Such information shall be conclusive for all purposes of the Plan, and the Committee shall be entitled to rely thereon without any investigation thereof.

ARTICLE 7

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1 No Property Interest. The Plan is unfunded. Severance pay shall be paid exclusively from the general assets of the Company and any liability of the Company to any person with respect to benefits payable under the Plan shall give rise solely to a claim as an unsecured creditor against the general assets of the Company. Any Participant who may have or claim any interest in or right to any compensation, payment or benefit payable hereunder, shall rely solely upon the unsecured promise of the Company for the payment thereof, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to give to or vest in the Participant or any other person now or at any time in the future, any right, title, interest or claim in or to any specific asset, fund, reserve, account, insurance or annuity policy or contract, or other property of any kind whatsoever owned by the Company, or in which the Company may have any right, title or interest now or at any time in the future.
- 7.2 Other Rights. Except as provided in Sections 3.2(a), 3.7 and 7.9, the Plan shall not affect or impair the rights or obligations of the Company or a Participant under any other

written plan, contract, arrangement, or pension, profit sharing or other compensation plan. Participation in the Plan is voluntary and no Executive shall be required to enter into an Employment Agreement.

- 7.3 Amendment or Termination. The Plan, including but not limited to any provision of the Plan incorporated by reference in an Employment Agreement, may be amended, modified, suspended, or terminated unilaterally by Anthem at any time; provided, however, that no such amendment, modification, suspension or termination shall adversely affect the rights to which a Participant would be entitled under his or her Employment Agreement if the Participant incurred a Separation from Service on the date of the amendment or termination unless: (i) the affected Participant approves such amendment in writing, or (ii) the amendment is effective no earlier than one (1) year after Participants have received written notice of the amendment, or (iii) the amendment is required (as determined by the Committee) by law (including any provision of the Code) whether such requirement impacts the Company or any Participant. Amendment or termination of the Plan shall not accelerate (or defer) the time of any payment under the Plan that is deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code if such acceleration (or deferral) would subject such deferred compensation to additional tax or penalties under Section 409A.
- 7.4 <u>Successors.</u> All obligations of Anthem under the Plan shall be binding on any successor to Anthem, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of Anthem, and any such successor shall be required to perform the obligations of Anthem under the Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that Anthem would be required to perform such obligations if no such succession had taken place.
- 7.5 <u>Severability.</u> If any term or condition of the Plan shall be invalid or unenforceable to any extent or in any application, then the remainder of the Plan, with the exception of such invalid or unenforceable provision, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in effect and application to its fullest extent. If, however, the Committee determines in its sole discretion that any term or condition of the Plan (including any Employment Agreement) which is invalid or unenforceable is material to the interests of the Company, the Committee may declare the Plan (including any Employment Agreement) null and void in its entirety or may declare any affected Employment Agreement null and void in its entirety.
- 7.6 No Employment Rights. Except as provided in the Employment Agreement, neither the establishment of the Plan, any provisions of the Plan, nor any action of the Committee shall be held or construed to confer upon any employee the right to a continuation of employment by the Company. Subject to the applicable Employment Agreement, the Company reserves the right to dismiss any employee, or otherwise deal with any employee to the same extent as though the Plan had not been adopted.
- 7.7 <u>Transferability of Rights.</u> The Company shall have the right to transfer all of its obligations under the Plan and an Employment Agreement with respect to one or more Participants to any purchaser of all or any part of the Company's business in a Transfer of Business or otherwise without the consent of any Participant. No Participant or spouse of a Participant shall have any right to commute, encumber, transfer or otherwise dispose of or alienate any present or future right or expectancy which the Participant or such spouse may have

at any time to receive payments of benefits hereunder, which benefits and the right thereto are expressly declared to be non-assignable and nontransferable, except to the extent required by law. Any attempt to transfer or assign a benefit, or any rights granted hereunder, by a Participant or the spouse of a Participant shall, in the sole discretion of the Committee (after consideration of such facts as it deems pertinent), be grounds for terminating any rights of the Participant or his or her spouse to any portion of the Plan benefits not previously paid.

- 7.8 <u>Beneficiary.</u> Any payment due under this Plan after the death of the Participant shall be paid to such person or persons, jointly or successively, as the Participant may designate, in writing filed by Participant with the Committee during the Participant's lifetime in a form acceptable to the Committee, which the Participant may change without the consent of any beneficiary by filing a new designation of beneficiary in like manner. If no designation of beneficiary is on file with the Committee or no designated beneficiary is living or in existence upon the death of the Participant, such payments shall be made to the surviving spouse of the Participant, if any, or if none to the Participant's estate. If and to the extent Section 409A permits acceleration of payments of deferred compensation upon death, the Committee in its sole discretion may accelerate and pay in a lump sum, discounted at a rate approved by the payee, any Severance Pay payable after the death of a Participant.
- 7.9 <u>Company Action.</u> Any action required or permitted of Anthem or the Company under this Plan shall be duly and properly taken if taken by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, or by any officer of the Anthem to which the Compensation Committee has delegated (generally or specifically) and not withdrawn the right or power to take such action.
- 7.10 Entire Document. The Plan (including Employment Agreements) as set forth herein, supersedes any and all prior practices, understandings, agreements, descriptions or other non-written arrangements respecting severance, except for written employment or severance contracts signed by the Company with individuals other than Participants.
 - 7.11 Plan Year. The fiscal records of the Plan shall be kept on the basis of a plan year which is the calendar year.
- 7.12 <u>Governing Law.</u> This is an employee benefit plan subject to ERISA and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with ERISA and, to the extent applicable and not preempted by ERISA, the law of the State of Indiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within that State, without regard to its conflict of law principal.

ARTICLE 8

DEFINITIONS

- 8.1 <u>Definitions.</u> The following words and phrases as used herein shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is required by the context:
- 8.1.1 "Annual Salary" means the highest annualized rate of regular salary in effect for the Participant (i) during the one-year period before Separation from Service or, if

higher, (ii) during the period commencing one year prior to a Change in Control, and ending upon Separation from Service.

8.1.2 "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of Anthem.

- 8.1.3 <u>"Cause"</u>, unless otherwise defined for purposes of termination of employment in a written employment agreement between the Company and the Participant, shall mean any act or failure to act on the part of the Participant which constitutes:
 - (i) fraud, embezzlement, theft or dishonesty against the Company;
 - (ii) material violation of law in connection with or in the course of the Participant's duties or employment with the Company,
 - (iii) commission of any felony or crime involving moral turpitude;
 - (iv) any violation of Section 3.6 of the Plan;
 - (v) any other material breach of the Employment Agreement;
 - (vi) material breach of any written employment policy of the Company;
 - (vii) conduct which tends to bring the Company into substantial public disgrace or disrepute; or
 - (viii) a material violation of the Company's Standards of Ethical Business Conduct.

provided, however, that with respect to a termination of employment during an Imminent Change in Control Period or within the thirty-six (36) month period after a Change in Control, clauses (vi) and (viii) shall apply only if such material breach or violation is grounds for immediate termination under the terms of such written employment policy or standard of ethical business conduct; and clauses (iv), (v), (vi), and (vii) shall apply only if such violation, breach or conduct is willful.

8.1.4 "Change in Control" means the first to occur of the following events with respect to the Anthem:

(a) any person (as such term is used in Rule 13d-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or group (as such term is defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), other than a subsidiary of Anthem or any employee benefit plan (or any related trust) of the Company, becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of the common stock of Anthem ("Common Stock") or of other voting securities representing 20% or more of the combined voting power of all voting securities Anthem; provided, however, that (1) no Change in Control shall be deemed to have occurred solely by reason of any such acquisition by a corporation with respect to which, after such acquisition, more than 80% of both the common stock of such corporation and the combined voting power of the voting securities of

such corporation are then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the persons who were the Beneficial Owners of the Common Stock and other voting securities of Anthem immediately before such acquisition, in substantially the same proportion as their ownership of the Common Shares and other voting securities of Anthem immediately before such acquisition; (ii) if any person or group owns 20% or more but less than 30% of the combined voting power of the Common Stock and other voting securities of Anthem and such person or group has a "No Change in Control Agreement" (as defined below) with the Company, no Change in Control shall be deemed to have occurred solely by reason of such ownership for so long as the No Change in Control Agreement; and (iii) once a Change in Control occurs under this subsection (a), the occurrence of the next Change in Control (if any) under this subsection (a) shall be determined by reference to a person or group other than the person or group whose acquisition of Beneficial Ownership created such prior Change in Control unless the original person or group has in the meantime ceased to own 20% or more of the Common Shares of Anthem or other voting securities representing 20% or more of the combined voting power of all voting securities of Anthem; or

- (b) within any period of thirty-six (36) or fewer consecutive months individuals who, as of the first day of such period were members of the Board of Directors of Anthem (the "Incumbent Directors") cease for any reason to constitute at least 75% of the members of the Board; provided, however, that (i) any individual who becomes a Member of the Board of Directors after the first day of such period whose nomination for election to the Board was approved by a vote or written consent of at least 75% of the Members of the Board of Directors who are then Incumbent Directors shall be considered an Incumbent Director, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest relating to the election of the directors of the Company (as such terms are used in Rule 14a-11 of the SEC under the Exchange Act) or an Imminent Change in Control or other transaction described in subsection (a) above or (c) below; and (ii) once a Change in Control occurs under this subsection (b), the occurrence of the next Change in Control (if any) under this subsection (b) shall be determined by reference to a period of thirty-six (36) or fewer consecutive months beginning not earlier than the date immediately after the date of such prior Change in Control; or
 - (c) closing of a transaction which is any of the following:
 - (i) a merger, reorganization or consolidation of Anthem ("Merger"), after which (A) the individuals and entities who were the respective beneficial owners of the Common Stock and other voting securities of Anthem immediately before such Merger do not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 60% of, respectively, the Common Stock or the combined voting power of the common stock and voting securities of the corporation resulting from such Merger, in substantially the same proportion as their ownership of the Common Stock and other voting securities of Anthem immediately before such Merger;
 - (ii) a Merger after which individuals who were members of the Board of Directors of Anthem immediately before the Merger do not comprise a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the corporation resulting from such Merger;

- (iii) a sale or other disposition by Anthem of all or substantially all of the assets owned by it (a "Sale") after which the individuals and entities who were the respective beneficial owners of the Common Stock and other voting securities of Anthem immediately before such Sale do not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 60% of, respectively, the Common Stock or the combined voting power of the common stock and voting securities of the transferee in such Sale in substantially the same proportion as their ownership of the Common Stock and other voting securities of Anthem immediately before such Sale; or
- (iv) a Sale after which individuals who were members of the Board of Directors of Anthem immediately before the Sale do not comprise a majority of the members of the board of directors of the transferee corporation.
 - 8.1.5 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- 8.1.6 "Committee" means a committee appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Anthem to administer this Plan.
- 8.1.7 <u>"Executive"</u> means any person employed by the Company in a position of Vice President, Senior Vice President, or Executive Vice President; and any other key executive of the Company employed in a position below that of Vice President ("Other Key Executive") whom the Chief Executive Officer of Anthem expressly determines shall be eligible to be a Participant in this Plan.
- 8.1.8 "Good Reason" for a termination of employment shall mean for Participants who are classified as Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President or Vice President (a) the occurrence of the events set forth in clauses (ii) or (v) below within the thirty-six (36) month period after a Change in Control, or (b) the occurrence of the events set forth in clauses (i), (iii) or (iv) below at any time before or after a Change in Control:
 - (i) a material reduction during any twenty-four (24) consecutive month period in the Participant's Annual Salary, or in the Participant's annual total cash compensation (including Annual Salary and Target Bonus), but excluding in either case any reduction both (A) applicable to management employees generally, and (B) and not implemented during an Imminent Change in Control Period or within the thirty-six (36) month period after a Change in Control);
 - (ii) a material adverse change without the Participant's prior consent in the Participant's position, duties, or responsibilities as an Executive of the Company and provided, however, that this clause shall not apply in connection with a Transfer of Business if the position offered to the Participant by the transferee is substantially comparable in position, duties, or responsibilities with the position, duties and responsibilities of the Participant prior to such Transfer of Business and is not in violation of the Participant's rights under the Employment Agreement;

- (iii) a material breach of the Employment Agreement or this Plan by the Company;
- (iv) a change in the Participant's principal work location to a location more than 50 miles from the Participant's prior work location and more than 50 miles from the Participant's principal residence as of the date of such change in work location;
- (v) the failure of any successor to Company by merger, consolidation, or acquisition of all or substantially all of the business of the Company or by Transfer of Business to assume the Company's obligations under this Plan (including any Employment Agreements).

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, Good Reason shall not exist if the Participant has in his or her sole discretion agreed in writing that such event shall not be Good Reason. A Separation from Service shall not be considered to be for Good Reason unless (A) within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of the events claimed to be Good Reason the Participant notifies the Committee in writing of the reasons why he or she believes that Good Reason exists, (B) the Company has failed to correct the circumstance that would otherwise be Good Reason within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, and (C) the Participant terminates his or her employment within 60 days of such thirty (30) day period (or if earlier within 60 days of the date the Committee has confirmed to the Participant pursuant to Section 5.1 that Good Reason exists).

- 8.1.9 "Imminent Change in Control Period" means the period (i) beginning on the date of (A) the public announcement (whether by advertisement, press release, press interview, public statement, SEC filing or otherwise) of a proposal or offer which if consummated would be a Change in Control, (B) the making to a director or executive officer of the Company of a written proposal which if consummated would be a Change in Control, or (C) approval by the Board of Directors or the stockholders of Anthem of a transaction that upon closing would be a Change in Control; and (ii) ending upon the first to occur of (A) a public announcement that the prospective Change in Control contemplated by the event(s) described in clause (i) has been terminated or abandoned, (B) the occurrence of the contemplated Change in Control, or (C) the first annual anniversary of the beginning of the Imminent Change in Control Period.
- 8.1.10 <u>"Key Employee"</u> means for the period January 1 through December 31 each individual identified by the Company as of the immediately preceding September 30 as a "key employee," as defined under Code Section 416(i), disregarding Code Section 416(i)(5).
- 8.1.11 "No Change in Control Agreement" means a legal, binding and enforceable agreement executed by and in effect between a person or all members of a group and Anthem that provides that: (1) such person or group shall be bound by the agreement for the time period of not less than five (5) years from its date of execution; (2) such person or group shall not acquire beneficial ownership or voting control equal to a percentage of the Common Stock or the voting power of other voting securities of Anthem that exceeds a percentage specified in the agreement which percentage shall in all events be less than 30%; (3) such person or group may not designate for election as directors a number of directors in excess of 25% of the number of directors on the Board; and (4) such person or group shall vote the Common Stock

and other voting securities of Anthem in all matters in the manner directed by the majority of the Incumbent Directors. If any agreement described in the preceding sentence is violated by such person or group or is amended in a fashion such that it no longer satisfies the requirements of the preceding sentence, such agreement shall, as of the date of such violation or amendment, be treated for purposes hereof as no longer constituting a No Change in Control Agreement.

- 8.1.12 "Participant" means any Executive who is eligible to participate in the Plan and has become a Participant in accordance with Section 2.1, and has not had such participation terminated pursuant to Section 2.2.
- 8.1.13 "Separation from Service" means a termination of the Participant's employment with the Company which constitutes a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence a Separation from Service shall not include:
 - (i) the disposition by the Company of the subsidiary or affiliate which employs the Participant if such employing subsidiary or affiliate adopts this Plan and continues (by assignment or otherwise) to be the employer of the Participant under the Employment Agreement, or
 - (ii) a termination of employment in a Transfer of Business in connection with which the Participant receives a bona fide offer of employment from the transferee (or an affiliate of the transferee), whether or not accepted, for which purpose a bona fide offer of employment is an offer of employment effective on the closing of the Transfer of Business on terms that does not have an effect described in clauses (i), (ii), (iv) or (v) of Section 8.1.9 (defining "Good Reason").
 - (iii) A Participant shall cooperate with the transferee in a Transfer of Business by completing such employment applications and providing such other information as the transferee may need in order to make a bona fide offer of employment. A Participant who fails to provide such cooperation shall be deemed to have received and rejected a bona fide offer of employment.
 - 8.1.14 "Target Bonus" means the Target Bonus Percentage times the Annual Salary.
- 8.1.15 "Target Bonus Percentage" means the sum of the highest annualized target bonus percentage(s) (as a percentage of salary) in effect for the Participant (i) during the one-year period before Separation from Service or, if higher, (ii) during the period commencing one year prior to a Change in Control, and ending upon Separation of Service under each regular annual bonus or a short-term incentive plan including but not limited to Anthem's Annual Incentive Plan or successor plans and any sales incentive plans (as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion) covering the Participant.
- 8.1.16 <u>"Transfer of Business"</u> means a transfer of the Participant's position to another entity, as part of either (i) a transfer to such entity as a going concern of all or part of the

business function of the Company in which the Participant was employed, or (ii) an outsourcing to another entity of a business function of the Company in which the Participant was employed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Anthem has caused this Amendment and Restatement of the Plan to be executed on its behalf by an authorized officer this 11^{th} day of November, 2014.

Anthem, Inc.

/s/ Joseph R. Swedish Joseph R. Swedish President & Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") dated as of ______ (the "Agreement Date"), between Anthem, Inc., an Indiana corporation ("Anthem") with its headquarters and principal place of business in Indianapolis, Indiana (Anthem, together with its subsidiaries and affiliates are collectively referred to herein as the "Company"), and the person listed on Schedule A (the "Executive").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company desires to retain the services of Executive and to provide Executive an opportunity to receive severance to which Executive is not otherwise entitled in return for the diligent and loyal performance of Executive's duties and Executive's agreement to reasonable and limited restrictions on Executive's post-employment conduct to protect the Company's investments in its intellectual property, employee workforce, customer relationships and goodwill;

WHEREAS, the Company has established the Anthem, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan ("Plan") to provide certain benefits for participants who enter into an employment agreement in the form of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Executive is not required to execute this Agreement as a condition of continued employment; rather, Executive is entering into this Agreement to enjoy the substantial additional payments and benefits available under the Plan and the Designated Plans (as hereinafter defined).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, of the mutual promises contained herein and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. **POSITION/DUTIES**.

- (a) During the Employment Period (as defined in Section 2 below), Executive shall serve in the position set forth on Schedule A, or in such other position of comparable duties, authorities and responsibilities commensurate with the skills and talents of Executive to which the Company may from time to time assign Executive. In this capacity, Executive shall have such duties, authorities and responsibilities as the Company shall designate that are commensurate with Executive's position.
- (b) During the Employment Period, Executive shall comply with Company policies and procedures, and shall devote all of Executive's business time, energy and skill, best efforts and undivided business loyalty to the performance of Executive's duties with the Company. Executive further agrees that while employed by the Company he shall not perform any services for remuneration for or on behalf of any other entity without the advance written consent of the Company.
- 2. **EMPLOYMENT PERIOD.** Subject to the termination provisions hereinafter provided, the initial term of Executive's employment under this Agreement shall commence on the Agreement Date listed above and end on the Anniversary Date which is one year after the Agreement Date; provided, however, that commencing on the day following the Agreement Date the term will automatically be extended each day by one day, until a date (the "Expiration Date") which is the first annual anniversary of the first date on

which either the Company or Executive delivers to the other written notice of non-renewal. The term beginning on the Agreement Date and ending on the Expiration Date shall constitute the "Employment Period" for purposes of this Agreement. Expiration of this Agreement shall not be construed to terminate the employment of Executive. If the employment of Executive does not terminate on or before the Expiration Date in accordance with this Agreement, Executive shall continue to be an employee at will of the Company after the Expiration Date unless such employment is otherwise terminated by the Company or Executive.

- 3. **BASE SALARY** . The Company agrees to pay Executive a base salary at an annual rate set forth on Schedule A, payable in accordance with the regular payroll practices of the Company. Executive's Base Salary shall be subject to annual review by the Company. The base salary as determined herein from time to time shall constitute "Base Salary" for purposes of this Agreement.
- 4. **BONUS** . During the Employment Period, Executive shall be eligible to receive consideration for an annual bonus upon such terms as adopted from time to time by the Company. The Target Bonus for which Executive is eligible for the year in which this Agreement is executed is specified in Schedule A to this Agreement.
- 5. **BENEFITS** . Executive, his or her spouse and their eligible dependents shall be entitled to participate in any employee benefit plan that the Company has adopted or may adopt, maintain or contribute to for the benefit of its executives at a level commensurate with Executive's position, subject to satisfying the applicable eligibility requirements therefor, in addition to the benefits available under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may modify or terminate any employee benefit plan at any time in accordance with its terms.
- 6. **TERMINATION** . Executive's employment and the Employment Period shall terminate on the first of the following to occur:
- (a) **DISABILITY** . Subject to applicable law, upon 10 days' prior written notice by the Company to Executive of termination due to Disability. "Disability" shall have the meaning defined in the Company's Long Term Disability Plan.
 - (b) **DEATH**. Automatically on the date of death of Executive.
- (c) **CAUSE** . The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder for Cause immediately upon written notice by the Company to Executive of a termination for Cause. "Cause" shall have the meaning defined for that term in the Plan.
- (d) **WITHOUT CAUSE** . Upon written notice by the Company to Executive of an involuntary termination without Cause, other than for death or Disability.
- (e) **BY EXECUTIVE**. Upon written notice by the Executive to the Company with or without Good Reason as defined in the plan.
- 7. **CONSEQUENCES OF TERMINATION**. The Executive's entitlement to payments and benefits upon termination shall be as set forth in the Plan.

8. **RELEASE**. Any and all amounts payable and benefits or additional rights provided pursuant to this Agreement beyond Accrued Benefits shall only be payable if Executive delivers to the Company and does not revoke a general release of all claims in a form tendered by the Company which shall be substantially similar to the form attached as Exhibit B to the Plan or such other form acceptable to the Company within thirty (30) days of Executive's termination of employment.

9. **RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**.

(a) **CONFIDENTIALITY**.

- Executive recognizes that the Company derives substantial economic value from information created and used in its business which is not generally known by the public, including, but not limited to, plans, designs, concepts, computer programs, formulae, and equations; product fulfillment and supplier information; customer and supplier lists, and confidential business practices of the Company, its affiliates and any of its customers, vendors, business partners or suppliers; profit margins and the prices and discounts the Company obtains or has obtained or at which it sells or has sold or plans to sell its products or services (except for public pricing lists); manufacturing, assembling, labor and sales plans and costs; business and marketing plans, ideas, or strategies; confidential financial performance and projections; employee compensation; employee staffing and recruiting plans and employee personal information; and other confidential concepts and ideas related to the Company's business (collectively, "Confidential Information"). Executive expressly acknowledges and agrees that by virtue of his or her employment with the Company, Executive will have access and will use in the course of Executive's duties certain Confidential Information and that Confidential Information constitutes trade secrets and confidential and proprietary business information of the Company, all of which is the exclusive property of the Company. For purposes of this Agreement, Confidential Information includes the foregoing and other information protected under the Indiana Uniform Trade Secrets Act (the "Act"), or to any comparable protection afforded by applicable law, but does not include information that Executive establishes by clear and convincing evidence, is or may become known to Executive or to the public from sources outside the Company and through means other than a breach of this Agreement.
- (ii) Executive agrees that Executive will not for himself or herself or for any other person or entity, directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the Company, while employed by the Company and thereafter: (1) use Confidential Information for the benefit of any person or entity other than the Company or its affiliates; (2) remove, copy, duplicate or otherwise reproduce any document or tangible item embodying or pertaining to any of the Confidential Information, except as required to perform Executive's duties for the Company or its affiliates; or (3) while employed and thereafter, publish, release, disclose or deliver or otherwise make available to any third party any Confidential Information by any communication, including oral, documentary, electronic or magnetic information transmittal device or media. Upon termination of employment, Executive shall return all Confidential Information and all other property of the Company. This obligation of non-disclosure

and non-use of information shall continue to exist for so long as such information remains Confidential Information.

- DISCLOSURE AND ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. Without prejudice to any other duties express or implied imposed on Executive hereunder it shall be part of Executive's normal duties at all times to consider in what manner and by what methods or devices the products, services, processes, equipment or systems of the Company and any customer or vendor of the Company might be improved and promptly to give to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or his or her designee full details of any improvement, invention, research, development, discovery, design, code, model, suggestion or innovation (collectively called "Work Product"), which Executive (alone or with others) may make, discover, create or conceive in the course of Executive's employment. Executive acknowledges that the Work Product is the property of the Company. To the extent that any of the Work Product is capable of protection by copyright, Executive acknowledges that it is created within the scope of Executive's employment and is a work made for hire. To the extent that any such material may not be a work made for hire, Executive hereby assigns to the Company all rights in such material. To the extent that any of the Work Product is an invention, discovery, process or other potentially patentable subject matter (the "Inventions"), Executive hereby assigns to the Company all right, title, and interest in and to all Inventions. The Company acknowledges that the assignment in the preceding sentence does not apply to an Invention that Executive develops entirely on his or her own time without using the Company's equipment, supplies, facilities or trade secret information, except for those Inventions that either:
 - (1) relate at the time of conception or reduction to practice of the Invention to the Company's business, or actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development of the Company, or
 - (2) result from any work performed by Executive for the Company.

Execution of this Agreement constitutes Executive's acknowledgment of receipt of written notification of this Section and of notice of the general exception to assignments of Inventions provided under the Uniform Employee Patents Act, in the form adopted by the state having jurisdiction over this Agreement or provision, or any comparable applicable law.

- NON-COMPETITION . During the Employment Period, and any period in which Executive is employed by the Company during or after the Employment Period, and during the period of time after Executive's termination of employment as set forth in Schedule A, Executive will not, without prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly seek or obtain a Competitive Position in a Restricted Territory and perform a Restricted Activity with a Competitor, as those terms are defined herein.
- (i) Competitive Position means any employment or performance of services with a Competitor (A) in which Executive has executive level duties for such Competitor, or (B) in which Executive will use any Confidential Information of the Company.
- (ii) Restricted Territory means any geographic area in which the Company does business and in which the Executive had responsibility for, or

Confidential Information about, such business within the thirty six (36) months prior to Executive's termination of employment from the Company.

- (iii) Restricted Activity means any activity for which Executive had responsibility for the Company within the thirty-six (36) months prior to Executive's termination of employment from the Company or about which Executive had Confidential Information.
- Competitor means any entity or individual (other than the Company), engaged in management of network-based managed care plans and programs, or the performance of managed care services, health insurance, long term care insurance, dental, life or disability insurance, behavioral health, vision, flexible spending accounts, COBRA administration or other products or services substantially the same or similar to those offered by the Company while Executive was employed, or other products or services offered by the Company within twelve (12) months after the termination of Executive's employment if the Executive had responsibility for, or Confidential Information about, such other products or services while Executive was employed by the Company.
- NON-SOLICITATION OF CUSTOMERS . During the Employment Period, and any period in which Executive is employed by the Company during or after the Employment Period, and for the period of time after Executive's termination of employment as set forth in the Plan, Executive will not, either individually or as a employee, partner, consultant, independent contractor, owner, agent, or in any other capacity, directly or indirectly, for a Competitor of the Company as defined in Section 9(c)(iv) above: (i) solicit business from any client or account of the Company or any of its affiliates with which Executive had contact, or responsibility for, or about which Executive had knowledge of Confidential Information by reason of Executive's employment with the Company, (ii) solicit business from any client or account which was pursued by the Company or any of its affiliates and with which Executive had contact, or responsibility for, or about which Executive had knowledge of Confidential Information by reason of Executive's employment with the Company, within the twelve (12) month period prior to termination of employment. For purposes of this provision, an individual policies are issued, or a certificate holder in such plan under which group policies are issued, shall not be considered a client or account subject to this restriction solely by reason of being such a policyholder or certificate holder.
- (e) **NON-SOLICITATION OF EMPLOYEES**. During the Employment Period, and any period in which Executive is employed by the Company during or after the Employment Period, and for the period of time after Executive's termination of employment as set forth int he Plan, Executive will not, either individually or as a employee, partner, independent contractor, owner, agent, or in any other capacity, directly or indirectly solicit, hire, attempt to solicit or hire, or participate in any attempt to solicit or hire, for any non-Company affiliated entity, any person who on or during the six (6) months immediately preceding the date of such solicitation or hire is or was an officer or employee of the Company, or whom Executive was involved in recruiting while Executive was employed by the Company.

- (f) **NON-DISPARAGEMENT**. Executive agrees that he or she will not, nor will he or she cause or assist any other person to, make any statement to a third party or take any action which is intended to or would reasonably have the effect of disparaging or harming the Company or the business reputation of the Company's directors, employees, officers and managers.
- CESSATION AND RECOUPMENT OF SEVERANCE PAYMENTS AND OTHER **BENEFITS**. If at any time Executive breaches any provision of this Section 9 or Section 10, then: (i) the Company shall cease to provide any further severance Pay or other benefits previously received under the Plan and Executive shall repay to the Company all Severance Pay and other benefits previously received under the Plan, (ii) all unexercised Company stock options under any Designated Plan (as defined in the Plan) whether or not otherwise vested shall cease to be exercisable and shall immediately terminate; (iii) Executive shall forfeit any outstanding restricted stock or other outstanding equity award made under any Designated Plan and not otherwise vested on the date of breach; and (iv) the Executive shall pay to the Company (A) for each share of common stock of the Company ("Common Share") acquired on exercise of an option under a Designated Plan within the 24 months prior to such breach, the excess of the fair market value of a Common Share on the date of exercise over the exercise price, and (B) for each Share of restricted stock that became vested under any Designated Plan within the 24 months prior to such breach, the fair market value (on the date of vesting) of a Common Share. Any amount to be repaid pursuant to this Section 9(g) shall be held by the Executive in constructive trust for the benefit of the Company and shall, upon written notice from the Company, within 10 days of such notice, be paid by Executive to the Company with interest from the date such Common Share was acquired or the share of restricted stock became vested, as the case may be, to the date of payment, at 120% of the applicable federal rate, determined under Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time (the "Code"). Any amount described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) that the Executive forfeits as a result of a breach of the provisions of Sections 9 and 10shall not reduce any money damages that would be payable to the Company as compensation for such breach. The amount to be repaid pursuant to this Section 9(g) shall be determined on a gross basis, without reduction for any taxes incurred, as of the date of the realization event, and without regard to any subsequent change in the fair market value of a Common Share. The Company shall have the right to offset such gain against any amounts otherwise owed to Executive by the Company (whether as wages, vacation pay, or pursuant to any benefit plan or other compensatory arrangement other than any amount pursuant to any nonqualified deferred compensation plan under Section 409A of the Code). For purposes of this Section 9(g), a "Designated Plan" is each annual bonus and incentive plan, stock option, restricted stock, or other equity compensation or long-term incentive compensation plan, deferred compensation plan, or supplemental retirement plan, listed on Exhibit C to the Plan. The provisions of this Section 9(g) shall apply to awards described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this Section earned or made after the date Executive becomes a participant in the Plan and executes this Agreement, and to awards earned or made prior thereto which by their terms are subject to cessation and recoupment under terms similar to those of this paragraph.

(h) **EQUITABLE RELIEF AND OTHER REMEDIES - CONSTRUCTION**.

- (i) Executive acknowledges that each of the provisions of this Agreement are reasonable and necessary to preserve the legitimate business interests of the Company, its present and potential business activities and the economic benefits derived therefrom; that they will not prevent him or her from earning a livelihood in Executive's chosen business and are not an undue restraint on the trade of Executive, or any of the public interests which may be involved.
- (ii) Executive agrees that beyond the amounts otherwise to be provided under this Agreement and the Plan, the Company will be damaged by a violation of this Agreement and the amount of such damage may be difficult to measure. Executive agrees that if Executive commits or threatens to commit a breach of any of the covenants and agreements contained in Sections 9 and 10 to the extent permitted by applicable law, then the Company shall have the right to seek and obtain all appropriate injunctive and other equitable remedies, without posting bond therefor, except as required by law, in addition to any other rights and remedies that may be available at law or under this Agreement, it being acknowledged and agreed that any such breach would cause irreparable injury to the Company and that money damages would not provide an adequate remedy. Further, if Executive violates Section 9(b) (e) hereof Executive agrees that the period of violation shall be added to the Period in which Executive's activities are restricted.
- (iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company will not seek injunctive relief to prevent an Executive residing in California from engaging in post termination competition in California under Section 9(c) or 9(d) of this Agreement provided that the Company may seek and obtain relief to enforce Section 9(g) of this Section with respect to such Executives.
- The parties agree that the covenants contained in this Agreement are severable. If an arbitrator or court shall hold that the duration, scope, area or activity restrictions stated herein are unreasonable under circumstances then existing, the parties agree that the maximum duration, scope, area or activity restrictions reasonable and enforceable under such circumstances shall be substituted for the stated duration, scope, area or activity restrictions to the maximum extent permitted by law. The parties further agree that the Company's rights under Section 9(g) should be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law irrespective of whether the Company seeks equitable relief in addition to relief provided thereon or if the arbitrator or court deems equitable relief to be inappropriate.
- (i) **SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS**. The obligations contained in this Section 9 and Section 10 below shall survive the cessation of the Employment Period and Executive's employment with the Company and shall be fully enforceable thereafter.
- 10. **COOPERATION**. While employed by the Company and for two years (or, if longer, for so long as any claim referred to in Section 3.10 of the Plan remains pending) after the termination of Executive's employment for any reason, Executive will provide cooperation and assistance to the Company as provided in Section 3.10 of the Plan.

- 11. **NOTIFICATION OF EXISTENCE OF AGREEMENT**. Executive agrees that in the event that Executive is offered employment with another employer (including service as a partner of any partnership or service as an independent contractor) at any time during the existence of this Agreement, or such other period in which post termination obligations of this Agreement apply, Executive shall immediately advise said other employer (or partnership) of the existence of this Agreement and shall immediately provide said employer (or partnership or service recipient) with a copy of Sections 9 and 10 of this Agreement.
- 12. **NOTIFICATION OF SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT**. Executive shall report promptly to the Company any employment with another employer (including service as a partner of any partnership or service as an independent contractor or establishment of any business as a sole proprietor) obtained during the period in which Executive's post termination obligations set forth in Section 9(b) (f) apply.
- NOTICE . For the purpose of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (i) on the date of delivery if delivered by hand, (ii) on the date of transmission, if delivered by confirmed facsimile or e-mail, (iii) on the first business day following the date of deposit if delivered by guaranteed overnight delivery service, or (iv) on the fourth business day following the date delivered or mailed by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to Executive:

At the address (or to the facsimile number) shown on the records of the Company

If to the Company:

Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Anthem, Inc.
120 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, IN 46204

or to such other address as either party may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith, except that notices of change of address shall be effective only upon receipt.

- 14. **SECTION HEADINGS; INCONSISTENCY**. The section headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and any form, award, plan or policy of the Company, the terms of this Agreement shall control.
- 15. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BINDING EFFECT**. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and permitted assigns, as the case may be. The Company may assign this Agreement to any affiliate of the Company and to any successor or assign of all or a substantial portion of the Company's

business. Executive may not assign or transfer any of his rights or obligations under this Agreement.

16. **SEVERABILITY** . The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

17. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**.

- (a) In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement the determinations of fact and the construction of this Agreement or any other determination by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Plan shall be final and binding on all persons and may not be overturned in any arbitration or any other proceeding unless the party challenging the Committee's determination can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that a determination of fact is clearly erroneous or any other determination by the Committee is arbitrary and capricious; provided, however, that if a claim relates to benefits due following a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan), the Committee's determination shall not be final and binding if the party challenging the Committee's determination establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she is entitled to the benefit in dispute.
- (b) Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall first be presented to the Committee pursuant to the claims procedure set forth in Section 5.2 of the Plan and the claims review procedure of Section 5.3 of the Plan within the times therein provided. In the event of any failure timely to use and exhaust such claims procedure, and the claims review procedures, the decision of the Committee on any matter respecting this Agreement shall be final and binding and may not be challenged by further arbitration, or any other proceeding.
- (c) Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including the breach, termination or validity thereof, which has not been resolved as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section as provided herein shall be finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the CPR Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration then currently in effect, by a sole arbitrator. The Company shall be initially responsible for the payment of any filing fee and advance in costs required by CPR or the arbitrator, provided, however, if the Executive initiates the claim, the Executive will contribute an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for these purposes. During the arbitration, each Party shall pay for its own costs and attorneys fees, if any. Attorneys fees and costs should be awarded by the arbitrator to the prevailing party pursuant to Section 19 below.
- (d) The arbitration shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1–16, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitrator shall not have the right to award speculative damages or punitive damages to either party except as expressly permitted by statute (notwithstanding this provision by which both parties hereto waive the right to such damages) and shall not have the power to amend this Agreement. The arbitrator shall be required to follow applicable law. The place of arbitration shall be Indianapolis, Indiana. Any application to enforce or set aside the arbitration award shall be filed in a state or federal court located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- (e) Any demand for Arbitration must be made or any other proceeding filed within six (6) months after the date of the Committee's decision on review pursuant to Section 5.3 of the Plan.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, an action to enforce this Agreement shall be filed within eighteen (18) months after the party seeking relief had actual or constructive knowledge of the alleged violation of the Employment Agreement in question or any party shall be able to seek immediate, temporary, or preliminary injunctive or equitable relief from a court of law or equity if, in its judgment, such relief is necessary to avoid irreparable damage. To the extent that any party wishes to seek such relief from a court, the parties agree to the following with respect to the location of such actions. Such actions brought by the Executive shall be brought in a state or federal court located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Such actions brought by the Company shall be brought in a state or federal court located in Indianapolis, Indiana; the Executive's state of residency; or any other forum in which the Executive is subject to personal jurisdiction. The Executive specifically consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Indiana for such purposes.
- (g) IF FOR ANY REASON THIS ARBITRATION CLAUSE BECOMES NOT APPLICABLE, THEN EACH PARTY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY AS TO ANY ISSUE RELATING HERETO IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER MATTER INVOLVING THE PARTIES HERETO.
- 18. **GOVERNING LAW**. This Agreement forms part of an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with ERISA and, to the extent applicable and not preempted by ERISA, the law of the State of Indiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within that State, without regard to its conflicts of law principles.
- 19. **ATTORNEYS' FEES** . In the event of any contest arising under or in connection with this Agreement, the arbitrator or court, as applicable, shall award the prevailing party attorneys' fees and costs to the extent permitted by applicable law.
- MISCELLANEOUS . No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by Executive and such officer or director as may be designated by the Company. No waiver by either party hereto at any time of any breach by the other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. This Agreement and the Plan and together with all exhibits thereto sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. No agreements or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not expressly set forth in this Agreement.
- 21. **OTHER EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**. Except as set forth on Schedule A or provided in Section 2.1(a)(i) of the Plan, any severance or change in control plan or agreement (other than the Plan) or other similar agreements or arrangements between

Executive and the Company including without limitation the Executive Agreement (the Anthem Non-Competition Agreement), shall, effective as of the Effective Date, be superseded by this Agreement and the Plan and shall therefore terminate and be null and void and of no force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

ANTHEM, INC.	
By:	
Name:	
Its:	
Date:	
EXECUTIVE	
Date:	-

SCHEDULE A

- 1. Name of Executive
- 2. Position
- 3. Agreement Date
- 4. Base Salary
- 5. Annual Bonus Target Opportunity
- 6. Severance Payments and Benefits in the case of a Termination Without Cause or With Good Reason and in the absence of a Change in Control to be paid over the period indicated at times corresponding with the Company's normal payroll dates
- 7. Severance Payments and Benefits in the case of a Termination Without Cause during an Imminent Change in Control period or during the thirty-six (36) month period after a Change in Control or a Termination by Executive with Good Reason during the thirty-six (36) month period after a Change in Control
- 8. Non Solicitation and Non Competition Period following Termination of Employment for any reason

*Notwithstanding the severance pay and benefits identified above, your employment classification at the time of an Eligible Separation from Service (as defined in the Anthem, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan, as amended and/or restated from time to time) will control the payout level. As a result, any changes in your position (identified above) may impact the level of severance pay and benefits that may be paid upon an Eligible Separation from Service.

EXHIBIT B WAIVER AND RELEASE

This is a Waiver and Release ("Release") between	("Executive") and
Anthem, Inc. (the "Company"). The Company and the Executive agree that the	ey have entered into this Release voluntarily, and
that it is intended to be a legally binding commitment between them.	

- 1. In consideration for the promises made herein by the Executive, the Company agrees as follows:
 - (a) <u>Severance Pay.</u> The Company will pay to the Executive severance or change of control payments and bonus pay in the amount set forth in the Anthem, Inc. Executive Agreement Plan (the "Plan") and the entire Employment Agreement executed in connection therewith. The Company will also pay Executive accrued but unused vacation pay for all of his or her accrued but unused vacation days.

- (b) Other Benefits. The Executive will be eligible to receive other benefits as described in the Plan.
- (c) <u>Unemployment Compensation.</u> The Company will not contest the decision of the appropriate regulatory commission regarding unemployment compensation that may be due to the Executive.
- 2. In consideration for and contingent upon the Executive's right to receive the severance pay and other benefits described in the Plan and the Employment Agreement and this Release, Executive hereby agrees as follows:

(a) General Waiver and Release. Except as provided in Paragraph 2.(f)

below, Executive and any person acting through or under the Executive hereby release, waive and forever discharge the Company, its past subsidiaries and its past and present affiliates, and their respective successors and assigns, and their respective present or past officers, trustees, directors, shareholders, executives and agents of each of them, from any and all claims, demands, actions, liabilities and other claims for relief and remuneration whatsoever (including without limitation attorneys' fees and expenses), whether known or unknown, absolute, contingent or otherwise (each, a "Claim"), arising or which could have arisen up to and including the date of his execution of this Release, arising out of or relating to Executive's employment or cessation and termination of employment, or any other written or oral agreement, any change in Executive's employment status, any benefits or compensation, any tortious injury, breach of contract, wrongful discharge (including any Claim for constructive discharge), infliction of emotional distress, slander, libel or defamation of character, and any Claims arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991), the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Equal Pay Act, the Older Workers Benefits Protection Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or any other federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, regulation, rule or executive order, any tort or contract

claims, and any of the claims, matters and issues which could have been asserted by Executive against the Company or its subsidiaries and affiliates in any legal, administrative or other proceeding. Executive agrees that if any action is brought in his or her name before any court or administrative body, Executive will not accept any payment of monies in connection therewith.

(b) <u>Waiver Under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code.</u> Executive, for Executive's predecessors, successors and assigns, hereby waives all rights which Executive may have under Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, which reads as follows:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

This waiver is not a mere recital but is a knowing waiver of the rights and benefits otherwise available under said Section 1542.

- (c) <u>Miscellaneous.</u> Executive agrees that this Release specifies payment from the Company to himself or herself, the total of which meets or exceeds any and all funds due him or her by the Company, and that he or she will not seek to obtain any additional funds from the Company with the exception of non-reimbursed business expenses. This covenant does not preclude the Executive from seeking workers compensation, unemployment compensation, or benefit payments under the Company's employee benefit plans that could be due him or her.
- (d) <u>Non-Competition, Non-Solicitation and Confidential Information and Inventions.</u> Executive warrants that Executive has, and will continue to comply fully with Sections 9 and 10 of the Employment Agreement and the requirements of the Plan.
- (e) THE COMPANY AND THE EXECUTIVE AGREE THAT THE SEVERANCE PAY AND BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN THIS RELEASE AND THE PLAN ARE CONTINGENT UPON THE EXECUTIVE SIGNING THIS RELEASE, THE EXECUTIVE FURTHER UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, EXECUTIVE IS RELEASING POTENTIAL LEGAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY. THE EXECUTIVE UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT IF HE OR SHE DECIDES NOT TO SIGN THIS RELEASE, OR IF HE OR SHE REVOKES THIS RELEASE, THAT HE OR SHE WILL IMMEDIATELY REFUND TO THE COMPANY ANY AND ALL SEVERANCE PAYMENTS AND OTHER BENEFITS HE OR SHE MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED.
 - (f) The waiver contained in Section 2(a) and (b) above does not apply to any Claims with respect to:

	(1) Act of 1974 ("I	Any claims under employee benefit plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security ERISA") in accordance with the terms of the applicable employee benefit plan,
	(ii)	Any Claim under or based on a breach of this Release,
	(iii) date that Execu	Rights or Claims that may arise under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act after the tive signs this Release,
	(iv) Executive is of	Any right to indemnification or directors and officers liability insurance coverage to which the herwise entitled in accordance with the Company's articles or by-laws.
	SHE IS HERD AT LEAST 30 AND HE OR SEVEN (7) DA	EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE HAS READ AND IS LY SIGNING THIS RELEASE. EXECUTIVE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR EBY ADVISED TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY, HE OR SHE HAS BEEN GIVEN DOAYS TO CONSIDER THIS RELEASE BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING IT, SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT HE OR SHE MAY REVOKE THE RELEASE WITHIN AYS AFTER SIGNING IT. IF NOT REVOKED WITHIN SUCH PERIOD, THIS RELEASE ME EFFECTIVE ON THE EIGHTH (8) DAY AFTER IT IS SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE.
	BELOW, BOTH OF THIS RELEA	THE COMPANY AND EXECUTIVE AGREE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT SE.
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EXHIBIT C

DESIGNATED PLANS

Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan

Anthem Incentive Compensation Plan (f/k/a WellPoint Incentive Compensation Plan)

ANTHEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

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ANTHEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS' DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (AS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECEMBER 2, 2014)

PREAMBLE

The Anthem Board of Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") is an unfunded supplemental retirement plan for directors of Anthem, Inc. ("Anthem") This Plan was originally adopted as of January 1, 2005 to provide deferrals on terms compliant with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). It was further amended and restated effective January 1, 2009 to comply with final regulations issued by the Department of Treasury under Code Section 409A. It is further amended and restated to reflect the change in WellPoint, Inc.'s name to Anthem, Inc.

The Anthem Board of Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan as it existed as of December 31, 2004 (the "Prior Plan") was frozen effective December 31, 2004 and has not and shall not be amended in any manner that would constitute a material modification as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.409A-6(a)(4). The Prior Plan, as it existed on December 31, 2004 is attached hereto strictly for purpose of reference as Appendix A. The rights, duties and obligations of Anthem and the Prior Plan Participants with respect to the Prior Plan shall be governed exclusively by the terms of the Prior Plan.

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

- <u>Section 1.01</u> <u>Administrator.</u> The term "Administrator" means the individual or individuals appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Anthem, which individual or individuals shall have the authority to manage and control the operation of this Plan.
 - <u>Section 1.02</u> <u>Anthem.</u> The term "Anthem" means Anthem, Inc., and any successor thereof.
- <u>Section 1.03</u> <u>Anthem Common Stock.</u> The term "Anthem Common Stock" means the common stock of Anthem.
- <u>Section 1.04</u> <u>Beneficiary.</u> The term "Beneficiary" means, for a Participant, the individual or individuals designated by that Participant in the last Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant to receive benefits in the event of that Participant's death.
- Section 1.05 Cash Participation Account. The term "Cash Participation Account" means the bookkeeping account maintained by the Company for each Participant reflecting cash Compensation amounts deferred under this Plan (as adjusted from time to time) and cash dividends on Anthem Common Stock deferred under this Plan and credited to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account, plus interest accruing at the Interest Rate on such amounts.

- <u>Section 1.06</u> <u>Company.</u> The term "Company" means and shall include the entities listed on Appendix A.
- <u>Section 1.07</u> <u>Compensation.</u> The term "Compensation" means for each Participant in any Plan Year the total amount of remuneration (including retainers, meeting fees and, if applicable, incentive compensation) for director services as paid to that Participant by the Company in that Plan Year.
- Section 1.08 <u>Director.</u> The term "Director" means each non-employee member of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- <u>Section 1.09</u> <u>Forms.</u> The term "Forms" means the forms used by the Company for Plan operation and shall include the following:
- (a) <u>Enrollment Form.</u> The term "Enrollment Form" shall be the form on which a Participant designates the amount and type (i.e. cash or Anthem Common Stock) of Compensation to be deferred under the Plan and when and how the Participant's Participation Account shall be distributed.
- (b) <u>Beneficiary Designation Form.</u> The term "Beneficiary Designation Form" means the form on which a Participant estimates the Participant's Beneficiary.
- Section 1.10 Interest Rate. The term "Interest Rate" means the annual rate of return credited to amounts held in the Participant's Cash Participation Account. The rate shall change each January 1. The rate shall be equal to the average of the monthly average rates of the 10-year United States Treasury Notes for the twelve (12) months ending on September 30 immediately preceding such January 1 plus one hundred and fifty (150) basis points, but not to exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the applicable federal long-term rate, with compounding (as prescribed under Section 1274(d) of the Code); provided, however, that the Company reserves the right to change the method of determining or to increase or decrease the Interest Rate which is credited to a Participant's Cash Participation Account as long as the Interest Rate shall not be decreased for periods prior to such action.
- <u>Section 1.11</u> <u>Participant.</u> The term "Participant" means any individual who fulfills the eligibility requirements contained in Article II of this Plan.
- Section 1.12 Participation Account. The term "Participation Account" means the Cash Participation Account and/or the Phantom Stock Participation Account, as applicable. A Participation Account is a bookkeeping account and is not required to be funded in any manner. The Participation Account shall be divided into a series of Plan Year Participation Accounts, one for each Plan Year for which the Participant defers any Compensation under the Plan.
- <u>Section 1.13</u> <u>Phantom Stock.</u> The term "Phantom Stock" means a unit of measurement equivalent to one (1) share of Anthem Common Stock, with none of the attendant rights that a Anthem shareholder has with respect to a share of Anthem Common Stock, including, without limitation, the right to vote such share and the right to receive dividends or other distributions thereunder.

- Section 1.14 Phantom Stock Participation Account. The term "Phantom Stock Participation Account" means the bookkeeping account maintained by the Company for each Participant reflecting Anthem Common Stock Compensation deferred under this Plan (as adjusted from time to time) and deemed to be invested in Phantom Stock consistent with Article III. The Phantom Stock Participation Accounts are established solely for accounting purposes and shall not require a segregation of any Company assets.
- Section 1.15 Plan. The term "Plan" means the plan embodied by this instrument as now in effect or hereafter amended.
 - <u>Section 1.16</u> <u>Plan Year.</u> The term "Plan Year" means the calendar year.
- Section 1.17 Plan Year Participation Account. The term "Plan Year Participation Account" means the portion of a Participation Account attributable to deferrals in a particular Plan Year.
- <u>Section 1.18</u> <u>Separation from Service</u>. The term "Separation from Service" means the termination of the Director's service as a Director with the Company and any entity in its controlled group, other than by reason of death, in compliance with Code Section 409A and the applicable Treasury Regulations issued thereunder. For purposes of the foregoing, whether an entity is in the Company's controlled group shall be determined under the rules of Code Section 414, as modified by Code Section 409A.

ARTICLE II PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN

Section 2.01 <u>Eligibility.</u> All Directors are eligible to become Participants in this Plan; <u>provided, however,</u> that former Directors shall be eligible to participate to the extent they are entitled to consulting fees or continuing director fees.

Section 2.02 Deferral Amounts.

- (a) Amount of Deferral. The amount of Compensation to be deferred in a Plan Year shall be designated by each Participant in the Enrollment Form executed by that Participant for that Plan Year and returned to the Administrator before the beginning of the Plan Year to which it relates; provided, however, that with respect to any Compensation that is "performance based compensation" under Section 409A of the Code, such election shall be due no later than six (6) months before the end of the performance period for which such Compensation would otherwise be paid. For the Plan Year during which a person first becomes eligible to become a Participant, the Participant shall be provided by the Company the opportunity to make a special election for such Plan Year with respect to the Compensation (other than performance-based compensation) paid in such Plan Year after the date on which the person becomes an eligible Participant by completing and returning to the Administrator an Enrollment Form no later than 30 days after becoming a Participant.
- (b) <u>No Changes.</u> Any election by a Participant to defer Compensation with respect to a particular Plan Year may not be revoked, modified or suspended after the start of that

Plan Year, except to the extent permitted under Code Section 409A and the Treasury Regulations thereunder.

- (c) <u>Crediting of Deferral.</u> The following rules govern the crediting of the deferral of Compensation under this Plan:
 - (i) Compensation deferred by a Participant shall be effected pro-rata from each payment of Compensation during the Plan Year.
 - (ii) For purposes of the allocations described in Article III, the amount of any Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited to a Participant's Cash Participation Account and/or Phantom Stock Participation Account, as required by Article III, on the day, but for the deferral, the deferred Compensation would have been paid.
- (d) <u>Date of Payout of a Participant's Participation Account.</u> Each Participant must, prior to the start of each Plan Year, elect the manner in which his or her Participation Account attributable to deferrals in a particular Plan Year will be distributed. Accordingly, the Participant shall make a separate distribution election with respect to each Plan Year by following the procedures described below and by satisfying such additional requirements as the Administrator may determine.
 - (i) At the same time the Participant files his or her deferral election for Compensation to be earned in the upcoming Plan Year, the Participant must also elect, in writing, on his or her Enrollment Form, which of the distribution options described below will govern the payment of the Plan Year Participation Account to which those deferred items of Compensation are credited.
 - (ii) A Participant's Plan Year Participation Account shall be distributed as of the earliest of: (A) the July 1 following the date of the Participant's Separation from Service, (B) the July 1 following the date of the Participant's death, or (C) the date elected by the Participant in his or her Enrollment Form. Under distribution option (C), the date elected must be longer than the minimum deferral period or at least twelve months after the date the initial deferral election for that Plan Year Participation Account is filed.
 - (iii) A Participant's Plan Year Participation Account will be distributed, based on the Participant's election under clause (i) above in one of the following forms: (A) a lump sum, (B) five annual installments, or (C) ten annual installments. The amount of each annual installment will be either the amount (if any) specified by the Participant in his or her selected distribution schedule or the remaining balance of the Participant's Plan Year Participation Account divided by the number of installments remaining (including the installment to be made).
 - (iv) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, upon a Participant's Separation from Service, any outstanding deferral election shall be given effect to the extent any amounts covered by such election are paid after such event. In such circumstance, payment of deferred amounts shall be made pursuant to clause (i).

- (e) <u>Subsequent Election.</u> A Participant may change the distribution election in effect for a Plan Year Participation Account by submitting that change to the Administrator in writing. No such election shall have any force or effect or become effective until the expiration of the twelve month period measured from the filing date of such election. In addition, each such election shall be valid only if:
 - (i) such election defers any distribution to be made (other than an election to have distribution made upon the Participant's death) for at least five years after the date that distribution would have otherwise been made or commenced in the absence of such subsequent election, and
 - (ii) in the case of a scheduled distribution to be made pursuant to a date specified by the Participant, such election is made at least twelve months before the date of the first scheduled distribution. In no event, however, may any change to the distribution election in effect for a Plan Year Participation Account result in any acceleration of the distribution with respect to that Participation Account. For purposes of this subsection (e), in accordance with the applicable Treasury Regulations, a series of annual installments shall be treated as a single payment.

Notwithstanding anything in this subsection (e) to the contrary, in the event of the Participant's Separation from Service or death after a subsequent election is made but before the end of the five-year delay described in clause (i) above, payment shall instead be made upon such Separation from Service or death, as the case may be.

- (f) <u>Default Rule.</u> If a Participant fails to complete an Enrollment Form, amounts credited to the Participant's Plan Year Participation Account shall automatically be distributed in a single lump sum on the July 1 immediately following the earlier of the Participant's Separation from Service or death.
- (g) <u>Payment of Small Accounts.</u> Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary and only to the extent permitted under Section 409A of the Code, if a Participant becomes entitled to a distribution of his or her Plan Year Participation Account by reason of his or her termination of eligibility to participate in this Plan and the value of the Participant's Participation Account balance is equal to or less than the limit then in effect under Code Section 402(g), then the Administrator may, in its sole discretion, pay to the Participant his or her entire Participation Account balance in a single lump sum cash payment. Any such payment will be made as soon as administratively feasible following the Participant's termination of eligibility to participate in this Plan and before the later of:
 - (i) December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant's termination of eligibility to participate in this Plan occurs, or
 - (ii) the fifteenth (15 $^{\rm th}$) day of the third month following the Participant's termination of eligibility to participate in this Plan.
- (h) <u>409A Transition Elections</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, on or before December 31, 2008, Participants may make changes to distribution elections previously filed with respect to amounts deferred under the Plan that relate to Plan Years 2005

through 2008 consistent with transition relief provided by the Department of the Treasury in Notice 2006-79, Notice 2007-86 and proposed regulations promulgated under Code Section 409A.

ARTICLE III PARTICIPATION ACCOUNTS

<u>Section 3.01</u> <u>Deferral of Compensation.</u> All cash Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited to the Participant's Cash Participation Account and all Anthem Common Stock Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited in Phantom Stock to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account.

Section 3.02 <u>Cash Participation Account.</u> Any monies credited to a Participant's Cash Participation Account shall be credited with interest at the Interest Rate, earned daily, posted monthly and compounded annually, on the amounts held in such Cash Participation Account. At the end of the deferral period elected by the Participant, the Company, consistent with Section 2.02, shall pay the Participant in cash the value of the Participant's Cash Participation Account.

Phantom Stock Participation Account. An amount of Phantom Stock equal to the number of Section 3.03 shares of Anthem Common Stock Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited to a Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account. If at any time there is Phantom Stock credited to a Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account and there is a cash dividend on Anthem Common Stock, then an amount equal to the cash dividend shall be paid on the Phantom Stock held in the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account as if a share of Phantom Stock was a share of Anthem Common Stock, by crediting such amount to the Participant's Cash Participation Account. The number of shares of Phantom Stock allocated to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account shall be adjusted by the Administrator, as it deems appropriate in its discretion, in the event of any subdivision or combination of shares of Anthem Common Stock or any stock dividend, stock split, reorganization, recapitalization, or consolidation or merger with Anthem, as the surviving corporation, or if additional shares or new or different shares or other securities of Anthem or any other issuer are distributed with respect to shares of Anthem Common Stock through a spin-off or other extraordinary distribution, as if such Phantom Stock were shares of Anthem Common Stock. At the end of the deferral period elected by the Participant, the Company, consistent with Section 2.02, shall pay the Participant in shares of Anthem Common Stock the number of shares of Phantom Stock credited to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account.

ARTICLE 1V DEATH BENEFITS

If a Participant dies prior to the commencement of the Participant's benefits under Article II, the Beneficiary of that Participant, as determined pursuant to the last Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant and on file with the Administrator, shall receive the balance contained in his Participation Account in cash and/or in Anthem Common Stock, as applicable, in a single payment on the July 1 immediately following the Participant's death. If a Participant dies after the commencement of the Participant's benefits under Article III, payment of any remaining

installments due shall be made to the Participant's Beneficiary at the same times that the installments would have been paid to the Participant.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

<u>Section 5.01</u> <u>Delegation of Responsibility.</u> The Company may delegate duties involved in the administration of this Plan to such person or persons whose services are deemed by it to be necessary or convenient.

Section 5.02 Payment of Benefits. The amounts allocated to a Participant's Participation Account and payable as benefits under this Plan shall be paid solely from the general assets of the Company. The Plan is unfunded. Any Compensation paid in Anthem Common Stock deferred under this Plan and converted into Phantom Stock shall be, on the date on which such deferred Anthem Common Stock is to be distributed pursuant to this Plan, converted back into Anthem Common Stock and be paid in Anthem Common Stock pursuant to the plan, agreement or arrangement under which such Compensation was paid; provided, however, fractional shares shall not be issued to a Participant but the value of such fractional shares shall be paid in cash. The payment of a benefit obligation shall be allocated among the Companies based on the portion of the Compensation which would have been paid by the applicable Company but for the deferral. No Participant shall have any interest in any specific assets of the Company under the terms of this Plan. This Plan shall not be considered to create an escrow account, trust fund or other funding arrangement of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between any Participant and the Company. The Companies' obligations under this Plan are purely contractual and shall not be funded or secured in any way.

<u>Section 5.03</u> <u>Administration.</u> Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Plan shall be administered by the Administrator, which shall have the final authority to adopt rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan, and to interpret, construe, and implement the provisions of the Plan.

Section 5.04 <u>Liability.</u> Any decision made or action taken by the Board of Directors, the Administrator, or any employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, arising out of or in connection with the construction, administration, interpretation, or effect of the Plan, shall be absolutely discretionary, and shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. Neither the Administrator nor a member of the Board of Directors and no employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries shall be liable for any act or action hereunder, whether of omission or commission, by any other member or employee or by any agent to whom duties in connection with the administration of the Plan have been delegated or, except in circumstances involving bad faith, for anything done or omitted to be done.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN

<u>Section 6.01</u> <u>Termination.</u> The Company may at any time terminate this Plan. No additional amounts shall be permitted to be deferred from any Participant's Compensation effective as of the first day of the Plan Year immediately following the date of Plan termination. The Company

shall pay to each such Participant the balance contained in the Participant's Participation Account at such time designated by that Participant in the Forms executed by that Participant. Upon termination of the Plan, the Company reserves the discretion to accelerate distribution of the Participation Accounts in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Treasury under Code Section 409A.

<u>Section 6.02</u> <u>Amendment.</u> The Company may amend the provisions of this Plan at any time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no amendment shall adversely affect the rights of Participants or their Beneficiaries with respect to the balances contained in their Participation Accounts immediately prior to the amendment.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

- <u>Section 7.01</u> <u>Successors.</u> This Plan shall be binding upon the successors of the Company.
- <u>Section 7.02</u> <u>Choice of Law.</u> This Plan shall be construed and interpreted pursuant to, and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Indiana.
- <u>Section 7.03</u> <u>No Service Contract.</u> This Plan shall not be construed as affecting in any manner the rights or obligations of the Company or of any Participant to continue or to terminate director status at any time.
- <u>Section 7.04</u> <u>Non-Alienation.</u> No Participant or such Participant's Beneficiary shall have any right to anticipate, pledge, alienate, assign, sell or otherwise transfer (except by will or applicable laws of descent and distribution) any of such Participant's rights under this Plan, and any effort to do so shall be null and void. The benefits payable under this Plan shall be exempt from the claims of creditors or other claimants and from all orders, decrees, levies and executions and any other legal process to the fullest extent that may be permitted by law.
- <u>Section 7.05</u> <u>Disclaimer.</u> The Company makes no representations or assurances and assumes no responsibility as to the performance by any parties, solvency, compliance with state and federal securities regulation or state and federal tax consequences of this Plan or participation therein. It shall be the responsibility of the respective Participants to determine such issues or any other pertinent issues to their own satisfaction.
- Section 7.06 Designation of Beneficiaries. Each Participant shall designate in such Participant's Beneficiary Designation Form such Participant's Beneficiary and such Participant's contingent Beneficiary to whom death benefits due hereunder at the date of such Participant's death shall be paid; provided, however, that the Beneficiary and contingent Beneficiary designated by a Participant in the last Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant and on file with the Administrator shall supersede all other Beneficiary or contingent Beneficiary designations made by that Participant in any earlier Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant. If any Participant fails to designate a Beneficiary or if the designated Beneficiary predeceases any Participant, death benefits due hereunder at that Participant's death shall be paid to the deceased

Participant's contingent Beneficiary or, if none, to the deceased Participant's surviving spouse, if any, and if none to the deceased Participant's estate.

<u>Section 7.07</u> <u>Ownership of Shares.</u> A Participant shall have no rights as a shareholder of Anthem Common Stock with respect to any shares of Anthem Common Stock until the shares of Anthem Common Stock are issued or transferred to the Participant on the books of Anthem.

This Plan has been executed on this 11 th day of November, 2014. This Plan, as amended and restated herein, shall be effective as of December 2, 2014. Nothing herein shall invalidate or adversely affect any previous election, designation, deferral, or accrual in accordance with the terms of this Plan that were in effect prior to the effective date of this amended and restated Plan.

ANTHEM, INC.

/s/ Joseph R. Swedish Joseph R. Swedish President & Chief Executive Officer

ANTHEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS' DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (AS FROZEN DECEMBER 31, 2004)

PREAMBLE

The Anthem Board of Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") is an unfunded supplemental retirement plan for directors of Anthem, Inc. ("Anthem") and such other subsidiaries and affiliates of Anthem which have adopted the Plan and which are listed on Appendix A.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- <u>Section 1.01</u> <u>Administrator.</u> The term "Administrator" means the Director Benefits Committee which committee is appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Anthem and which committee which shall have the authority to manage and control the operation of this Plan.
 - Section 1.02 Anthem. The term "Anthem" means Anthem, Inc., and any successor thereof.
- <u>Section 1.03</u> <u>Anthem Common Stock.</u> The term "Anthem Common Stock" means the common stock of Anthem.
- <u>Section 1.04</u> <u>Beneficiary.</u> The term "Beneficiary" means, for a Participant, the individual or individuals designated by that Participant in the last Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant to receive benefits in the event of that Participant's death.
- Section 1.05 Cash Participation Account. The term "Cash Participation Account" means the bookkeeping account maintained by the Company for each Participant reflecting cash Compensation amounts deferred under this Plan (as adjusted from time to time) and cash dividends on Anthem Common Stock deferred under this Plan and credited to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account, plus interest accruing at the Interest Rate on such amounts.
 - <u>Section 1.06</u> <u>Company.</u> The term "Company" means and shall include the entities listed on Appendix A.
- <u>Section 1.07</u> <u>Compensation.</u> The term "Compensation" means for each Participant in any Plan Year the total amount of remuneration (including retainers, meeting fees and, if applicable, incentive compensation) for director services as paid to that Participant by the Company in that Plan Year.
- <u>Section 1.08</u> <u>Director.</u> The term "Director" means each non-employee member of the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - Section 1.09 Effective Date. The term "Effective Date" means January 1, 1999.

- <u>Section 1.10</u> <u>Forms.</u> The term "Forms" means the forms used by the Company for Plan operation and shall include the following:
- (a) <u>Enrollment Form.</u> The term "Enrollment Form" shall be the form on which a Participant designates the amount and type (i.e. cash or Anthem Common Stock) of Compensation to be deferred under the Plan.
- (b) <u>Beneficiary Designation Form.</u> The term "Beneficiary Designation Form" means the form on which a Participant designates the Participant's Beneficiary.
- (c) <u>Distribution Election Form.</u> The term "Distribution Election Form" means the form on which a Participant designates when and how the Participant's Participation Account shall be distributed.
- Section 1.11 Interest Rate. The term "Interest Rate" means the annual rate of return credited to amounts held in the Participant's Cash Participation Account. The rate shall change each January 1. The rate shall be equal to the average of the monthly average rates of the 10-year United States Treasury Notes for the twelve (12) months ending on September 30 immediately preceding such January 1 plus one hundred and fifty (150) basis points; provided, however, that the Company reserves the right to change the method of determining or to increase or decrease the Interest Rate which is credited to a Participant's Cash Participation Account as long as the Interest Rate shall not be decreased for periods prior to such action.
- <u>Section 1.12</u> <u>Participant.</u> The term "Participant" means any individual who fulfills the eligibility requirements contained in Article II of this Plan.
- <u>Section 1.13</u> <u>Participation Account.</u> The term "Participation Account" means the Cash Participation Account and/or the Phantom Stock Participation Account, as applicable. A Participation Account is a bookkeeping account and is not required to be funded in any manner.
- <u>Section 1.14</u> <u>Phantom Stock.</u> The term "Phantom Stock" means a unit of measurement equivalent to one (1) share of Anthem Common Stock, with none of the attendant rights that an Anthem shareholder has with respect to a share of Anthem Common Stock, including, without limitation, the right to vote such share and the right to receive dividends or other distributions thereunder.
- Section 1.15 Phantom Stock Participation Account. The term "Phantom Stock Participation Account" means the bookkeeping account maintained by the Company for each Participant reflecting Anthem Common Stock Compensation deferred under this Plan (as adjusted from time to time) and deemed to be invested in Phantom Stock consistent with Article III. The Phantom Stock Participation Accounts are established solely for accounting purposes and shall not require a segregation of any Company assets.
- Section 1.16 Plan. The term "Plan" means the plan embodied by this instrument as now in effect or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE II PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN

<u>Section 2.01</u> <u>Eligibility.</u> As of the Effective Date, all Directors shall be eligible to become Participants in this Plan; <u>provided, however,</u> that former Directors shall be eligible to participate to the extent they are entitled to consulting fees or continuing director fees.

Section 2.02 Deferral Amounts.

- (a) <u>Amount of Deferral.</u> The amount of Compensation to be deferred in a Plan Year shall be designated by each Participant in the Enrollment Form executed by that Participant for that Plan Year prior to the beginning of that Plan Year and within the time period established by Administrator.
- (b) <u>Special Rules for New Directors.</u> For the Plan Year during which a person first becomes eligible to become a Participant, the Participant shall be provided by the Company the opportunity to make a special election for such Plan Year with respect to the Compensation paid in such Plan Year after the date on which the person becomes an eligible Participant.
- (c) <u>Timing of Deferral.</u> The following rules govern the timing of the deferral of Compensation under this Plan:
 - (i) Compensation deferred by a Participant shall be effected pro-rata from each payment of Compensation during the Plan Year.
 - (ii) For purposes of the allocations described in Article III, the amount of any Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited to a Participant's Cash Participation Account and/or Phantom Stock Participation Account, as required by Article III, on the day, but for the deferral, the deferred Compensation would have been paid.
- (d) <u>Date of Payout of a Participant's Participation Account.</u> The date on which a Participant's Participation Account attributable to deferrals in a Plan Year is to be distributed to that Participant under the provisions of this Plan shall be designated by that Participant in the most recent Distribution Election Form executed by that Participant. The distribution options available to a Participant shall include:
 - (i) lump sum, or
 - (ii) five (5) or ten (10) annual installments

The Participant shall designate in the Distribution Election Form the year in which distribution is to be made or begin. Any lump sum payment or installment under this Plan for a Plan Year shall be made on or about July 1.

- (e) <u>Special Rules.</u> Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article II to the contrary, the following special rules shall govern distributions made under this Plan;
- (i) A Participant shall be permitted to change the date on which the Participant's Participation Account shall be distributed by completing a new Distribution Election Form which is delivered to the Company at least one (1) calendar year before the earlier of the date on which the Participant ceases to be a Director or the date on which distribution of the Participant's Participation Account would have been made but for the change in election; provided, however, that any completed Distribution Election Form which was not received prior to the beginning of the one (1) year period described above shall be null and void.
- (ii) If the aggregate amount in a Participant's Participation Account on the initial installment date is equal to or less than fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) in value, payment of the Participant's Participation Account shall be required to be made in a single lump sum.
- (iii) If a Participant fails to complete a Distribution Election Form, amounts credited to the Participant's Participation Account shall automatically be distributed in a single lump sum on the July 1 immediately following the date on which the Participant ceases to be eligible to participate in this Plan.
- (iv) With respect to any amounts credited to a Participant's Participation Account attributable to deferrals made before January 1, 1999 and except as otherwise provided in Subsection (ii) above, any quarterly or annual installment election made by the Participant prior to January 1, 1999 shall be given effect.

ARTICLE III PARTICIPATION ACCOUNTS

- <u>Section 3.01</u> <u>Deferral of Compensation.</u> All cash Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited to the Participant's Cash Participation Account and all Anthem Common Stock Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited in Phantom Stock to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account.
- Section 3.02 <u>Cash Participation Account.</u> Any monies credited to a Participant's Cash Participation Account shall be credited with interest at the Interest Rate, earned daily, posted monthly and compounded annually, on the amounts held in such Cash Participation Account. At the end of the deferral period elected by the Participant, the Company, consistent with Section 2.02, shall pay the Participant in cash the value of the Participant's Cash Participation Account.
- <u>Section 3.03</u> <u>Phantom Stock Participation Account.</u> An amount of Phantom Stock equal to the number of shares of Anthem Common Stock Compensation deferred hereunder shall be credited to a Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account. If at any time there is Phantom Stock credited to a Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account and there is a cash dividend

on Anthem Common Stock, then an amount equal to the cash dividend shall be paid on the Phantom Stock held in the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account as if a share of Phantom Stock was a share of Anthem Common Stock, by crediting such amount to the Participant's Cash Participation Account. The number of shares of Phantom Stock allocated to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account shall be adjusted by the Administrator, as it deems appropriate in its discretion, in the event of any subdivision or combination of shares of Anthem Common Stock or any stock dividend, stock split, reorganization, recapitalization, or consolidation or merger with Anthem, as the surviving corporation, or if additional shares or new or different shares or other securities of Anthem or any other issuer are distributed with respect to shares of Anthem Common Stock through a spin-off or other extraordinary distribution, as if such Phantom Stock were shares of Anthem Common Stock. At the end of the deferral period elected by the Participant, the Company, consistent with Section 2.02, shall pay the Participant in shares of Anthem Common Stock the number of shares of Phantom Stock credited to the Participant's Phantom Stock Participation Account.

ARTICLE IV DEATH BENEFITS

If a Participant dies prior to the commencement of the Participant's benefits under Article II, the Beneficiary of that Participant, as determined pursuant to the last Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant, shall receive the balance contained in his Participation Account in cash and/or in Anthem Common Stock, as applicable, in a single payment on the July 1 immediately following the Participant's death. If a Participant dies after the commencement of the Participant's benefits under Article III, payment of any remaining installments due shall be made to the Participant's Beneficiary at the same times that the installments would have been paid to the Participant.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

<u>Section 5.01</u> <u>Delegation of Responsibility.</u> The Company may delegate duties involved in the administration of this Plan to such person or persons whose services are deemed by it to be necessary or convenient.

Section 5.02 Payment of Benefits. The amounts allocated to a Participant's Participation Account and payable as benefits under this Plan shall be paid solely from the general assets of the Company. The Plan is unfunded. Any Compensation paid in Anthem Common Stock deferred under this Plan and converted into Phantom Stock shall, on the date on which such deferred Anthem Common Stock is to be distributed pursuant to this Plan, converted back into Anthem Common Stock and be paid in Anthem Common Stock pursuant to the plan, agreement or arrangement under which such Compensation was paid; provided, however, fractional shares shall not be issued to a Participant but the value of such fractional shares shall be paid in cash. The payment of benefit obligation shall be allocated among the Companies based on the portion of the Compensation which would have been paid by the applicable Company but for the deferral. No Participant shall have any interest in any specific assets of

the Company under the terms of this Plan. This Plan shall not be considered to create an escrow account, trust fund or other funding arrangement of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between any Participant and the Company. The Companies' obligations under this Plan are purely contractual and shall not be funded or secured in any way.

<u>Section 5.03</u> <u>Administration.</u> Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Plan shall be administered by the Administrator, which shall have the final authority to adopt rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan, and to interpret, construe, and implement the provisions of the Plan.

Section 5.04 <u>Liability.</u> Any decision made or action taken by the Board of Directors, the Administrator, or any employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, arising out of or in connection with the construction, administration, interpretation, or effect of the Plan, shall be absolutely discretionary, and shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. Neither the Administrator nor a member of the Board of Directors and no employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries shall be liable for any act or action hereunder, whether of omission or commission, by any other member or employee or by any agent to whom duties in connection with the administration of the Plan have been delegated or, except in circumstances involving bad faith, for anything done or omitted to be done.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN

Section 6.01 <u>Termination.</u> The Company may at any time terminate this Plan. As of the date on which this Plan is terminated, no additional amounts shall be deferred from any Participant's Compensation. The Company shall pay to each such Participant the balance contained in the Participant's Participation Account at such time designated by that Participant in the Forms executed by that Participant; <u>provided, however,</u> that the Administrator, in its sole and complete discretion, may direct the Company to pay out to the Participants their Participation Accounts in a single payment of cash and/or Anthem Common Stock, as applicable, as soon as practicable after the Plan termination.

<u>Section 6.02</u> <u>Amendment.</u> The Company may amend the provisions of this Plan at any time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no amendment shall adversely affect the rights of Participants or their Beneficiaries with respect to the balances contained in their Participation Accounts immediately prior to the amendment.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

<u>Section 7.01</u> <u>Successors.</u> This Plan shall be binding upon the successors of the Company.

<u>Section 7.02</u> <u>Choice of Law.</u> This Plan shall be construed and interpreted pursuant to, and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Indiana.

<u>Section 7.03</u> <u>No Service Contract.</u> This Plan shall not be construed as affecting in any manner the rights or obligations of the Company or of any Participant to continue or to terminate director status at any time.

Section 7.04 Non-Alienation. No Participant or such Participant's Beneficiary shall have any right to anticipate, pledge, alienate, assign, sell or otherwise transfer (except by will or applicable laws of descent and distribution) any of such Participant's rights under this Plan, and any effort to do so shall be null and void. The benefits payable under this Plan shall be exempt from the claims of creditors or other claimants and from all orders, decrees, levies and executions and any other legal process to the fullest extent that may be permitted by law.

<u>Section 7.05</u> <u>Disclaimer.</u> The Company makes no representations or assurances and assumes no responsibility as to the performance by any parties, solvency, compliance with state and federal securities regulation or state and federal tax consequences of this Plan or participation therein. It shall be the responsibility of the respective Participants to determine such issues or any other pertinent issues to their own satisfaction.

Section 7.06 Designation of Beneficiaries. Each Participant shall designate in such Participant's Beneficiary Designation Form such Participant's Beneficiary and such Participant's contingent Beneficiary to whom death benefits due hereunder at the date of such Participant's death shall be paid; provided, however, that the Beneficiary and contingent Beneficiary designated by a Participant in the last Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant shall supersede all other Beneficiary or contingent Beneficiary designations made by that Participant in any earlier Beneficiary Designation Form executed by that Participant. If any Participant fails to designate a Beneficiary or if the designated Beneficiary predeceases any Participant, death benefits due hereunder at that Participant's death shall be paid to the deceased Participant's contingent Beneficiary or, if none, to the deceased Participant's surviving spouse, if any, and if none to the deceased Participant's estate.

<u>Section 7.07</u> <u>Ownership of Shares.</u> A Participant shall have no rights as a shareholder of Anthem Common Stock with respect to any shares of Anthem Common Stock until the shares of Anthem Common Stock are issued or transferred to the Participant on the books of Anthem.

This Plan has been executed on this 29 day of August, 2003. This Plan was effective on January 1, 1999. This Plan, as amended and restated herein, shall be effective as of January 1, 2004. Nothing herein shall invalidate or adversely affect any previous election, designation, deferral, or accrual in accordance with the terms of this Plan that were in effect prior to the effective date of this amended and restated Plan.

ANTHEM, INC.

By: __

Its: __

BLUE CROSS LICENSE AGREEMENT (Includes revisions, if any, adopted by Member Plans through their November 21, 2014 meeting)

	This agreement by	and between Blue (Cross and Blue	Shield Association	("BCBSA") ar	nd The Blue	Cross F	Plan,
known	as	(the "Plan").						

Preamble

WHEREAS, the Plan and/or its predecessor(s) in interest (collectively the "Plan") had the right to use the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") for health care plans in its service area, which was essentially local in nature;

WHEREAS, the Plan was desirous of assuring nationwide protection of the Licensed Marks, maintaining uniform quality controls among Plans, facilitating the provision of cost effective health care services to the public and otherwise benefiting the public;

WHEREAS, to better attain such ends, the Plan and the predecessor of BCBSA in 1972 simultaneously executed the BCA License Agreement (s) and the Ownership Agreement; and

WHEREAS, BCBSA and the Plan desire to supercede said Agreement(s) and to revise certain provisions of the Ownership Agreement to reflect their current practices and to assure the continued integrity of the Licensed Marks and of the BLUE CROSS system;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agre e as follows:

Agreement

- 1. BCBSA hereby grants to the Plan, upon the terms and conditions of this License Agreement ("Agreement" or "Primary License Agreement", the right to use BLUE CROSS in its trade and/or corporate name (the "Licensed Name"), and the right to use the Licensed Marks, in the sale, marketing and administration of health care plans and related services in the Service Area set forth and defined in paragraph 5 below. As used herein, health care plans and related services shall include acting as a nonprofit health care plan, a for-profit health care plan, or mutual health insurer operating on a not-for-profit or for-profit basis, under state law; financing access to health care services; when working with a bank that holds the relevant license to use the Licensed Name and Marks, offering: (i) tax-favored savings accounts for medical expenses and means for accessing such accounts, such as debit cards or checks, that are provided solely to support access to such tax-favored savings accounts, all pursuant to such license, or (ii) prepaid rewards cards that are provided for completion of a wellness program, all pursuant to such license; providing health care management and administration; administering, but not underwriting, non-health portions of Worker's Compensation insurance; delivering health care services, except hospital services (as defined in the Guidelines to Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members); and performing the Eligibility and Enrollment functions of HR administration for all benefit plans offered by a group account to its members, including benefit plans not provided by the Plan, provided that the Plan has contracted to provide Health Coverage under the Licensed Marks to the account (as the terms "Health Coverage," "Eligibility" and "Enrollment" are defined in Exhibit 4, Paragraph 2.t.).
- 2. The Plan may use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with the offering of: i) health care plans and related services in the Service Area through Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement"); and: ii) insurance coverages offered by life insurers under the applicable law in the Service Area, other than those which the Plan may offer in its own name, provided through Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1A hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement Applicable to Life Insurance Companies") or the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1A1 hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products") and further provided that the offering of such services does not and will not dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name; and iii) administration and underwriting of Workers' Compensation Insurance Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License."); and iv) regional Medicare Advantage PPO products in cooperation with one or more other Plans through jointly-held Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1B hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement Applicable to Regional Medicare Advantage PPO Products"); and v) regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan products in cooperation with one or more other Plans through jointly-held Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1C hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement Applicable to Regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Products"). As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is subject to the bona fide control of a Plan or Plans and, if the entity meets the standards of Paragraph 2a.B but not Paragraph2a.A, the entity, its owners, and persons

with authority to select or appoint members or board members, other than a Plan or Plans, have received written approval of BCBSA. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, bona fide control shall have the meaning set forth in Paragraphs 2a. and 2b.

- 2a. With respect to the Controlled Affiliate Licenses authorized in clauses i) through iii) of Paragraph 2, bona fide control shall mean that a Plan (the "Sponsoring Plan") authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to this Primary License Agreement with BCBSA must have:
 - A. The legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having more than 50% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; (c) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur. In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own more than 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate; or
 - B. The legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 50% voting control thereof; (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur; (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate at least equal to that exercised by persons or entities (jointly or individually) other than the Sponsoring Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by the Sponsoring Plan before the Controlled Affiliate can:
 - 1. Change its legal and/or trade name;
 - 2. Change the geographic area in which it operates:
 - 3. Change any of the types of businesses in which it engages;
 - 4. Create, or become liable for by way of guarantee, any indebtedness, other than indebtedness arising in the ordinary course of business;
 - 5. Sell any assets, except for sales in the ordinary course of business or sales of equipment no longer useful or being replaced;
 - 6. Make any loans or advances except in the ordinary course of business;

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- 7. Enter into any arrangement or agreement with any party directly or indirectly affiliated with any of the owners of the Controlled Affiliate or persons or entities with the authority to select or appoint members or board members of the Controlled Affiliate, other than the Sponsoring Plan or other Plans (excluding owners of stock holdings of under 5% in a publicly traded Controlled Affiliate);
- 8. Conduct any business other than under the Licensed Marks and Name;
- 9. Take any action that the Sponsoring Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks or Names.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own at least 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate; or

- C. With respect to a Controlled Affiliate that is 100% controlled by Plans including the Sponsoring Plan and which offers solely Medicaid products and services, the legal authority together with such other Plans (a) to select all members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body; (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate; (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate. In addition, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate, with the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans each having an ownership interest. Such 100% control and ownership by Plans shall be direct or, if indirect, solely through affiliates that are licensed to use marks owned by BCBSA. Further, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall execute the "Addendum to Controlled Affiliate License" attached as Exhibit B to Exhibit 1 attached hereto.
- 2b. With respect to the Controlled Affiliate License Agreements authorized in clauses iv) and v) of Paragraph 2, bona fide control shall mean that the Controlled Affiliate is organized and operated in such a manner that it meets the following requirements:
- A. The Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Plans authorized to use the Licensed Marks pursuant to this License Agreement with BCBSA (for purposes of this subparagraph A. through subparagraph C., the "Controlling Plans"); and

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- B. Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to this Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region (as that term is defined in such Controlled Affiliate License Agreements) and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and
- C. The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof; (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur; and (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) of this subparagraph E., the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:
 - Change its legal and/or trade names;
 - 2. Change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
 - 3. Change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
 - 4. Take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

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- 3. With respect to a Controlled Affiliate that is not licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Plan may, in communications that contain the Licensed Marks or Name, indicate its corporate relationship to the Affiliate and permit such Affiliate to indicate its corporate relationship to the Plan, solely in the circumstances, style and manner specified by BCBSA from time-to-time in regulations of general application consistent with the avoidance of confusion or mistake or the dilution or tarnishment of the Licensed Marks and Name. No rights are hereby created in any Controlled Affiliate to use the Licensed Marks or Name in its own name or otherwise.
- 4. The Plan recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Plan further recognizes that its actions within its Service Area may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide. The Plan agrees (a) to maintain in good standing its membership in BCBSA; (b) promptly to pay its dues to BCBSA, said dues to represent the royalties for this License Agreement; (c) materially to comply with all applicable laws; (d) to comply with the Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members of BCBSA, a current copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2 hereto; and (e) reasonably to permit BCBSA, upon a written, good faith request and during reasonable business hours, to inspect the Plan's books and records necessary to ascertain compliance herewith. As to other Plans and third parties, BCBSA shall maintain the confidentiality of all documents and information furnished by the Plan pursuant hereto, or pursuant to the Membership Standards, and clearly designated by the Plan as containing proprietary information of the Plan.
- 5. The rights hereby granted are exclusive to the Plan within the geographical area(s) served by the Plan on June 30, 1972, and/or as to which the Plan has been granted a subsequent license, which is hereby defined as the "Service Area," except that BCBSA reserves the right to use the Licensed Marks in said Service Area, and except to the extent that said Service Area may overlap areas served by one or more other licensed Blue Cross Plans as of said date or subsequent license, as to which overlapping areas the rights hereby granted are nonexclusive as to such other Plan or Plans only.

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- Except as expressly provided by BCBSA with respect to National Accounts, Government Programs and certain other necessary and collateral uses, the current rules and regulations governing which are attached as Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4 hereto, and are contained in other documents referenced herein, or as expressly provided herein, the Plan may not use the Licensed Marks and Name outside the Service Area or in connection with other goods and services, nor may the Plan use the Licensed Marks or Name in a manner which is intended to transfer in the Service Area the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Plan from engaging in lawful activity anywhere under other marks and names not confusingly similar to the Licensed Marks and Name, provided that engaging in such activity does and will not dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name. In addition to any and all remedies available hereunder, BCBSA may impose monetary fines on the Plan for the Plan's use of the Licensed Marks and Names outside the Service Area, and provided that the procedure used in imposing a fine is consistent with procedures specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time in regulations of general application. In the case of regional Medicare Advantage PPO and regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan products offered by consenting and participating Plans in a region that includes the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Plan, such fine may be imposed jointly on the consenting and participating Plans for use of the Licensed Marks and Name in any geographic area of the region in which a Plan having exclusive rights to the Licensed Marks and Name does not consent to and participate in such offering, provided that the basis for imposition of such fine is consistent with rules specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time in regulations of general application.
- 7. The Plan agrees that it will display the Licensed Marks and Name only in such form, style and manner as shall be specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time-to-time in regulations of general application in order to prevent impairment of the distinctiveness of the Licensed Marks and Name and the goodwill pertaining thereto. The Plan shall cause to appear on all materials on or in connection with which the Licensed Marks or Name are used such legends, markings and notices as BCBSA may reasonably request in order to give appropriate notice of service mark or other proprietary rights therein or pertaining thereto.
- 8. BCBSA agrees that: (a) it will not grant any other license effective during the term of this License Agreement for the use of the Licensed Marks or Name which is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Plan hereunder; and (b) it will not itself use the Licensed Marks in derogation of the rights of the Plan or in a manner to deprive the Plan of the full benefits of this License Agreement, provided that BCBSA shall have the right to use the Licensed Marks in conjunction with any national offering under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program in the manner set forth in Exhibit 4, Paragraph 4 (including subparagraphs) to this License Agreement. The Plan agrees that it will not attack the title of BCBSA in and to the Licensed Marks or Name or attack the validity of the Licensed Marks or of this License Agreement. The Plan further agrees that all use by it of the Licensed Marks and Name or any similar mark or name shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA, and the Plan shall cooperate with BCBSA in effectuating the assignment to BCBSA of any service mark or trademark registrations of the Licensed Marks or any similar mark or name held by the Plan or a Controlled Affiliate of the Plan, all or any portion of which registration consists of the Licensed Marks.

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9. (a). Should the Plan fail to comply with the provisions of paragraphs 2–4, 6, 7 and/or 12, and not cure such
failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence curing such failure within such thirty day
period and continue diligent efforts to complete the curing of such failure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed
within such thirty day period), BCBSA shall have the right to issue a notice that the Plan is in a state of noncompliance.
Except as to the termination of a Plan's License Agreement or the merger of two or more Plans, disputes as to
noncompliance, and all other disputes between or among BCBSA, the Plan, other Plans and/or Controlled Affiliates,
shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution pursuant to the rules and regulations of
BCBSA, a current copy of which is attached as Exhibit 5 hereto, and shall be timely presented and resolved. The
mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary
penalties. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Plan or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute
resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the
License Agreement. Except, however, as provided in paragraphs 9(d)(iii), 15(a)(i)-(viii), and 15(a)(x) below, no Plan's
license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of
three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans.

(b). Notwithstanding any other provision of this License Agreement, a Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Plan advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Plan an opportunity to be heard and to present its response to Member Plans for: (i) failure to comply with any minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the Membership Standard on Financial Responsibility; or (ii) impending financial insolvency; or (iii) the pendency of any action instituted against the Plan seeking its dissolution or liquidation or its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property of business, unless this License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 15(a); or (iv) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans and/or the Licensed Marks.

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(c). To the extent not otherwise provided therein, neither: (i) the Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members of BCBSA; nor (ii) the rules and regulations governing Government Programs and certain other uses; nor (iii) the rules and regulations governing mediation and mandatory dispute resolution, may be amended unless and until each such amendment is first adopted by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and of three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans. The rules and regulations governing National Accounts and other national programs required by the Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members of BCBSA (Exhibit 2) are contained, in addition to those set forth in Exhibit 3, in the following documents, as amended from time to time: (1) the Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions; (2) Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program Policies and Provisions. The voting requirements specified in rules and regulations governing such national programs may not be amended unless and until each such amendment is first adopted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and of three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans.

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- (d). The Plan may operate as a for-profit company on the following conditions:
- (i) The Plan shall discharge all responsibilities which it has to the Association and to other Plans by virtue of this Agreement and the Plan's membership in BCBSA.
- (ii) The Plan shall not use the licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of its legal name or any symbol used to identify the Plan in any securities market. The Plan shall use the licensed Marks and Name as part of its trade name within its service area for the sale, marketing and administration of health care and related services in the service area.
- (iii) The Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name shall automatically terminate effective: (a) thirty days after the Plan knows, or there is an SEC filing indicating that, any Institutional Investor, has become the Beneficial Owner of securities representing 10% or more of the voting power of the Plan ("Excess Institutional Voter"), unless such Excess Institutional Voter shall cease to be an Excess Institutional Voter prior to such automatic termination becoming effective; (b) thirty days after the Plan knows, or there is an SEC filing indicating that, any Noninstitutional Investor has become the Beneficial Owner of securities representing 5% or more of the voting power of the Plan ("Excess Noninstitutional Voter") unless such Excess Noninstitutional Voter shall cease to be an Excess Noninstitutional Voter prior to such automatic termination becoming effective; (c) thirty days after the Plan knows, or there is an SEC filing indicating that, any Person has become the Beneficial Owner of 20% or more of the Plan's then outstanding common stock or other equity securities which (either by themselves or in combination) represent an ownership interest of 20% or more pursuant to determinations made under paragraph 9(d)(iv) below ("Excess Owner"), unless such Excess Owner shall cease to be an Excess Owner prior to such automatic termination becoming effective; (d) ten business days after individuals who at the time the Plan went public constituted the Board of Directors of the Plan (together with any new directors whose election to the Board was approved by a vote of 2/3 of the directors then still in office who were directors at the time the Plan went public or whose election or nomination was previously so approved) (the "Continuing Directors") cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors; or (e) ten business days after the Plan consolidates with or merges with or into any person or conveys, assigns, transfers or sells all or substantially all of its assets to any person other than a merger in which the Plan is the surviving entity and immediately after which merger, no person is an Excess Institutional Voter, an Excess Noninstitutional Voter or an Excess Owner: provided that, if requested by the affected Plan in a writing received by BCBSA prior to such automatic termination becoming effective, the provisions of this paragraph 9(d)(iii) may be waived, in whole or in part,

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upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Plans and a majority of the total then current weighted vote of the disinterested Plans. Any waiver so granted may be conditioned upon such additional requirements (including but not limited to imposing new and independent grounds for termination of this License) as shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Plans and a majority of the total then current weighted vote of the disinterested Plans. If a timely waiver request is received, no automatic termination shall become effective until the later of: (1) the conclusion of the applicable time period specified in paragraphs 9(d)(iii)(a)-(d) above, or (2) the conclusion of the first Member Plan meeting after receipt of such a waiver request.

In the event that the Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name is terminated pursuant to this Paragraph 9(d) (iii), the license may be reinstated in BCBSA's sole discretion if, within 30 days of the date of such termination, the Plan demonstrates that the Person referred to in clause (a), (b) or (c) of the preceding paragraph is no longer an Excess Institutional Voter, an Excess Noninstitutional Voter or an Excess Owner.

- (iv) The Plan shall not issue any class or series of security other than (i) shares of common stock having identical terms or options or derivatives of such common stock, (ii) non-voting, non-convertible debt securities or (iii) such other securities as the Plan may approve, provided that BCBSA receives notice at least thirty days prior to the issuance of such securities, including a description of the terms for such securities, and BCBSA shall have the authority to determine how such other securities will be counted in determining whether any Person is an Excess Institutional Voter, Excess Noninstitutional Voter or an Excess Owner.
 - (v) For purposes of paragraph 9(d)(iii), the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) "Affiliate" and "Associate" shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and in effect on November 17, 1993 (the "Exchange Act").
 - (b) A Person shall be deemed the "Beneficial Owner" of and shall be deemed to "beneficially own" any securities:
 - (i) which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates beneficially owns, directly or indirectly;

- (ii) which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates has (A) the right to acquire (whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time) pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, or upon the exercise of conversion rights, exchange rights, warrants or options, or otherwise; or (B) the right to vote pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding; provided, however, that a Person shall not be deemed the Beneficial Owner of, or to beneficially own, any security if the agreement, arrangement or understanding to vote such security (1) arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a public proxy or consent solicitation made pursuant to, and in accordance with, the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act and (2) is not also then reportable on Schedule 13D under the Exchange Act (or any comparable or successor report); or
- (iii) which are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by any other Person (or any Affiliate or Associate thereof) with which such Person (or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates) has any agreement, arrangement or understanding (other than customary agreements with and between underwriters and selling group members with respect to a bona fide public offering of securities) relating to the acquisition, holding, voting (except to the extent contemplated by the proviso to (b)(ii)(B) above) or disposing of any securities of the Plan.

Notwithstanding anything in this definition of Beneficial Ownership to the contrary, the phrase "then outstanding," when used with reference to a Person's Beneficial Ownership of securities of the Plan, shall mean the number of such securities then issued and outstanding together with the number of such securities not then actually issued and outstanding which such Person would be deemed to own beneficially hereunder.

- (c) A Person shall be deemed an "Institutional Investor" if (but only if) such Person (i) is an entity or group identified in the SEC's Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii) as constituted on June 1, 1997, and (ii) every filing made by such Person with the SEC under Regulation 13D-G (or any successor Regulation) with respect to such Person's Beneficial Ownership of Plan securities shall have contained a certification identical to the one required by item 10 of SEC Schedule 13G as constituted on June 1, 1997.
 - (d) "Noninstitutional Investor" means any Person who is not an Institutional Investor.
- (e) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture or other entity, and shall include any successor (by merger or otherwise) of such entity.

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- 10. This License Agreement shall remain in effect: (a) until terminated as provided herein; or (b) until this and all such other License Agreements are terminated by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans; or (c) until termination of aforesaid Ownership Agreement; or (d) until terminated by the Plan upon eighteen (18) months written notice to BCBSA or upon a shorter notice period approved by BCBSA in writing at its sole discretion.
- 11. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 15 below or by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans, or unless this and all such other License Agreements are simultaneously terminated by force of law, the termination of this License Agreement for any reason whatsoever shall cause the reversion to BCBSA of all rights in and to the Licensed Marks and Name, and the Plan agrees that it will promptly discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, will not use them thereafter, and will promptly, upon written notice from BCBSA, change its corporate name so as to eliminate the Licensed Name therefrom.
- 12. The license hereby granted to Plan to use the Licensed Marks and Name is and shall be personal to the Plan so licensed and shall not be assignable by any act of the Plan, directly or indirectly, without the written consent of BCBSA. Said license shall not be assignable by operation of law, nor shall Plan mortgage or part with possession or control of this license or any right hereunder, and the Plan shall have no right to grant any sublicense to use the Licensed Marks and Name.
- 13. BCBSA shall maintain appropriate service mark registrations of the Licensed Marks and BCBSA shall take such lawful steps and proceedings as may be necessary or proper to prevent use of the Licensed Marks by any person who is not authorized to use the same. Any actions or proceedings undertaken by BCBSA under the provisions of this paragraph shall be at BCBSA's sole cost and expense. BCBSA shall have the sole right to determine whether or not any legal action shall be taken on account of unauthorized use of the Licensed Marks, such right not to be unreasonably exercised. The Plan shall report any unlawful usage of the Licensed Marks to BCBSA in writing and agrees, free of charge, to cooperate fully with BCBSA's program of enforcing and protecting the service mark rights, trade name rights and other rights in the Licensed Marks.
- 14. The Plan hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA and any other Plan(s) harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise as a result of the activities of the Plan or of any hospital, medical group, clinic or other provider of health services that is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Plan. BCBSA hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold the Plan and any other Plan(s) harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise exclusively and directly as a result of the activities of BCBSA.

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(a). This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by the Plan or by BCBSA seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against the Plan or BCBSA seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by the Plan or BCBSA or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Plan or BCBSA respectively, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against the Plan or BCBSA in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or the Plan or BCBSA is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent (as that term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the state of Illinois) by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) the Plan or BCBSA makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of the Plan or delinquency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by the Plan or BCBSA seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against the Plan or BCBSA seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by the Plan or BCBSA or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Plan or BCBSA respectively, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of the Plan's or BCBSA's property or business is appointed, or the Plan or BCBSA is ordered dissolved or liquidated, or (ix) the Plan shall fail to pay its dues and shall not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof, or (x) if, due to regulatory action, the Plan together with any applicable Controlled Affiliate becomes unable to do business using the Names and Marks in any State or portion thereof included in its Service Area, provided that: (i) automatic termination shall not occur prior to the exhaustion by any such Plan of its rights to appeal or challenge such regulatory action; and (ii) in the event the Plan is licensed to do business using the Names and Marks in multiple States or portions of States, the termination of its License Agreement shall be solely limited to the State(s) or portions thereof in which the regulatory action applies. By not appealing or challenging such regulatory action within the time prescribed by law or regulation, and in any event no later than 120 days after such action is taken, a Plan shall be deemed to have exhausted its rights to appeal or challenge, and automatic termination shall proceed.

rust over any of the Plan's or BCBSA's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 15(a)(vii) and (viii of this Agreement.
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- (b). BCBSA, or the Plans (as provided and in addition to the rights conferred in Paragraph 10(b) above), may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice upon the occurrence of <u>either</u> of the following events: (a) the Plan or BCBSA becomes insolvent (as that term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code enacted in the state of Illinois), or (b) any final judgment against the Plan or BCBSA remains unsatisfied or unbonded of record for a period of sixty (60) days or longer.
- (c). If this License Agreement is terminated as to BCBSA for any reason stated in subparagraphs 15(a) and(b) above, the ownership of the Licensed Marks shall revert to each of the Plans as provided in the Ownership Agreement.
- (d). Upon termination of this License Agreement or any Controlled Affiliate License Agreement of a Larger Controlled Affiliate, as defined in Exhibit 1 to this License Agreement, the following conditions shall apply, except that, in the event of a partial termination of this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 15 (a)(x)(ii) of this Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the geographic area for which the Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
 - (i) The terminated entity shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the terminated entity or its Controlled Affiliates under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA, subject to any conflicting state law and state regulatory requirements. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination or, if termination is pursuant to paragraph 10(d) of this Agreement, within 15 days after the written notice to BCBSA described in paragraph 10 (d).
 - (ii) The terminated entity shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the terminated entity is involved (in a Control, Participating or Servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the terminated entity's role therein. For those accounts where the terminated entity is the Control Plan, the Plan must also indicate the Participating and Servicing Plans in the national account syndicate.

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Unless the cause of termination is an event stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) above respecting BCBSA, the Plan and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to the Re-Establishment Fee (described below) multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the terminated entity and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates; provided that if any other Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in the Service Area established by this Agreement, the Re-Establishment Fee shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the terminated entity and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in the Service Area. The Re-Establishment Fee shall be indexed to a base fee of \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee through December 31, 2005 shall be \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee for calendar years after December 31, 2005 shall be adjusted on January 1 of each calendar year up to and including January 1, 2010 and shall be the base fee multiplied by 100% plus the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the Plans' gross administrative expense (standard BCBSA definition) per Licensed Enrollee since December 31, 2004. The adjustment shall end on January 1, 2011, at which time the Re-Establishment Fee shall be fixed at the then-current amount and no longer automatically adjusted. For example, if the Plans' gross administrative expense per Licensed Enrollee was \$278.60, \$285.00 and \$290.00 for calendar year end 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, the January 1, 2007 Re-Establishment Fee would be \$83.27 (100% of the base fee plus \$1.84 for calendar year 2005 and \$1.43 for calendar year 2006). Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (a) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (b) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph (d)(iii) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's

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opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Plan to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this sub paragraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans), measured as of the date of termination and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plan or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. At least 50% of the Re-Establishment Fee shall be awarded to the Plan (or Plans) that receive the new license(s) for the service area(s) at issue; provided, however, that such award shall not become due or payable until all disputes, if any, regarding the amount of and BCBSA's right to such Re-Establishment Fee have been finally resolved; and provided further that the award shall be based on the final amount actually received by BCBSA. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution which it may amend from time to time that shall govern BCBSA's use of its portion of the award. In the event that the terminated entity's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Plan (and/or its Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to subparagraph 15(d)(vi) and any costs associated with

(iv) The terminated entity shall comply with all financial settlement procedures set forth in BCBSA's License Termination Contingency Plan, as amended from time

reestablishing the Service Area, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates) for purposes of replacing the terminated

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to time and shall work diligently and in good faith with BCBSA, any Alternative Control Licensee or Replacement Licensee and any existing or potential new account for Bluebranded products and services to minimize the disruption of termination, and honor, to the fullest extent possible, the desire of accounts to continue to receive or obtain Bluebranded products and services through a new Licensee ("Transition"). Such diligence and good faith on the part of the terminated entity shall include, but not be limited to: (a) working cooperatively with BCBSA to protect the Names and Marks from potential harm; (b) cooperating with BCBSA's use of the Names and Marks in the terminated entity's former service area during the termination and Transition; (c) transmitting, upon the request of an existing Blue account or of BCBSA with consent and on behalf of an existing Blue account, all member and account-data relating to the Federal Employee Program to BCBSA, and all member and account data relating to other programs to an Alternative Control Licensee or Replacement Licensee; (d) working with BCBSA and the Alternative Control or Replacement Licensee with respect to potential new Blue accounts headquartered in the terminated entity's former service area; (e) continuing to service Blue accounts during the Transition; (f) continuing to comply with National Programs, Federal Employee Program and NASCO policies and procedures and all voluntary BCBSA programs, policies and performance standards, such as Away From Home Care, including being responsible for payment of all penalties for non-compliance duly levied in conformity with the License Agreements, Membership Standards, or the Federal Employee Program agreements, that may arise during the Transition; (g) maintaining and providing access to its provider networks, as defined by Federal Employee Program agreements and National Account Program Policies and Provisions, and Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions, and making those networks and discounts available to members and providers who participate in National Programs and the Federal Employee Program during the Transition: (h) maintaining its technical connections and processing capabilities during the Transition; and (i) working diligently to conclude all financial settlements and account reconciliations as negotiated in the termination transition agreement.

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- (v) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, BCBSA shall have the right, with the approval of its Board of Directors, to assess additional fines against the terminated entity during the Transition in the event it fails to maintain and provide access to provider networks as defined by Federal Employee Program agreements, National Account Program Policies and Provisions, and Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions, and/or pass on applicable discounts. Such fines shall be in addition to any other assessments, fees or liquidated damages payable herein, or under existing policies and programs and shall be imposed to make whole BCBSA and/or the Plans. Terminated entity shall pay any such fines to BCBSA no later than 30 days after they are approved by the Board of Directors.
 - (vi) BCBSA shall have the right to examine and audit and/or hire at terminated entity's expense a third-party auditor to examine and audit the books and records of the terminated entity and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates to verify compliance with the terms and requirements this paragraph 15(d).
 - (vii) Subsequent to termination of this Agreement, the terminated entity and its affiliates, agents, and employees shall have an ongoing and continuing obligation to protect all BCBSA and Blue Licensee data that was acquired or accessed during the period this Agreement was in force, including but not limited to all confidential processes, pricing, provider, discount and other strategic and competitively sensitive information ("Blue Information") from disclosure, and shall not, either alone or with another entity, disclose such Blue Information or use it in any manner to compete without the express written permission of BCBSA.
 - (viii) As to a breach of 15 (d) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (vi), or (vii) the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 15 (d) (i), (ii), (iv), (vi), or (vii) by the Plan, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.

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- (ix) In the event that the terminated entity's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Plan and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole
- (e). BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Plan or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this License Agreement unless the License Agreement has been terminated pursuant to paragraph 10 (d) of this Agreement upon the required six (6) month written notice.

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(f). BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Plan.

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- 16. This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and contains all of the covenants and agreements of the parties as to the licensing of the Licensed Marks and Name. This Agreement may be amended only by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.
- 17. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is judicially declared unlawful, each and every other provision, or any part of any provision, shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such judicial declaration.
- 18. No waiver by BCBSA or the Plan of any breach or default in performance on the part of BCBSA or the Plan or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.
- 19a. All notices provided for hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent in duplicate by regular mail to BCBSA or the Plan at the address currently published for each by BCBSA and shall be marked respectively to the attention of the President and, if any, the General Counsel, of BCBSA or the Plan.

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- 19b. Except as provided in paragraphs 9(b), 9(d)(iii), 15(a), and 15(b) above, this Agreement may be terminated for a breach only upon at least 30 days' written notice to the Plan advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Plan an opportunity to be heard and to present its response to the Member Plans.
- 19c. For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted votes in favor of the question.

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20	0.	Nothing herein contained shall be construed to constitute the parties hereto as partners or joint
venturers	s, or eit	her as the agent of the other, and Plan shall have no right to bind or obligate BCBSA in any way, nor
shall it re	preser	at that it has any right to do so. BCBSA shall have no liability to third parties with respect to any aspect o
the busin	ess, a	ctivities, operations, products, or services of the Plan.

21.	This Agreement shall be governed, c	construed and interpreted in accordance with	n the laws of the State
of Illinois.			

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed, effective as of the date of last signature written below.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

Ву
Title
Date
PLAN:
Ву
By

BLUE CROSS CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT

(Includes revisions adopted by Member Plans through their November 21, 2014 meeting)

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Associati	ion ("BCBSA") and	_ ("Controlled
Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Cross Plan, known as	_ ("Plan" or "Sponsoring Pla	an"), which is
also a Party signatory hereto.		

WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks;

WHEREAS, Plan and Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE CROSS in a trade name ("Licensed Name");

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. GRANT OF LICENSE

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to Controlled Affiliate the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with, and only in connection with: (i) health care plans and related services, as defined in BCBSA's License Agreement with Plan, and administering the non-health portion of workers' compensation insurance, and (ii) underwriting the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance, provided that Controlled Affiliate's total premium revenue comprises less than 15 percent of the Sponsoring Plan's net subscription revenue.

This grant of rights is non-exclusive and is limited to the Service Area served by the Plan. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its legal name on the following conditions: (i) the legal name must be approved in advance, in writing, by BCBSA; (ii) Controlled Affiliate shall not do business outside the Service Area under any name or mark; and (iii) Controlled Affiliate shall not use the Licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of any name or symbol used to identify itself in any securities market. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Trade Name only with the prior, written, consent of BCBSA.

2. **QUALITY CONTROL**

A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in connection with the licensed services and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in attached Exhibit A as they may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.

- B. Controlled Affiliate agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by Plan or by BCBSA) a report or reports to Plan and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of this paragraph and the attached Exhibit A.
- D. Controlled Affiliate agrees that Plan and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- E. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that the Sponsoring Plan has:
- (1) The legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 50% voting control thereof; and
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur; and
- (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate at least equal to that exercised by persons or entities (jointly or individually) other than the Sponsoring Plan; and

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by the Sponsoring Plan before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates;
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages;

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- (iv) create, or become liable for by way of guarantee, any indebtedness, other than indebtedness arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (v) sell any assets, except for sales in the ordinary course of business or sales of equipment no longer useful or being replaced;
- (vi) make any loans or advances except in the ordinary course of business;
- (vii) enter into any arrangement or agreement with any party directly or indirectly affiliated with any of the owners or persons or entities with the authority to select or appoint members or board members of the Controlled Affiliate, other than the Sponsoring Plan or other Plans (excluding owners of stock holdings of under 5% in a publicly traded Controlled Affiliate);
- (viii) conduct any business other than under the Licensed Marks and Name;
- (ix) take any action that the Sponsoring Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own at least 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

Or

- (2) the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
 - (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having more than 50% voting control thereof and to:
 - (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur; and
 - (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own more than 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

Or

(3) With respect to a Controlled Affiliate that is 100% controlled by Plans including the Sponsoring Plan and which offers solely Medicaid products and services, the legal authority together with such other Plans:

- (a) to select all members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body; and
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate; and
- (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate, with the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans each having an ownership interest. Such control and ownership by Plans must be direct or, if indirect, solely through affiliates that are licensed to use marks owned by BCBSA. Further, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall execute the Addendum to Controlled Affiliate License attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

- A. Controlled Affiliate recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Controlled Affiliate further recognizes that its actions within its Service Area may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide.
- B. Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks and Name and shall comply with such rules (generally applicable to Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks and Name by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.
- C. Controlled Affiliate may not directly or indirectly use the Licensed Marks and Name in a manner that transfers or is intended to transfer in the Service Area the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name, nor may Controlled Affiliate engage in activity that may dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. If Controlled Affiliate meets the standards of 2E(1) but not 2E(2) above and any of Controlled Affiliate's advertising or promotional material is reasonably determined by BCBSA and/or the Plan to be in contravention of rules and regulations governing the use of the Licensed Marks and Name, Controlled Affiliate shall for ninety (90) days thereafter obtain prior approval from BCBSA of advertising and promotional efforts using the Licensed Marks and Name, approval or disapproval thereof to be forthcoming within five (5) business days of receipt of same by BCBSA or its designee. In all advertising and promotional efforts, Controlled Affiliate shall observe the Service Area limitations applicable to Plan.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA or in this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Licensed Marks and Name.

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4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not, directly or indirectly, sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the sole option of Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. INFRINGEMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify Plan and Plan shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off that may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks and Name. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require Plan or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to Plan and BCBSA, without charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks and Name by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate and Plan hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description (except those arising solely as a result of BCBSA's negligence) that may arise as a result of or related to: (i) Controlled Affiliate's rendering of services under the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) the activities of any hospital, medical group, clinic or other provider of health services that is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Plan or Controlled Affiliate.

7. LICENSE TERM

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods unless terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.
- B. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that: (i) the Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x) of the Blue Cross License Agreement the Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Names and Marks in the geographic area served by the Controlled Affiliate provided, however, that if the Controlled Affiliate is serving more than one State or portions thereof, the termination of this Agreement shall be limited to the State(s) or portions thereof in which the Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Names is terminated. By not appealing or challenging such regulatory action within the time prescribed by law or regulation, and in any event no later than 120 days after such action is taken, a Plan shall be deemed to have exhausted its rights to appeal or challenge, and automatic termination shall proceed.

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- Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the Plan or the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of BCBSA present and voting at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Plan advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Plan an opportunity to be heard and to present its response to the Board for: (1) failure to comply with any applicable minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the quality control standards of this Agreement; or (2) failure to comply with the "Organization and Governance" quality control standard of this Agreement; or (3) impending financial insolvency; or (4) for a Smaller Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), failure to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Standards 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 of attached Exhibit A; or (5) the pendency of any action instituted against the Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property or business, unless this Controlled Affiliate License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 7(e); or (6) failure by a Controlled Affiliate that meets the standards of 2E(1) but not 2E(2) above to obtain BCBSA's written consent to a change in the identity of any owner, in the extent of ownership, or in the identity of any person or entity with the authority to select or appoint members or board members, provided that as to publicly traded Controlled Affiliates this provision shall apply only if the change affects a person or entity that owns at least 5% of the Controlled Affiliate's stock before or after the change; or (7) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans, any other licensee including Controlled Affiliate and/or the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) herein, should Controlled Affiliate fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period) BCBSA or the Plan shall have the right to issue a notice that the Controlled Affiliate is in a state of noncompliance. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Controlled Affiliate or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the Agreement or to issue a notice of termination thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, any disputes as to the termination of this License pursuant to Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) of this Agreement shall not be subject to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. All other disputes between BCBSA, the Plan and/or Controlled Affiliate shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. Except, however, as provided in Paragraphs 7(B) and 7(E) of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may not be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of a majority of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors of BCBSA.

- E. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with item 2(E) above;
- (2) Appropriate dues, royalties and other payments for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement, are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA; or
- (3) Any of the following events occur: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against Controlled Affiliate in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or Controlled Affiliate is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of Illinois by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) Controlled Affiliate makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of Controlled Affiliate or delinguency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of Controlled Affiliate's property or business is appointed or the Controlled Affiliate is ordered dissolved or liquidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Controlled Affiliate's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 7(e)(3)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement

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- F. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including any use in its trade name.
- G. Upon termination of this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and, if directed by the Association's Board of Directors, shall provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. The BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.
- H. In the event this Agreement terminates pursuant to 7(b) hereof, or in the event the Controlled Affiliate is a Larger Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), upon termination of this Agreement, the provisions of Paragraph 7.G. shall not apply and the following provisions shall apply, except that, in the event of a partial termination of this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 7(B)(ii) of this Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment, and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the geographic area for which the Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
- (1) The Controlled Affiliate shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the Controlled Affiliate under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA, subject to any conflicting state law and state regulatory requirements. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination.
- (2) The Controlled Affiliate shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the Controlled Affiliate is involved (in a control, participating or servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the Controlled Affiliate's role therein.
- (3) Unless the cause of termination is an event respecting BCBSA stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) of the Plan's license agreement with BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to the Re-Establishment Fee (desribed below) multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate; provided that if any other Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in the Service Area established by this Agreement, the Re-Establishment Fee shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in the Service Area.

Amended as of June 16, 2005

The Re-Establishment Fee shall be indexed to a base fee of \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee through December 31, 2005 shall be \$80. The Re-establishment Fee for calendar years after December 31, 2005 shall be adjusted on January 1 of each calendar year up to and including January 1, 2010 and shall be the base fee multiplied by 100% plus the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the Plans' gross administrative expense (standard BCBSA definition) per Licensed Enrollee since December 31, 2004. The adjustment shall end on January 1, 2011, at which time the Re-Establishment Fee shall be fixed at the then-current amount and no longer automatically adjusted. For example, if the Plans' gross administrative expense per Licensed Enrollee was \$278.60, \$285.00 and \$290.00 for calendar year end 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, the January 1, 2007 Re-Establishment Fee would be \$83.27 (100% of base fee plus \$1.84 for calendar year 2005 and \$1.43 for calendar year 2006). Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (i) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (ii) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph H. (3) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan or any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula, or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this sub paragraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans); measured as of the date of termination, and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plans or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. At least 50% of the Re-Establishment Fee shall be awarded to the Plan (or Plans) that receive the new license(s) for the service area(s) at issue; provided, however, that such award shall not become due or payable until all disputes, if any, regarding the amount of and BCBSA's right to such Re-Establishment Fee have been finally resolved; and provided further that the award shall be based on the final amount actually received by BCBSA. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution which it may amend from time to time that shall govern BCBSA's use of its portion of the award. In the event that the Controlled Affiliate's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Controlled Affiliate (and/or the Plan or its other Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph 7.H.(3) only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to paragraph 7.M. and

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any costs associated with reestablishing the Service Area, including payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates) for purposes of replacing the Controlled Affiliate.

- (4) BCBSA shall have the right to examine and audit and/or hire at terminated entity's expense a third party auditor to examine and audit the books and records of the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan to verify compliance with this paragraph 7.H.
- (5) Subsequent to termination of this Agreement, the terminated entity and its affiliates, agents, and employees shall have an ongoing and continuing obligation to protect all BCBSA and Blue Licensee data that was acquired or accessed during the period this Agreement was in force, including but not limited to all confidential processes, pricing, provider, discount and other strategic and competitively sensitive information ("Blue Information") from disclosure, and shall not, either alone or with another entity, disclose such Blue Information or use it in any manner to compete without the express written permission of BCBSA.
- (6) As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2) or (4) by the Controlled Affiliate, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.
- I. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by the Controlled Affiliate or the Plan upon not less than eighteen (18) months written notice to the Association or upon a shorter notice period approved by BCBSA in writing at its sole discretion, or until terminated as otherwise provided herein. The Plan's right to terminate without cause upon such notice is unfettered and may be exercised in the Plan's sole discretion.
- J. In the event the Controlled Affiliate is a Smaller Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), the Controlled Affiliate agrees to be jointly liable for the amount described in H.3. and M. hereof upon termination of the BCBSA license agreement of any Larger Controlled Affiliate of the Plan.
- K. BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Controlled Affiliate or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this Agreement unless the Plan's license from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Names has been terminated pursuant to 10(d) of the Plan's license agreement upon the required 6 month written notice.
 - L. BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Controlled Affiliate.
- M. In the event that the Plan has more than 50 percent voting control of the Controlled Affiliate under Paragraph 2(E)(2) above and is a Larger Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), then the vote called for in Paragraphs 7(C) and 7(D) above shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans.

N. In the event this Agreement terminates and is subsequently reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

8. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The parties agree that any disputes between them or between or among either of them and one or more Plans or Controlled Affiliates of Plans that use in any manner the Blue Cross and Blue Cross Marks and Name are subject to the Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution process attached to and made a part of Plan's License from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name as Exhibit 5 as amended from time-to-time, which documents are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

9. <u>LICENSE FEE</u>

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this License determined pursuant to the formula(s) set forth in Exhibit C.

10. **JOINT VENTURE**

Nothing contained in the Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between Plan and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.

13. **SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14A. VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted votes in favor of the question.

Amended as of June 16, 2005

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15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. **HEADINGS**

The headings inserted in this agreement are for convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed and effective as of the date of last signature written below.

Controlled Affiliate:	
Ву:	
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EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS November 2014 PREAMBLE

For purposes of definition:

- A "smaller Controlled Affiliate:" (1) comprises less than fifteen percent (15%) of Sponsoring Plan's and its licensed Controlled Affiliates' total member enrollment (as reported on the BCBSA Quarterly Enrollment Report, excluding rider and freestanding coverage, and treating an entity seeking licensure as licensed);* or (2) underwrites the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance and has total premium revenue less than 15 percent of the Sponsoring Plan's net subscription revenue.
- A "larger Controlled Affiliate" comprises fifteen percent (15%) or more of Sponsoring Plan's and its licensed Controlled Affiliates' total member enrollment (as reported on the BCBSA Quarterly Enrollment Report, excluding rider and freestanding coverage, and treating an entity seeking licensure as licensed.)*

Changes in Controlled Affiliate status:

If **any** Controlled Affiliate's status changes regarding: its Plan ownership level, its risk acceptance or direct delivery of medical care, the Controlled Affiliate shall notify BCBSA within thirty (30) days of such occurrence in writing and come into compliance with the applicable standards within six (6) months.

If a smaller Controlled Affiliate's health and workers' compensation administration business reaches or surpasses fifteen percent (15%) of the total member enrollment of the Sponsoring Plan and licensed Controlled Affiliates, the Controlled Affiliate shall:

- 1. Within thirty (30) days, notify BCBSA of this fact in writing, including evidence that the Controlled Affiliate meets the minimum liquidity and capital (BCBSA "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC)" as defined by the NAIC and state-established minimum reserve) requirements of the larger Controlled Affiliate Financial Responsibility standard; and
- 2. Within six (6) months after reaching or surpassing the fifteen percent (15%) threshold, demonstrate compliance with all license requirements for a larger Controlled Affiliate.

If a Controlled Affiliate that underwrites the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance receives a change in rating or proposed change in rating, the Controlled Affiliate shall notify BCBSA within 30 days of notification by the external rating agency.

*For purposes of this calculation,

The numerator equals:

Applicant Controlled Affiliate's member enrollment, as defined in BCBSA's Quarterly Enrollment Report (excluding rider and freestanding coverage).

The denominator equals:

Numerator PLUS Sponsoring Plan and all other licensed Controlled Affiliates' member enrollment, as reported in BCBSA's Quarterly Enrollment Report (excluding rider and freestanding coverage).

STANDARDS FOR LICENSED CONTROLLED AFFILIATES

Each licensed controlled affiliate shall be subject to certain standards as determined below:

1. What percent of the licensed controlled affiliate is controlled by the Sponsoring Plan and other Plans?

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Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

1A.) The Standard for more than 50% Plan control is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall be organized and operated in such a manner that a Plan authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to the separate Primary License Agreement with BCBSA, (the "Sponsoring Plan"), has the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: 1) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having more than 50% voting control thereof; and 2) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur; and 3) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate. In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own more than 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

1B.) The Standard for 50% Plan control is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall be organized and operated in such a manner that a Plan authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to the separate Primary License Agreement with BCBSA, (the "Sponsoring Plan"), has the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:

1)to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 50% voting control thereof; and

2)to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur; and

3)to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate at least equal to that exercised by persons or entities (jointly or individually) other than the Sponsoring Plan.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 1) through 3) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by Sponsoring Plan before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- o change the geographic area in which it operates
- o change its legal and/or trade names
- o change any of the types of businesses in which it engages
- o create, or become liable for by way of guarantee, any indebtedness, other than indebtedness arising in the ordinary course of business
- o sell any assets, except for sales in the ordinary course of business or sales of equipment no longer useful or being replaced
- o make any loans or advances except in the ordinary course of business
- o enter into any arrangement or agreement with any party directly or indirectly affiliated with any of the owners or persons or entities with the authority to select or appoint members or board members of the Controlled Affiliate, other than the Sponsoring Plan or other Plans (excluding owners of stock holdings of under 5% in a publicly traded Controlled Affiliate)
- o conduct any business other than under the Licensed Marks and Name
- o take any action that the Sponsoring Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own at least 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

1C.) The Standard for 100% Plan control but less than 50% Sponsoring Plan Control:

A Controlled Affiliate shall be organized and operated in such a manner that (i) it offers solely Medicaid products and services; and (ii) a Plan authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to the separate Primary License Agreement with BCBSA (the "Sponsoring Plan,) has the legal authority together with Other Plans:

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- 1) to select all members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body; and
- 2) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate; and
- 3) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate, with the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans each having an ownership interest. Such 100% control and ownership by Plans shall be direct or, if indirect, solely through affiliates that are licensed to use marks owned by BCBSA. Further, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall execute the Addendum to Controlled Affiliate License.

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Standard 2 - Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers. If a risk-assuming Controlled Affiliate ceases operations for any reason, Blue Cross and/or Blue Cross Plan coverage will be offered to all Controlled Affiliate subscribers without exclusions, limitations or conditions based on health status. If a nonrisk-assuming Controlled Affiliate ceases operations for any reason, Sponsoring Plan will provide for services to its customers. The requirements of the preceding two sentences shall apply to all lines of business unless a line of business is specially exempted from the requirement(s) by the BCBSA Board of Directors.

Standard 3 - State Licensure/Certification

3A.)The Standard for a Controlled Affiliate that employs, owns or contracts on a substantially exclusive basis for medical services is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain unimpaired licensure or certification for its medical care providers to operate under applicable state laws.

3B.)The Standard for a Controlled Affiliate that does not employ, own or contract on a substantially exclusive basis for medical services is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain unimpaired licensure or certification to operate under applicable state laws.

Standard 4 - Certain Disclosures

A Controlled Affiliate shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public statements of 1) the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System; and 2) the independent nature of every licensee; and 3) the Controlled Affiliate's financial condition.

Standard 5 - Reports and Records for Certain Smaller Controlled Affiliates

For a smaller Controlled Affiliate that does not underwrite the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance, the Standard is:

A Controlled Affiliate and/or its Sponsoring licensed Plan shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 6 - Other Standards for Larger Controlled Affiliates

Standards 6(A) - (I) that follow apply to larger Controlled Affiliates.

Standard 6(A): Board of Directors

A Controlled Affiliate Governing Board shall act in the interest of its Corporation in providing cost-effective health care services to its customers. A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain a governing Board, which shall control the Controlled Affiliate, composed of a majority of persons other than providers of health care services, who shall be known as public members. A public member shall not be an employee of or have a financial interest in a health care provider, nor be a member of a profession which provides health care services.

Standard 6(B): Responsiveness to Customers

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner responsive to customer needs and requirements.

Standard 6(C): Participation in National Programs

A Controlled Affiliate shall effectively and efficiently participate in each national program as from time to time may be adopted by the Member Plans for the purposes of providing portability of membership between the licensees and ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the Controlled Affiliate's Service Area.

Such programs are applicable to licensees, and include:

- 1. BlueCard Program;
- 2. Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
- National Account Programs;
- 4. Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees, effective April 14, 2003; and
- 5. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Standard 6(D): Financial Performance Requirements

In addition to requirements under the national programs listed in

Standard 6C: Participation in National Programs, a Controlled Affiliate shall take such action as required to ensure its financial performance in programs and contracts of an inter-licensee nature or where BCBSA is a party.

Standard 6(E): Cooperation with Plan Performance Response Process

A Controlled Affiliate shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of the Plan Performance Response Process and in addressing Controlled Affiliate performance problems identified thereunder.

Standard 6(F): Independent Financial Rating

A Controlled Affiliate shall obtain a rating of its financial strength from an independent rating agency approved by BCBSA's Board of Directors for such purpose.

Standard 6(G): Local and National Best Efforts

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA or in this License Agreement, during each year, a Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Cross Mark.

Standard 6(H): Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

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Standard 6(I): Reports and Records

A Controlled Affiliate shall furnish to BCBSA on a timely and accurate basis reports and records relating to compliance with these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate. Such reports and records are the following:

- A) BCBSA Controlled Affiliate Licensure Information Request; and
- B) Biennial trade name and service mark usage material, including disclosure material; and
- C) Changes in the ownership and governance of the Controlled Affiliate, including changes in its charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, changes in a Controlled Affiliate's Board composition, or changes in the identity of the Controlled Affiliate's Principal Officers, and changes in risk acceptance, contract growth, or direct delivery of medical care; and
- D) Semi-annual "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report" as defined by the NAIC, Annual Certified Audit Report, Insurance Department Examination Report, Annual Statement filed with State Insurance Department (with all attachments), and

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Standard 6(J): Control by Unlicensed Entities Prohibited

No Controlled Affiliate shall cause or permit an entity other than a Plan or a Licensed Controlled Affiliate thereof to obtain control of the Controlled Affiliate or to acquire a substantial portion of its assets related to licensable services.

Standard 7 - Other Standards for Risk-Assuming Workers' Compensation Controlled Affiliates

Standards 7(A) - (E) that follow apply to Controlled Affiliates that underwrite the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance.

Standard 7 (A): Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 7(B): Reports and Records

A Controlled Affiliate shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to compliance with these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and the Controlled Affiliate. Such reports and records are the following:

- A. BCBSA Controlled Affiliate Licensure Information Request; and
- B. Biennial trade name and service mark usage materials, including disclosure materials; and
- C. Annual Certified Audit Report, Annual Statement as filed with the State Insurance Department (with all attachments), Annual NAIC's Risk-Based Capital Worksheets for Property and Casualty Insurers; and
- D. Quarterly Estimated Risk-Based Capital for Property and Casualty Insurers, Insurance Department Examination Report; and

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- E. Notification of all changes and proposed changes to independent ratings within 30 days of receipt and submission of a copy of all rating reports; and
- F. Changes in the ownership and governance of the Controlled Affiliate including changes in its charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, changes in a Controlled Affiliate's Board composition, Plan control, state license status, operating area, the Controlled Affiliate's Principal Officers or direct delivery of medical care.

Standard 7(C): Loss Prevention

A Controlled Affiliate shall apply loss prevention protocol to both new and existing business.

Standard 7(D): Claims Administration

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain an effective claims administration process that includes all the necessary functions to assure prompt and proper resolution of medical and indemnity claims.

Standard 7(E): Disability and Provider Management

A Controlled Affiliate shall arrange for the provision of appropriate and necessary medical and rehabilitative services to facilitate early intervention by medical professionals and timely and appropriate return to work.

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Standard 8 - Cooperation with Controlled Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol

A Controlled Affiliate and its Sponsoring Plan shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of the Controlled Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol (ALPRPP) and in addressing Controlled Affiliate compliance problems identified thereunder.

Standard 9(A) - Participation in National Programs by Smaller Controlled Affiliates that were former Primary Licensees

A smaller controlled affiliate that formerly was a Primary Licensee shall effectively and efficiently participate in certain national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the Controlled Affiliate's service area and be subject to certain relevant financial and reporting requirements.

- A. National program requirements include:
 - BlueCard Program;
 - Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
 - National Account Programs.
- B. Financial Requirements include:
 - Standard 6(D): Financial Performance Requirements and Standard 6(H): Financial Responsibility; or
 - A financial guarantee covering the Controlled Affiliate's Inter-Plan Programs obligations in a form, and from a guarantor, acceptable to BCBSA.

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C.	Reporting requirements include:

The Semi-annual Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report.

Standard 9(B) - Participation in National Programs by Smaller Controlled Affiliates

A smaller controlled affiliate shall participate in national programs in accordance with BlueCard and other relevant Policies and Provisions shall effectively and efficiently participate in national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the controlled affiliate's service area and be subject to certain relevant financial and reporting requirements.

- A. National program requirements include:
 - BlueCard Program;
 - Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
 - National Account Programs.
- B. Financial Requirements include:
 - Standard 6(D): Financial Performance Requirements and Standard 6(H): Financial Responsibility; or
 - A financial guarantee covering the Controlled Affiliate's Inter-Plan Programs obligations in a form, and from a guarantor, acceptable to BCBSA.

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Standard 10 - Participation in Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program

A smaller controlled affiliate for which this standard applies pursuant to the Preamble section of Exihibit A of the Controlled Affiliate License Agreement shall effectively and efficiently participate in certain national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the controlled affiliate's service area.

National program requirements include:

A. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Standard 11: Participation in Master Business Associate Agreement by Smaller Controlled Affiliate Licensees

Effective April 14, 2003, all smaller controlled affiliates shall comply with the terms of the Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees to the extent they perform the functions of a business associate or subcontractor to a business associate, as defined by the Business Associate Agreement.

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE TO BE EXECUTED BY CONTROLLED AFFILIATES LICENSED UNDER CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARD 1C.

ADDENDUM TO CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE

This Addendum is made to that certain Blue Cross Controlled Affiliate License Agreement executed by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("Licensor"), ("Controlled Affiliate Licensee") and
("Sponsoring Plan") dated the day of,,
("Agreement"). The parties to this Addendum are Licensor, Controlled Affiliate Licensee, Sponsoring Plan, and the undersigned other Plans ('Other Plans"). This Addendum is made and shall be deemed effective as of the date of the Agreement.
WHEREAS, the Sponsoring Plan asserts that it can serve the Medicaid market in its Service Area more efficiently and with less risk though a Medicaid enterprise jointly owned and controlled with other Plans than through a wholly owned and controlled Medicaid enterprise;
WHEREAS, in such circumstance Controlled Affiliate License Standard 1C. permits the licensing of a Controlled Affiliate that is less than 50% owned and controlled by the Sponsoring Plan but which is 100% owned and controlled by Plans including the Sponsoring Plan, subject to certain conditions;
WHEREAS, one such condition is that the Sponsoring Plan and all such other owning and controlling Plans enter into this Addendum.;
NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including the promises and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:
 The Sponsoring Plan shall participate operationally in Controlled Affiliate's business that is conducted under the Licensed Marks. The parties understand that participation may take many forms, one of which should be providing a network of providers in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate for the Medicaid services being offered under the Agreement and being involved in network development and provider relations. Each of the Other Plans agrees that (i) it will cooperate fully with the Sponsoring Plan and BCBSA as needed to enable Sponsoring Plan and Controlled Affiliate Licensee to meet their obligations to Licensor under the Agreement and all associated rules and regulations of Licensor, including the Brand Regulations, (ii) it will not take any action, either individually or jointly with any of the Other
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- Plans, that would cause Sponsoring Plan or Controlled Affiliate Licensee to violate the Agreement, and (iii) it will not fail to take any action, either individually or jointly with any of the Other Plans, where such failure would cause Sponsoring Plan or Controlled Affiliate Licensee to violate the Agreement.
- 3. Each of the Other Plans acknowledges that it has reviewed the Agreement and understands that Sponsoring Plan has the right to terminate the Agreement without cause upon notice as provided in Paragraph 7 of the Agreement, and that such right is unfettered and may be exercised by Sponsoring Plan in its sole discretion. WHEREFORE, by signing below the parties agree to be bound to the terms stated herein.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

Ву:
[Controlled Affiliate Licensee]
Ву:
[Sponsoring Plan]
Ву:
[Other Plan 1]
By:
[Other Plan 2]
Rv.

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EXHIBIT C

ROYALTY FORMULA FOR SECTION 9 OF THE CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Controlled Affiliate will pay BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

FOR RISK PRODUCTS:

For Controlled Affiliates not underwriting the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance:

An amount equal to its pro rata share of Sponsoring Plan's dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on health care plans and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by Sponsoring Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

For Controlled Affiliates underwriting the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance:

An amount equal to 0.35 percent of the gross revenue per annum of Controlled Affiliate arising from products using the marks; plus, an annual fee of \$5,000 per license for a Controlled Affiliate subject to Standard 7.

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EXHIBIT C (continued)

FOR NONRISK PRODUCTS:

For third-party administrative business, an amount equal to its pro rata share of Sponsoring Plan's dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on health care plans and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by Sponsoring Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

For non-third party administrative business (e.g., case management, provider networks, etc.), an amount equal to 0.24 percent of the gross revenue per annum of Controlled Affiliate arising from products using the marks; plus:

- 1) An annual fee of \$5,000 per license for a Controlled Affiliate subject to Standard 6 D.
- 2) An annual fee of \$2,000 per license for all other Controlled Affiliates.

The foregoing shall be reduced by one-half where both a BLUE CROSS® and BLUE SHIELD® License are issued to the same Controlled Affiliate. In the event that any license period is greater or less than one (1) year, any amounts due shall be prorated. Royalties under this formula will be calculated, billed and paid in arrears.

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CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

(Includes revisions adopted by Member Plans through their November 21, 2014 meeting)

This agreement by and	among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA")
	("Controlled Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Cross Plan(s), known as
	("Plan").

WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks;

WHEREAS, the Plan and the Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE CROSS in a trade name ("Licensed Name");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. GRANT OF LICENSE

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to the Controlled Affiliate the exclusive right to use the licensed Marks and Names in connection with and only in connection with those life insurance and related services authorized by applicable state law, other than health care plans and related services (as defined in the Plan's License Agreements with BCBSA) which services are not separately licensed to Controlled Affiliate by BCBSA, in the Service Area served by the Plan, except that BCBSA reserves the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in said Service Area, and except to the extent that said Service Area may overlap the area or areas served by one or more other licensed Blue Cross Plans as of the date of this License as to which overlapping areas the rights hereby granted are non-exclusive as to such other Plan or Plans and their respective Licensed Controlled Affiliates only. Controlled Affiliate cannot use the Licensed Marks or Name outside the Service Area or in its legal or trade name; provided, however, that if and only for so long as Controlled Affiliate also holds a Blue Cross Controlled Affiliate License Agreement applicable to health care plans and related services, Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its legal and trade name according to the terms of such license agreement.

Amended as of June 12, 2003

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in relation to the sale, marketing and rendering of authorized products and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in Exhibit A as it may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.
- B. Controlled Affiliate agrees that Plan and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by Plan or by BCBSA) a report to Plan and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of Exhibit A.
- D. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is subject to the bona fide control of a Plan or Plans. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, bona fide control shall mean the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 51% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise operational control with respect to the governance thereof; and (c) to prevent any change in its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other governing documents deemed inappropriate. In addition, a Plan or Plans shall own at least 51% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate. If the Controlled Affiliate is a mutual company, the Plan or its designee(s) shall have and maintain, in lieu of the requirements of items (a) and (c) above, proxies representing 51% of the votes at any meeting of the policyholders and shall demonstrate that there is no reason to believe this such proxies shall be revoked by sufficient policyholders to reduce such percentage below 51%.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks, and shall comply with such rules (applicable to all Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Marks) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. If there is any public reference to the affiliation between the Plan and the Controlled Affiliate, all of the Controlled Affiliate's licensed services in the Service Area of the Plan shall be rendered under the Licensed Marks. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted

hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the option of Plan or BCBSA.

This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. INFRINGEMENTS

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify Plan and BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off which may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require Plan or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to Plan and BCBSA, free of charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold Plan and BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise as a result of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of health care services under the Licensed Marks.

7. <u>LICENSE TERM</u>

The license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods upon evidence satisfactory to the Plan and BCBSA that Controlled Affiliate meets the then applicable quality control standards, unless one of the parties hereto notifies the other party of the termination hereof at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration of any license period.

This Agreement may be terminated by the Plan or by BCBSA for cause at any time provided that Controlled Affiliate has been given a reasonable opportunity to cure and shall not effect such a cure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of the intent to terminate (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period). By way of example and not for purposes of limitation, Controlled Affiliate's failure to abide by the quality control provisions of Paragraph 2, above, shall be considered a proper ground for cancellation of this Agreement.

This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:

- A. Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with Standard No. 1 (Organization and Governance) of Exhibit A or, following an opportunity to cure, with the remaining quality control provisions of Exhibit A, as it may be amended from time-to-time; or
 - B. Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks; or
- C. Appropriate dues for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to item 8 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA.

Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks including any use in its trade name.

In the event of any disagreement between Plan and BCBSA as to whether grounds exist for termination or as to any other term or condition hereof, the decision of BCBSA shall control, subject to provisions for mediation or mandatory dispute resolution in effect between the parties.

Upon termination of this Agreement, Licensed Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers that it is no longer a licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and provide instruction on how the customer can contact the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The written notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Association. The Association shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.

8. DUES

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

- An annual fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per license, plus
- △ .05% of gross revenue per year from branded group products, plus
 - △ .5% of gross revenue per year from branded individual products plus
 - △ .14% of gross revenue per year from branded individual annuity products.

The foregoing percentages shall be reduced by one-half where both a BLUE CROSS® and BLUE SHIELD® license are issued to the same entity. In the event that any License period is greater or less than one (1) year, any amounts due shall be prorated. Royalties under this formula will be calculated, billed and paid in arrears.

Plan will promptly and timely transmit to BCBSA all dues owed by Controlled Affiliate as determined by the above formula and if Plan shall fail to do so, Controlled Affiliate shall pay such dues directly.

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9. JOINT VENTURE

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between Plan and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

9A . VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted votes in favor of the question.

10. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

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11. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by a writing executed by all parties.

12. SEVERABILITY

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall in no way effect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

13. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of the Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14 . GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed, effective as of the date of last signature written below.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

By: _	
Date: _	
Controlled Affiliate:	
By: _	
Date: _	
Plan:	
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PREAMBLE

The standards for licensing Life Insurance Companies (Life and Health Insurance companies, as defined by state statute) are established by BCBSA and are subject to change from time-to-time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Plans and three-fourths (3/4) of the total weighted vote of all Plans. Each Licensed Plan is required to use a standard controlled affiliate license form provided by BCBSA and to cooperate fully in assuring that the licensed Life Insurance Company maintains compliance with the license standards.

An organization meeting the following standards shall be eligible for a license to use the Licensed Marks within the service area of its sponsoring Licensed Plan to the extent and the manner authorized under the Controlled Affiliate License applicable to Life Insurance Companies and the principal license to the Plan.

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

The LIC shall be organized and operated in such a manner that it is controlled by a licensed Plan or Plans which have, directly or indirectly: 1) not less than 51% of the voting control of the LIC; and 2) the legal ability to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the LIC with which it does not concur; and 3) operational control of the LIC.

If the LIC is a mutual company, the Plan or its designee(s) shall have and maintain, in lieu of the requirements of items 1 and 2 above, proxies representing at least 51% of the votes at any policyholder meeting and shall demonstrate that there is no reason to believe such proxies shall be revoked by sufficient policyholders to reduce such percentage below 51%.

Standard 2 - State Licensure

The LIC must maintain unimpaired licensure or certificate of authority to operate under applicable state laws as a life and health insurance company in each state in which the LIC does business.

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Standard 3 - Records and Examination

The LIC and its sponsoring licensed Plan(s) shall maintain and furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, such records and reports regarding the LIC as may be required in order to establish compliance with the license agreement. The LIC and its sponsoring licensed Plan(s) shall permit BCBSA to examine the affairs of the LIC and shall agree that BCBSA's board may submit a written report to the chief executive officer(s) and the board(s) of directors of the sponsoring Plan (s).

Standard 4 - Mediation

The LIC and its sponsoring Plan(s) shall agree to use the then-current BCBSA mediation and mandatory dispute resolution processes, in lieu of a legal action between or among another licensed controlled affiliate, a licensed Plan or BCBSA.

Standard 5 - Financial Responsibility

The LIC shall maintain adequate financial resources to protect its customers and meet its business obligations.

Standard 6 - Cooperation with Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol

The LIC and its Sponsoring Plan(s) shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of the Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol (ALPRPP) and in addressing LIC compliance problems identified thereunder.

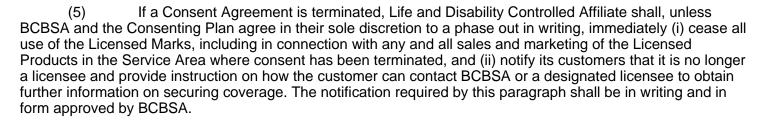
CONTROLLED AFFILIATE TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR LIFE AND DISABILTY INSURANCE PRODUCTS

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and, ("Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate") which is a company offering life and disability
insurance products owned and controlled by,, (individually,
"Sponsoring Plan" and when referred to collectively, "Sponsoring Plans").
Whereas, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE CROSS and BLUE SHIELD word and design service marks and any derivatives thereof ("Licensed Marks");
Whereas, each Sponsoring Plan is licensed separately by BCBSA to use one or more of the Licensed Marks in a particular Service Area;
Whereas, the Sponsoring Plans and the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the appropriate Licensed Marks in connection with life and disability insurance products in some or all of such Sponsoring Plans' Service Areas and in the Service Areas of other Regular Member Plans, as defined in the BCBSA By-laws, ("Blue Plans") consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:
1. GRANT OF LICENSE
A. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate the limited right to use the Licensed Marks in connection with and only in connection with the following life and disability insurance products authorized by state law: (1) Group: Term Life, Long Term Disability Whole Life, Benefit Life, Universal Life; (2) Individual: Term Life, Whole Life, Dependent Life, S p ouse Life; (3) Other: Disability Income, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Income Replacement; and (4) such other life and disability products approved by BCBSA in writing ("Licensed Products") in the Service Areas served by the Sponsoring Plans or in the Service Area or Areas of one or more other licensed Blue Plans, provided that such Blue Plans have consented to such use as authorized by this Agreement. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may not use the Licensed Marks in its legal or trade name.
B. Notwithstanding that the license granted to Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate is a license to use all of the Licensed Marks, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may only use those of the Licensed Marks in
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the Service Area of a Sponsoring Plan or other consenting Blue Plan as described below that such Plan is authorized to use as a Blue Plan pursuant to its separate license agreements with BCBSA.

- C. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks in the Service Areas of Sponsoring Plans or in the Service Area of a Blue Plan that is not a signatory to this Agreement only after such Sponsoring Plan(s) or non-signatory Blue Plan consents to such use by executing a written consent in substantially the same form as the Consent Agreement attached as Exhibit B.
- D. The following provisions apply with respect to Consent Agreements once such agreements have been fully and properly executed:
 - (1) All sales, marketing and advertising materials developed by and proposed for use by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in the Service Area of Sponsoring Plan or consenting Blue Plan (hereinafter, such consenting Sponsoring Plan or consenting Blue Plan collectively referred to "Consenting Plan(s)") must clearly identify the Consenting Plan (for example, a statement on such materials that reads "This product is offered with the cooperation of Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield of [Geography]");
 - (2) To the extent the Consenting Plan has separate divisions or other Affiliates that use the Licensed Marks in distinct geographic areas within its Service Area, consent obtained under this Agreement may be limited to one or more of such specific geographic areas as specified by the Consenting Plan in its signed Consent Agreement. For purposes of this entire Agreement, all references to the Service Area of a Sponsoring Plan, Blue Plan or Consenting Plan may include the entire Service Area or a distinct geographic area within such Service Area as specified in this Section 1 D (2);
 - (3) Where BCBSA has licensed two or more Blue Plans to use the same Licensed Marks in the same Service Area, in addition to the requirements set forth in Section D (1) above, the sales, marketing and advertising materials referenced in such section above must be communicated to the Consenting Plan's existing and prospective accounts through or with the approval of such Consenting Plan, and the personnel of such Consenting Plan must actively participate in all sales and marketing activities conducted by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in the same Service Area, including participating in meetings (whether in-person or via telephone, video or internet conference) with both existing and prospective accounts of the Consenting Plan;

(4) Life	and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall be entitled to use in a Service Area only those
Licensed Marks that	he Consenting Plan has been granted by BCBSA the license to use under its Blue Plan
license agreements (or example, if a Consenting Plan is licensed to use only the Blue Cross Marks in its
Service Area, the ma	erials used by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in that Service Area may only contain
or reference the Blue	Cross Marks and not the Blue Shield Marks).



2. **QUALITY CONTROL**

- A. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks only in relation to the sale, marketing and administration of the Licensed Products and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in Exhibit A and the Guidelines to Administer the Standards for Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products attached thereto.
- B. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees that BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks.
- C. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by BCBSA) a report to BCBSA demonstrating Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of Exhibit A.
- D. As used herein, a Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate is defined as: An entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is 100% owned and controlled by Sponsoring Plans. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, control shall mean the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control

thereof; (b) to exercise operational control with respect to the governance thereof; and (c) to prevent any change in its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other governing documents deemed inappropriate. In addition, a Sponsoring Plan or Plans shall own at least 100% of any for profit Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and shall ensure all uses of the Licensed Marks comply with the BCBSA Brand Regulations, as amended by BCBSA from time to time. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

The license hereby granted to Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate to use the Licensed Marks is and shall be personal to Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and shall not be assignable by any act of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate, directly or indirectly, without the written consent of BCBSA. Said license shall not be assignable by operation of law, nor shall Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate mortgage or part with possession or control of this license or any right hereunder, and the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall have no right to grant any sublicense to use the Licensed Marks.

5. <u>INFRINGEMENTS</u>

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off which may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to BCBSA, free of charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks by BCBSA. BCBSA shall have sole control of the defense and resolution of any claim of infringement brought or threatened by others.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise as a result of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's conduct.

7. LICENSE TERM

- A. The license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods, unless either BCBSA or Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate notifies the other party in writing of the termination hereof at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration of any license period.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by BCBSA for cause at any time provided that Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate has been given a reasonable opportunity to cure and shall not effect such a cure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of the intent to terminate (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period). By way of example and not for purposes of limitation, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's failure to abide by the conditions regarding use of the Licensed Marks set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement or the quality control provisions of Section 2 (other than with respect to Section 2 D which is subject to immediate termination as stated in Section 7 C (1) below) shall be considered proper grounds for termination of this Agreement.
- C. This Agreement and all of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
- (1) Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with Section 2 D (or Standard No. 1 (Organization and Governance) of Exhibit A); or
 - (2) Any Sponsoring Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks; or
- (3) Appropriate fees for Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate pursuant to Section 8 of this Agreement are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA.

Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks.

In the event of any disagreement between Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and BCBSA as to whether grounds exist for termination or as to any other term or condition hereof, the decision of BCBSA shall control, subject to provisions for mediation or mandatory dispute resolution in effect between the parties.

Upon termination of this Agreement, Licensed Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.

8. ROYALTIES

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

- An annual fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per license, plus
- .05% of gross revenue per year from group products sold under the Licensed Marks, plus
- .5% of gross revenue per year from individual products sold under the Licensed Marks

In the event that any license period is greater or less than one (1) year, any amounts due shall be prorated. Royalties under this formula will be calculated, billed and paid in arrears.

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate will promptly and timely transmit to BCBSA all fees owed by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate as determined by the above formula.

9. JOINT VENTURE

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between any Sponsoring Plan and Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate or between among them and/or BCBSA.

10 . <u>VOTING</u>

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the

Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by: (a) a writing signed by all parties; or (b) a writing approved by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Blue Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Blue Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary. Upon such adoption by the Blue Plans, this Agreement and all other Trademark License Agreements for Life and Disability Insurance Products then in effect shall simultaneously be amended.

13. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

15 . GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed, effective as of the date of last signature written below.

By: _
Date: _
Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate:
By: _
Date: _
Sponsoring Plan:
Ву:
Date: _
Name:
Sponsoring Plan:
By:
Date: _
Name:
[Add other Sponsoring Plans as necessary]

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

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Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

Any Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate licensed under the Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products ("licensee") shall be organized and operated in such a manner that it is an entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is 100% owned and controlled by Sponsoring Plans. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, control shall mean the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise operational control with respect to the governance thereof; and (c) to prevent any change in its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other governing documents deemed inappropriate. In addition, a Sponsoring Plan or Plans shall own at least 100% of any for profit Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 2 - State Licensure

The licensee must maintain unimpaired licensure or certificate of authority to operate under applicable state laws as a life company in each state in which the licensee does business.

Standard 3 - Records and Examination

The licensee shall maintain and furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, such records and reports regarding the licensee as may be required in order to establish compliance with the Agreement. The licensee shall permit BCBSA to examine the affairs of the licensee and shall agree that BCBSA's board may submit a written report to the chief executive officer(s) and the board(s) of directors of the Sponsoring Plan(s).

Standard 4 - Mediation

The licensee, its Sponsoring Plan(s) and all consenting Blue Plans shall agree to use the then-current BCBSA mediation and mandatory dispute resolution processes, in lieu of a legal action between or among another licensed Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate, a Sponsoring Plan and or consenting Blue Plan or BCBSA.

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Standard 5 - Financial Responsibility

The licensee shall maintain adequate financial resources to protect its customers and meet its business obligations.

Standard 6 - Cooperation with BCBSA Governance

The licensee shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of and in addressing licensee compliance problems that may be identified in connection with the operation or administration of the Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products.

EXHIBIT B

CONSENT AGREEMENT

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- 3. All sales, marketing and advertising materials developed by and proposed for use by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in a consenting Blue Plan's Service Area must clearly identify the consenting Blue Plan (for example, a statement on such materials that reads "This product is offered with the cooperation of Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield of [Geography]");
- 4. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may use the Brands to sell the Products in the following Service Area or portion thereof as designated by Blue Plan:

- 5. If two or more Blue Plans to use the same Licensed Marks in the same Service Area, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall work with the consenting Blue Plan in the following manner: (a) the sales, marketing and advertising materials must be communicated to the consenting Blue Plan's existing and prospective accounts through or with the approval of such Blue Plan, and (b) the personnel of such Blue Plan must actively participate in all sales and marketing activities conducted by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in the same Service Area, including participating in meetings (whether in-person or via telephone, video or internet conference) with both existing and prospective accounts of the consenting Blue Plan:
- 6. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall be entitled to use in a Service Area only those Licensed Marks that the consenting Blue Plan has been granted by BCBSA the license to use under its license agreement (for example, if a consenting Blue Plan is licensed to use only the Blue Cross Marks in its Service Area, the materials used by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in that Service Area may only contain or reference the Blue Cross Marks and not the Blue Shield Marks).
- 7. If this Consent Agreement is terminated, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall, unless each BCBSA and the Blue Plan agree in their sole discretion to a phase out in writing, immediately (i) cease all use of the Licensed Marks, including in connection with any and all sales and marketing of the Licensed Products in the Service Area where consent has been terminated, and (ii) notify its customers that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in form approved by BCBSA.

- 8. The term of this Consent Agreement shall be one year from the Effective Date. Unless either Blue Plan or Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate provides the other party with written notice of its desire not to renew this Consent Agreement at least 60 days prior to expiration of the term or any extended term or unless terminated as provided in Paragraph 9 below, this Consent Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent one year periods.
- 9. This Consent Agreement may be terminated as follows:
 - A. Upon mutual written consent of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and Blue Plan;
 - B. By Blue Plan or Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate upon 60 days advance written notice to the non-terminating party and BCBSA; or
 - C. By Blue Plan immediately if Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate does not comply with this Consent Agreement or the sales protocol agreement.
- 10. This Consent Agreement shall automatically terminate if Blue Plan's primary licensee agreement terminates for any reason or if the Life and Disability License Agreement terminates for any reason.

[Blue Plan]:
By:
Title:
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION:
By:
Title:
LIFE AND DISABILITY CONTROLLED AFFILIATE:
By:
Title:

Agreed and Accepted by:

Exhibit 1B

BLUE CROSS CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO PRODUCTS

(Adopted by Member Plans at their November 21, 2014 meeting)

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and ("Controlled Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Cross Plan(s), known as ("Controlling Plans"), each of which is also a Party signatory hereto.
WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks;
WHEREAS, under the Medicare Modernization Act, companies may apply to and be awarded a contract by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") to offer Medicare Advantage PPO products in geographic regions designated by CMS (hereafter "regional MAPPO products").
WHEREAS, some of the CMS-designated regions include the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Plan.
WHEREAS, the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE CROSS in a trade name ("Licensed Name") to offer regional MAPPO products in a region that includes the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Controlling Plan;
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:
1. GRANT OF LICENSE
Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to Controlled Affiliate the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with, and only in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional MAPPO products and related services.
This grant of rights is non-exclusive and is limited to the following states: (the "Region"). Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed
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Marks and Name in its legal name on the following conditions: (i) the legal name must be approved in advance, in writing, by BCBSA; (ii) Controlled Affiliate shall not do business outside the Region under any name or mark except business conducted in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan provided that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with health care plans and related services in the Service Area of such Controlling Plan; and (iii) Controlled Affiliate shall not use the Licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of any name or symbol used to identify itself in any securities market. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Trade Name only with the prior, written, consent of BCBSA.

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in connection with the licensed services and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in attached Exhibit A as they may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.
 - B. Controlled Affiliate agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by the Controlling Plans or by BCBSA) a report or reports to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of this paragraph and the attached Exhibit A.
- D. Controlled Affiliate agrees that the Controlling Plans and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- E. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Cross License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and

- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

- A. Controlled Affiliate recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Controlled Affiliate further recognizes that its actions within the Region may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide.
- B. Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks and Name and shall comply with such rules (generally applicable to Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks and Name by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.
- C. Controlled Affiliate may not directly or indirectly use the Licensed Marks and Name in a manner that transfers or is intended to transfer in the Region the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name, nor may Controlled Affiliate engage in activity that may dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional MAPPO products and related services.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not, directly or indirectly, sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the sole option of any Controlling Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. **INFRINGEMENT**

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify the Controlling Plans and the Controlling Plans shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off that may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks and Name. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require the Controlling Plans or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA, without charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks and Name by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate and the Controlling Plans hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description (except those arising solely as a result of BCBSA's negligence) that may arise as a result of or related to Controlled Affiliate's rendering of services under the Licensed Marks and Name.

7. LICENSE TERM

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods unless terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.
- B. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that: (i) any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x) of the Blue Cross License Agreement any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Names and Marks in the Region.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the Controlling Plans or the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of BCBSA present and voting at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Controlling Plans advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Controlling Plans an opportunity to be heard and to present their response to the Board for: (1) failure to comply with any applicable minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the quality control standards of this

Agreement; or (2) failure to comply with the "Organization and Governance" quality control standard of this Agreement; or (3) impending financial insolvency; or

- (4) failure to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Standards 2, 3, 4, or 5 of attached Exhibit A; or (5) the pendency of any action instituted against the Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property or business, unless this Controlled Affiliate License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 7(E); or (6) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans (including the Controlling Plans), any other licensee including Controlled Affiliate and/or the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) herein, should Controlled Affiliate fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period) BCBSA or the Controlling Plans shall have the right to issue a notice that the Controlled Affiliate is in a state of noncompliance. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Controlled Affiliate or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the Agreement or to issue a notice of termination thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, any disputes as to the termination of this License pursuant to Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) of this Agreement shall not be subject to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. All other disputes between or among BCBSA, any of the Controlling Plans and/or Controlled Affiliate shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. Except, however, as provided in Paragraphs 7(B) and 7(E) of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may not be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of a majority of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors of BCBSA.
- E. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with item 2(E) above;
- (2) Appropriate dues, royalties and other payments for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement, are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA; or

- (3) Any of the following events occur: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against Controlled Affiliate in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or Controlled Affiliate is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of Illinois by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) Controlled Affiliate makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of Controlled Affiliate or delinquency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of Controlled Affiliate's property or business is appointed or the Controlled Affiliate is ordered dissolved or liquidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Controlled Affiliate's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 7(E)(3)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement.
- F. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including any use in its trade name, except to the extent that it continues to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan.

- G. Upon termination of this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers to whom it provides products or services under the Licensed Marks pursuant to this Agreement that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and, if directed by the Association's Board of Directors, shall provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. The BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.
- H. In the event this Agreement terminates pursuant to 7(B) hereof, upon termination of this Agreement the provisions of Paragraph 7(G) shall not apply and the following provisions shall apply, except that, in the event that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan and termination of this Agreement is due to a partial termination of such Controlling Plan's license pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x)(ii) of the Blue Cross License Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment, and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the Region and the geographic area for which the Controlling Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
- (1) The Controlled Affiliate shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the Controlled Affiliate under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination.
- (2) The Controlled Affiliate shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the Controlled Affiliate is involved (in a control, participating or servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the Controlled Affiliate's role therein.
- (3) Unless the cause of termination is an event respecting BCBSA stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) of the Plan's license agreement with BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to \$25 multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate; provided that if any Plan other than a Controlling Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in a geographic area in the Region, the payment for Licensed Enrollees in such

geographic area shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans in such geographic area and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in such geographic area. Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (i) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (ii) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph H. (3) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans or any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula, or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this subparagraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans); measured as of the date of termination, and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plans (including the Controlling Plans) or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. In the event that the Controlled Affiliate's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Controlled Affiliate (and/or the Controlling Plans or their other Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph 7.H.(3) only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to paragraph 7.K. and any costs associated with reestablishing the terminated Controlling Plan's Service Area or the Region, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (including the other Controlling Plans), or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates, for purposes of replacing the Controlled Affiliate.

- (4) BCBSA shall have the right to audit the books and records of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to verify compliance with this paragraph 7.H.
- (5) As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2), (3) or (4), the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2) or (4) by the Controlled Affiliate, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.

- I. BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Controlled Affiliate or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this Agreement unless a Controlling Plan's license from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Names has been terminated pursuant to 10(d) of such Controlling Plan's license agreement upon the required 6 month written notice.
 - J. BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Controlled Affiliate.
- K. In the event this Agreement terminates and is subsequently reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

8. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The parties agree that any disputes between or among them or between or among any of them and one or more Plans or Controlled Affiliates of Plans that use in any manner the Blue Cross and Blue Cross Marks and Name are subject to the Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution process attached to and made a part of each Controlling Plan's License from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name as Exhibit 5 as amended from time-to-time, which documents are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

9. LICENSE FEE

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this License determined pursuant to the formula(s) set forth in Exhibit B.

10. **JOINT VENTURE**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

Amended as of September 19, 2014

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.

13. SEVERABILITY

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. **NONWAIVER**

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14A. VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with

0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. HEADINGS

The headings inserted in this agreement are for convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed and effective as of the date of last signature written below.
Controlled Affiliate:
By:
Date:
Controlling Plan:

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Date:
Controlling Plan:
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Controlling Plan:
By:
Date:
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION
By:
Date:

EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO PRODUCTS

November 2014

PREAMBLE

The standards for licensing Controlled Affiliates for Medicare Advantage PPO Products are established by BCBSA and are subject to change from time-to-time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Plans and three-fourths (3/4) of the total weighted vote. Each Controlling Plan is required to use a standard Controlled Affiliate license form provided by BCBSA and to cooperate fully in assuring that the licensed Controlled Affiliate maintains compliance with the license standards.

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

A Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:

- (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Cross License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and
- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 2 - Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 3 - State Licensure/Certification

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain appropriate and unimpaired licensure and certifications.

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Standard 4 - Certain Disclosures

A Controlled Affiliate shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public statements of:

- a. the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System; and
- b. the independent nature of every licensee.

Standard 5 - Reports and Records for Controlled Affiliates

A Controlled Affiliate and/or its Controlling Plans shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 6 - Best Efforts

During each year, a Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Cross Marks.

Standard 7 - Participation in Certain National Programs

A Controlled Affiliate shall effectively and efficiently participate in certain national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the Controlled Affiliate's service area.

National program requirements include:

- a. Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS); and
- b. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Standard 8 - Participation in Master Business Associate Agreement

Controlled Affiliates shall comply with the terms of the Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees to the extent they perform the functions of a business associate or subcontractor to a business associate, as defined by the Business Associate Agreement.

Amended as of November 15, 2007

EXHIBIT B

ROYALTY FORMULA FOR SECTION 9 OF THE CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENTS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO PRODUCTS

Controlled Affiliate will pay BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

An amount equal to its pro rata share of each Controlling Plan dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on regional MAPPO products and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by each Controlling Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

Exhibit 1C

BLUE CROSS CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PRODUCTS (Adopted by Member Plans at their November 21, 2014 meeting)

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and ("Controlled Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Cross Plan(s), known as ("Controlling Plans"), each of which is
also a Party signatory hereto.
WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks;
WHEREAS, under the Medicare Modernization Act, companies may apply to and be awarded a contract by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") to offer Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan products in geographic regions designated by CMS (hereafter "regional PDP products)."
WHEREAS, some of the CMS-designated regions include the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Plan.
WHEREAS, the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE CROSS and BLUE CROSS Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE CROSS in a trade name ("Licensed Name") to offer regional PDP products in a region that includes the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Controlling Plan;
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:
1. GRANT OF LICENSE
Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to Controlled Affiliate the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with, and only in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional PDP products and related services.
This grant of rights is non-exclusive and is limited to the following states: (the "Region"). Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed
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Marks and Name in its legal name on the following conditions: (i) the legal name must be approved in advance, in writing, by BCBSA; (ii) Controlled Affiliate shall not do business outside the Region under any name or mark except business conducted in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan provided that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with health care plans and related services in the Service Area of such Controlling Plan; and (iii) Controlled Affiliate shall not use the Licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of any name or symbol used to identify itself in any securities market. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Trade Name only with the prior, written, consent of BCBSA.

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in connection with the licensed services and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in attached Exhibit A as they may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.
 - B. Controlled Affiliate agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by the Controlling Plans or by BCBSA) a report or reports to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of this paragraph and the attached Exhibit A.
- D. Controlled Affiliate agrees that the Controlling Plans and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- E. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Cross License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and

- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

- A. Controlled Affiliate recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Controlled Affiliate further recognizes that its actions within the Region may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide.
- B. Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks and Name and shall comply with such rules (generally applicable to Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks and Name by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.
- C. Controlled Affiliate may not directly or indirectly use the Licensed Marks and Name in a manner that transfers or is intended to transfer in the Region the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name, nor may Controlled Affiliate engage in activity that may dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional PDP products and related services.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not, directly or indirectly, sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the sole option of any Controlling Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. INFRINGEMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify the Controlling Plans and the Controlling Plans shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off that may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks and Name. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require the Controlling Plans or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA, without charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks and Name by BCBSA.

6. <u>LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION</u>

Controlled Affiliate and the Controlling Plans hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description (except those arising solely as a result of BCBSA's negligence) that may arise as a result of or related to Controlled Affiliate's rendering of services under the Licensed Marks and Name.

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- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods unless terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.
- B. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that: (i) any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x) of the Blue Cross License Agreement any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Names and Marks in the Region.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the Controlling Plans or the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of BCBSA present and voting at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Controlling Plans advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Controlling Plans an opportunity to be heard and to present their response to the Board for: (1) failure to comply with any applicable minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the quality control standards of this

Agreement; or (2) failure to comply with the "Organization and Governance" quality control standard of this Agreement; or (3) impending financial insolvency; or

- (4) failure to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Standards 2, 3, 4, or 5 of attached Exhibit A; or (5) the pendency of any action instituted against the Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property or business, unless this Controlled Affiliate License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 7(E); or (6) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans (including the Controlling Plans), any other licensee including Controlled Affiliate and/or the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) herein, should Controlled Affiliate fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period) BCBSA or the Controlling Plans shall have the right to issue a notice that the Controlled Affiliate is in a state of noncompliance. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Controlled Affiliate or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the Agreement or to issue a notice of termination thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, any disputes as to the termination of this License pursuant to Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) of this Agreement shall not be subject to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. All other disputes between or among BCBSA, any of the Controlling Plans and/or Controlled Affiliate shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. Except, however, as provided in Paragraphs 7(B) and 7(E) of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may not be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of a majority of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors of BCBSA.
- E. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with item 2(E) above;
- (2) Appropriate dues, royalties and other payments for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement, are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA; or

- (3) Any of the following events occur: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against Controlled Affiliate in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or Controlled Affiliate is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of Illinois by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) Controlled Affiliate makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of Controlled Affiliate or delinquency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of Controlled Affiliate's property or business is appointed or the Controlled Affiliate is ordered dissolved or liquidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Controlled Affiliate's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 7(E)(3)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement.
- F. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including any use in its trade name, except to the extent that it continues to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan.

- G. Upon termination of this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers to whom it provides products or services under the Licensed Marks pursuant to this Agreement that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and, if directed by the Association's Board of Directors, shall provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. The BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.
- H. In the event this Agreement terminates pursuant to 7(B) hereof, upon termination of this Agreement the provisions of Paragraph 7(G) shall not apply and the following provisions shall apply, except that, in the event that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan and termination of this Agreement is due to a partial termination of such Controlling Plan's license pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x)(ii) of the Blue Cross License Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment, and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the Region and the geographic area for which the Controlling Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
- (1) The Controlled Affiliate shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the Controlled Affiliate under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination.
- (2) The Controlled Affiliate shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the Controlled Affiliate is involved (in a control, participating or servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the Controlled Affiliate's role therein.
- (3) Unless the cause of termination is an event respecting BCBSA stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) of the Plan's license agreement with BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to \$25 multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate; provided that if any Plan other than a Controlling Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in a geographic area in the Region, the payment for Licensed Enrollees in such

geographic area shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans in such geographic area and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in such geographic area. Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (i) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (ii) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph H. (3) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans or any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula, or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this subparagraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans); measured as of the date of termination, and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plans (including the Controlling Plans) or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. In the event that the Controlled Affiliate's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Controlled Affiliate (and/or the Controlling Plans or their other Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph 7.H.(3) only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to paragraph 7.K. and any costs associated with reestablishing the terminated Controlling Plan's Service Area or the Region, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (including the other Controlling Plans), or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates, for purposes of replacing the Controlled Affiliate.

- (4) BCBSA shall have the right to audit the books and records of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to verify compliance with this paragraph 7.H.
- (5) As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2), (3) or (4), the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2) or (4) by the Controlled Affiliate, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.

- I. BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Controlled Affiliate or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this Agreement unless a Controlling Plan's license from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Names has been terminated pursuant to 10(d) of such Controlling Plan's license agreement upon the required 6 month written notice.
 - J. BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Controlled Affiliate.
- K. In the event this Agreement terminates and is subsequently reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The parties agree that any disputes between or among them or between or among any of them and one or more Plans or Controlled Affiliates of Plans that use in any manner the Blue Cross and Blue Cross Marks and Name are subject to the Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution process attached to and made a part of each Controlling Plan's License from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name as Exhibit 5 as amended from time-to-time, which documents are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

9. LICENSE FEE

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this License determined pursuant to the formula(s) set forth in Exhibit B.

10. **JOINT VENTURE**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.

13. **SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14A. VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with

0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. **HEADINGS**

The headings inserted in this agreement are for convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused the of last signature written below.	is License Agreement to be executed and effective as of the date
Controlled Affiliate:	
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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION
By:

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EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PRODUCTS November 2014

PREAMBLE

The standards for licensing Controlled Affiliates for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Products are established by BCBSA and are subject to change from time-to-time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Plans and three-fourths (3/4) of the total weighted vote. Each Controlling Plan is required to use a standard Controlled Affiliate license form provided by BCBSA and to cooperate fully in assuring that the licensed Controlled Affiliate maintains compliance with the license standards.

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

A Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:

- (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Cross License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and
- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 2 - Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 3 - State Licensure/Certification

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain appropriate and unimpaired licensure and certifications.

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Standard 4 - Certain Disclosures

A Controlled Affiliate shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public statements of:

- a. the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System; and
- b. the independent nature of every licensee.

Standard 5 - Reports and Records for Controlled Affiliates

A Controlled Affiliate and/or its Controlling Plans shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 6 - Best Efforts

During each year, a Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Cross Marks.

Standard 7 - Participation in Master Business Associate Agreement

Controlled Affiliates shall comply with the terms of the Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees to the extent they perform the functions of a business associate or subcontractor to a business associate, as defined by the Business Associate Agreement.

EXHIBIT B

ROYALTY FORMULA FOR SECTION 9 OF THE CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENTS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PRODUCTS

Controlled Affiliate will pay BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

An amount equal to its pro rata share of each Controlling Plan dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on regional PDP products and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by each Controlling Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

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Preamble

The Membership Standards apply to all organizations seeking to become or to continue as Regular Members of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Any organization seeking to become a Regular Member must be found to be in substantial compliance with all Membership Standards at the time membership is granted and the organization must be found to be in substantial compliance with all Membership Standards for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of its application. If Membership is sought by an entity which controls or is controlled by one or more Plans, such compliance shall be determined on the basis of compliance by such Plan or Plans.

The Regular Member Plans shall have authority to interpret these Standards.

A Regular Member Plan that operates as a "Shell Holding Company" is defined as an entity that assumes no underwriting risk and has less than 1% of the consolidated enterprise assets (excludes investments in subsidiaries) and less than 5% of the consolidated enterprise net general and administrative expenses.

A Regular Member Plan that operates as a "Hybrid Holding Company" is defined as an entity that assumes no underwriting risk and has either more than 1% of the consolidated enterprise assets (excludes investments in subsidiaries) or more than 5% of the consolidated enterprise net general and administrative expenses.

Standard A Plan shall maintain a governing Board, which shall control the Plan and ensure that the Plan follows
1: appropriate practices of corporate governance. A Plan's Board shall not be controlled by any special interest group, shall make an annual determination that a majority of its directors are independent, and shall act in the best interest of its Corporation and its customers. The Board shall be composed of a majority of persons other than providers of health care services, who shall be known as public members. A public member shall not be an employee of or have a financial interest in a health care provider, nor be a member of a profession which provides health care services.

Amended as of March 15, 2007

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Standard A Plan shall furnish to the Association on a timely and accurate basis reports and records relating to compliance with these Standards and the License Agreements between the Association and the Plans. Such reports and records are the following:

- A. BCBSA Membership Information Request;
- B. Biennial trade name and service mark usage material, including disclosure material under Standard 7;
- C. Changes in the governance of the Plan, including changes in a Plan's Charter, Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws, changes in a Plan's Board composition, or changes in the identity of the Plan's Principal Officers;
- D. Quarterly Financial Report, Semi-annual "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report" as defined by the NAIC, Annual Budget, Annual Certified Audit Report, Insurance Department Examination Report, Annual Statement filed with State Insurance Department (with all attachments), Plan, Subsidiary and Affiliate Report; and
- •Plans that are a Shell Holding Company as defined in the Preamble hereto are required to furnish only a calendar year-end "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report" as defined by the NAIC.

Amended as of November 17, 2011

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E. Quarterly Enrollment Report, Quarterly Member Touchpoint Measures Index (MTM) through 12/31/2011, and Semi-annual MTM Index starting 1/1/2012 and thereafter.

•For purposes of MTM reporting only, a Plan shall file a separate MTM report for each Geographic Market.

Standard A Plan shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 4:A Plan shall be operated in a manner responsive to customer needs and requirements.

Standard A Plan shall effectively and efficiently participate in each national program as from time to time may be
adopted by the Member Plans for the purposes of providing portability of membership
between the Plans and ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of
the Plan's Service Area.

Such programs are applicable to Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, and

- A. Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
- B. BlueCard Program:

include:

- C. National Account Programs;
- D. Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees, effective April 14, 2003; and
 - E. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Amended as of November 21, 2014

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Standard In addition to requirements under the national programs listed in Standard 5: Participation in National
6: Programs, a Plan shall take such action as required to ensure its financial performance in programs and contracts of an inter-Plan nature or where the Association is a party.

Standard A Plan shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public 7: statements of (i) the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System, (ii) the independent nature of every Plan, and (iii) the Plan's financial condition.

Standard A Plan shall cooperate with the Association's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection
8: Committee in the administration of the Plan Performance Response Process and in addressing Plan performance problems identified thereunder.

Standard A Plan shall obtain a rating of its financial strength from an independent rating agency approved by the 9: Association's Board of Directors for such purpose.

Standard Notwithstanding any other provision in this License Agreement, during each year, a Plan and its Controlled

10: Affiliate(s) engaged in providing licensable services (excluding Life Insurance and Charitable Foundation Services) shall use their best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Cross Marks.

Standard Neither a Plan nor any Larger Controlled Affiliate shall cause or permit an entity other than a Plan or a

Licensed Controlled Affiliate thereof to obtain control of the Plan or Larger Controlled Affiliate
or to acquire a substantial portion of its assets related to licensable services.

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Standard No provider network, or portion thereof, shall be rented or otherwise made available to a National 12: Competitor if the Licensed Marks or Names are used in any way with such network.

A provider network may be rented or otherwise made available, provided there is no use of the Licensed Marks or Names with respect to the network being rented.

Amended as of March 18, 2004

GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO USE OF LICENSED NAME AND MARKS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

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- 1. The strength of the Blue Cross/Blue Cross National Accounts mechanism, and the continued provision of cost effective, quality health care benefits to National Accounts, are predicated on locally managed provider networks coordinated on a national scale in a manner consistent with effective service to National Account customers and consistent with the preservation of the integrity of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield system and the Licensed Marks. These guidelines shall be interpreted in keeping with such ends.
- 2. A National Account is an entity with employee and/or retiree locations in more than one Plan's Service Area. Unless otherwise agreed, a National Account is deemed located in the Service Area in which the corporate headquarters of the National Account is located. A local plant, office or division headquarters of an entity may be deemed a separate National Account when that local plant, office or division headquarters 1) has employee locations in more than one Service Area, and 2) has independent health benefit decision-making authority for the employees working at such local plant, office or division headquarters and for employees working at other locations outside the Service Area. In such a case, the local plant, office or division headquarters is a National Account that is deemed located in the Service Area in which such local plant, office or division headquarters is located. The Control Plan of a National Account is the Plan in whose Service Area the National Account has employee and/or retiree locations, but in which the National Account is not located. In the event that a National Account parent company consolidates health benefit-decision making for itself and its wholly-owned subsidiary companies, the parent company and the subsidiary companies shall be considered one National Account. The Control Plan for such a National Account shall be the Plan in whose Service Area the parent company headquarters is located.
- 3. The National Account Guidelines enunciated herein below shall be applicable only with respect to the business of new National Accounts acquired after January 1, 1991.
- 4. Control Plans shall utilize National Account identification cards complying with then currently effective BCBSA graphic standards in connection with all National Accounts business to facilitate administration thereof, to minimize subscriber and provider confusion, and to reflect a commitment to cooperation among Plans.

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- 5. Disputes among Plans and/or BCBSA as to the interpretation or implementation of these Guidelines or as to other National Accounts issues shall be submitted to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution as provided in the License Agreement. For two years from the effective date of the License Agreement, however, such disputes shall be subject to mediation only, with the results of such mediation to be collected and reported in order to establish more definitive operating parameters for National Accounts business and to serve as ground rules for future binding dispute resolution.
- 6. The Control Plan may use the BlueCard Program (as defined by IPPC) to deliver benefits to employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees in a Participating Plan's service area if an alternative arrangement with the Participating Plan cannot be negotiated. The Participating Plan's minimum servicing requirement for those employees and non-Medicare retirees in its service area is to deliver benefits using the BlueCard Program. Account delivery is subject to the policies, provisions and procedures of the BlueCard Program.
- 7. For provider payments in a Participating Plan's area (on non-BlueCard claims), payment to the provider may be made by the Participating Plan or the Control Plan at the Participating Plan's option. If the Participating Plan elects to pay the provider, it may not withhold payment of a claim verified by the Control Plan or its designated processor, and payment must be in conformity with service criteria established by the Board of Directors of BCBSA (or an authorized committee thereof) to assure prompt payment, good service and minimum confusion with providers and subscribers. The Control Plan, at the Participating Plan's request, will also assure that measures are taken to protect the confidentiality of the data pertaining to provider reimbursement levels and profiles.

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- 8. The Control Plan, in its financial agreements with a National Account, is expected to reasonably reflect the aggregate amount of differentials passed along to the Control Plan by all Participating Plans in a National Account.
- 9. Other than in contracting with health care providers or soliciting such contracts in areas contiguous to a Plan's Service Area in order to serve its subscribers or those of its licensed Controlled Affiliate residing or working in its Service Area, a Control Plan may not use the Licensed Marks and/or Name, as a tag line or otherwise, to negotiate directly with providers outside its Service Area.

Amended as of March 13, 2003

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND CERTAIN OTHER USES

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- 1. A Plan and its licensed Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in bidding on and executing a contract to serve a Government Program, and in thereafter communicating with the Government concerning the Program. With respect, however, to such contracts entered into after the 1st day of January, 1991, the Licensed Marks and Name will not be used in communications or transactions with beneficiaries or providers in the Government Program located outside a Plan's Service Area, unless the Plan can demonstrate to the satisfaction of BCBSA's governing body that such a restriction on use of the Licensed Marks and Name will jeopardize its ability to procure the contract for the Government Program. As to both existing and future contracts for Government Programs, Plans will discontinue use of the Licensed Marks and Name as to beneficiaries and Providers outside their Service Area as expeditiously as circumstances reasonably permit. Effective January 1, 1995, except as provided in the first sentence above, all use by a Plan of the Licensed Marks and Name in Government Programs outside of the Plan's Service Area shall be discontinued. Incidental communications outside a Plan's Service Area with resident or former resident beneficiaries of the Plan, and other categories of necessary incidental communications approved by BCBSA, are not prohibited. For purposes of this Paragraph 1, the term "Government Programs" shall mean Medicare Part A, Medicare Part B and other non-risk government programs.
- 2. In connection with activity otherwise in furtherance of the License Agreement, a Plan and its Controlled Affiliates that are licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Service Area pursuant to the Controlled Affiliate License Agreements authorized in clauses a) through c) of Paragraph 2 of the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA may use the Licensed Marks and Name outside the Plan's Service Area in the following circumstances which are deemed legitimate and necessary and not likely to cause consumer confusion:
- 2.1 Common Business Communications
 - a. sending letterhead, envelopes, and similar items solely for administrative purposes (e.g., not for purposes of marketing, advertising, promoting, selling or soliciting the sale of health care plans and related services):
 - b. distributing business cards other than in marketing and selling;
 - c. advertising in publications or electronic media solely to persons for employment;

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2.2 Marketing Spillover

- a. advertising in print, electronic or other media which serve, as a substantial market, the Service Area of the Plan or licensed Controlled Affiliate, provided that no Plan or Controlled Affiliate may advertise outside its Service Area on the national broadcast and cable networks and that advertisements in national print media are limited to the smallest regional edition encompassing the Service Area;
- b. advertising by direct mail where the addressee's zip code plus 4 includes, at least in part, the Plan's Service Area or that of a licensed Controlled Affiliate;

2.3 Provider Contracting

- a. contracting with health care providers or soliciting such contracts in areas contiguous to the Plan's Service Area in order to serve its subscribers or those of such licensed Controlled Affiliates residing or working in its service area;
- b. issuing a small sign containing the legal name or trade name of the Plan or such licensed Controlled Affiliates for display by a provider to identify the latter as a participating provider of the Plan or Controlled Affiliate:
- c. negotiating rates with a health care provider for services to a specific member, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) the health care provider does not have a contract, applicable to the services rendered or to be rendered, with the Licensee (or any of the Licensees in the case of overlapping Service Areas) in whose Service Area the health care provider is located; and
- (2) the Plan or Controlled Affiliate reasonably determines that the member did/does not have a reasonable opportunity to access a participating provider whose contract applies to the services rendered or to be rendered; and
- (3) at least one of the following circumstances exists:

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- (i)the member received emergency services and the Plan or Controlled Affiliate knows or reasonably anticipates that the charges on the claim will meet or exceed \$5,000; or
- (ii)a provider, in consultation pre- or post- treatment with the Plan or Controlled Affiliate, makes/made a treatment recommendation or referral to a non-par provider or to a par provider whose contract does not apply to the services to be rendered; or
- (iii) the member inadvertently accessed a non-par provider or non-contracted services in the course of receiving services from a par provider (e.g., the member sees a non-par consulting specialist in a participating hospital); and
- (4)the Licensee (and in the case of overlapping Service Areas, all of the Licensees) in whose Service Area the health care provider is located consent(s) in advance.
- d. contracting with a pharmacy management organization ("Pharmacy Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional pharmacy network to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided, however, that the Pharmacy Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the pharmacy providers in such network;

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- e. contracting with the corporate owner of a national or regional retail pharmacy chain to gain access to the pharmacies in the chain to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided that (1) the Plan and the Controlled Affiliate may not contract directly with pharmacists or pharmacy stores outside the Plan's Service Area, and (2) neither the Plan's or the Controlled Affiliate's name nor the Licensed Marks or Name may be posted or otherwise displayed at or by any pharmacy store outside the Plan's Service Area;
- f. contracting with a dental management organization ("Dental Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional dental network to deliver a routine dental benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided, however, that the Dental Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the dental providers in such network;
- g. contracting with a vision management organization ("Vision Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional vision network to deliver a routine vision benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided, however, that the Vision Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the vision providers in such network;
- h. contracting with an independent clinical laboratory for analysis and clinical assessment of specimens that are collected within the Plan's Service Area;
- i. contracting with a durable medical equipment or home medical equipment company for durable medical equipment and supplies and home medical equipment and supplies that are shipped to a location within the Plan's Service Area:
- j. contracting with a specialty pharmaceutical company for non-routine biological therapeutics that are ordered by a health care professional located within the Plan's Service Area;

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- k. contracting with a company that operates provider sites in the Plan's Service Area, provided that the contract is solely for services rendered at a site (e.g., hospital, mobile van) that is within the Plan's Service Area;
- I. contracting with a company that makes health care professionals available in the Plan's Service Area (e.g., traveling home health nurse), provided that the contract is solely for services rendered by health care professionals who are located within the Plan's Service Area.

2.4 Services to National Accounts

- a. in conjunction with contracting with a National Account as Control Licensee or Alternate Control Licensee (as those terms are defined in the Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions ("IP Policies")) to offer Blue-branded Health Coverage to the National Account, offering Blue-branded Health and Wellness Programs to all members of the National Account, including members who have not enrolled in the Blue-branded Health Coverage ("non-Blue Health Coverage members"), provided that:
 - (i) the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate has no contact or interaction with providers outside of the Plan's Service Area regarding such non-Blue Health Coverage members, except as specifically provided in the IP Policies; and
 - (ii) if in accordance with IP Policies another Licensee is soliciting or servicing under the Brands a local plant, office or division of the account that is outside of the Plan's Service Area, the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate may not offer Blue-branded Health and Wellness Programs to any employees working at such local plant, office or division without the consent of such other Licensee; and
 - (iii) if the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate provides an information card to the non-Blue Health Coverage members, the card may not display the Symbols in the masthead, must contain a prominent disclosure conveying that it is not a health insurance card, and otherwise must be designed so that it is dissimilar to a Blue member identification card.

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For purposes of this subparagraph a, the following definitions apply:

"Health and Wellness Program" shall mean a program that includes at least one of the following elements or a related element:

- Health Risk Assessment and/or Preventive Screenings
- Exercise and Fitness Programs
- Health and Wellness Events (e.g., attendance at a health fair, a 5K walk)
- Nutrition and Weight Management
- Health Education (e.g., smoking cessation classes)
- Prenatal and Parenting Education
- Disease or Chronic Condition Management

The above listing is intended to represent examples of the types of programs that may be offered, and other programs, including those offered through different media such as the internet or telephonically, may also be deemed Health and Wellness programs.

"Health Coverage" shall mean providing or administering medical, surgical, hospital, major medical, or catastrophic coverage, or any HMO, PPO, POS or other managed care plan for the foregoing services.

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- 2.4 Services to National Accounts (continued)
- b. in conjunction with contracting with a National Account as Control Licensee or Alternate Control Licensee to offer Blue-branded Health Coverage to the National Account, performing the Eligibility and Enrollment functions of HR administration for all benefit plans offered by the National Account to its members, including benefit plans that are not underwritten or administered by the Plan, provided that:
 - (i) in performing such functions, the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate does not use the Brands in any communications with health care providers outside of the Plan's Service Area, and otherwise limits its use of the Brands outside of the Service Area to communications with the account's members, the other benefit plan providers with which the account has contracted and other reasonably necessary communications to perform such functions; and
 - (ii) if in accordance with IP Policies another Licensee is soliciting or servicing under the Brands a local plant, office or division of the account that is outside of the Plan's Service Area, the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate may not perform Eligibility and Enrollment functions for employees working at such local plant, office or division without the consent of such other Licensee;

For purposes of this subparagraph b, the following definitions apply:

"Health Coverage" has the meaning set forth in subparagraph 2.4.a.

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"Eligibility" means services that manage the account's eligibility data and determine or process determinations relating to eligibility for benefit plans offered by the account to its employees, including such services as:

- monitoring and auditing data to ensure that only entitled individuals are enrolled in each such benefit plan;
- review of eligibility documentation (e.g. marriage licenses, birth certificates, student status verification letters, employment records);
- identification of key member segments such as over-age dependents, part-time employees, employees reaching certain milestones (e.g. Medicareeligible, retirees);
- termination of coverage for those individuals found to be ineligible for coverage under a benefit plan, and, if applicable, generation of a COBRA event; and
- management of "hour-banking" for union environments in which union members can bank hours to remain eligible for benefits.

"Enrollment" means services that enroll eligible individuals and their spouses/dependents or terminate or change their enrollment in the account's benefit plans on an ongoing basis and during open enrollment periods, including such services as:

- the coordination of each step in open enrollment process from project planning and system set-up to the generation of confirmation statements;
- ongoing enrollment support for new hires and changes due to life events and work status adjustments;
- evidence of insurability (EOI) administration for life and disability coverage;
- transmission of eligibility/enrollment information to the account's benefit plan providers;
- review and reconciliation of error reports received from the account's benefit plan providers; and
- transmission of information to the account's payroll system (e.g., benefit deductions, employee demographic data).

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2.5 Knowledge Sharing

- a. submitting scholarly articles authored or co-authored by the Plan or Controlled Affiliate or its respective employees for publication in peer-reviewed journals;
- b. permitting an internal representative of the Plan or Controlled Affiliate (e.g., officer, employee) to speak or present at a conference or symposium for which the event sponsor will issue communications that will identify the Plan's or Controlled Affiliate's representative as a participant, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;

2.6 Other Uses

- a. entering into a license agreement between and among BCBSA, the Plan and a debit card issuer located outside the Plan's Service Area, and entering into a corresponding operating agreement or agreements, in order to offer a debit card bearing the Licensed Marks and Name to eligible persons as defined by the aforementioned license agreement;
- b. appearing in communications issued by an independent third party to recognize outstanding performance of the Plan or Controlled Affiliate or a member of the Plan's or Controlled Affiliate's senior management as part of an established program of the third party for which the Plan has provided information to be considered for the recognition, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;
- c. to identify itself as being a joint sponsor of an event, program or activity along with other Plans or such Plans' licensed Controlled Affiliates, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;
- hosting meetings or events in Washington, D.C. related to policy and business issues in the Plan's Service Area, or hosting events in conjunction with the assemblies or conventions of national political parties, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;

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- e. permitting an affiliate that is not licensed to use the Licensed Marks to identify its corporate relationship with the Plan, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time.
- 3. In connection with activity otherwise in furtherance of the License Agreement, a Controlled Affiliate that is licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name pursuant to a Controlled Affiliate License Agreement authorized in clauses d) or e) of Paragraph 2 of the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA may use the Licensed Marks and Name outside the Region (as that term is defined in such respective Controlled Affiliate License Agreements) in the following circumstances which are deemed legitimate and necessary and not likely to cause consumer confusion:
 - a. sending letterhead, envelopes, and similar items solely for administrative purposes (e.g., not for purposes of marketing, advertising, promoting, selling or soliciting the sale of health care plans and related services);
 - b. distributing business cards other than in marketing and selling;
 - c. contracting with health care providers or soliciting such contracts in areas contiguous to the Region in order to serve its subscribers residing in the Region, provided that the Controlled Affiliate may not use the names of any of its Controlling Plans in connection with such contracting unless the provider is located in a geographic area that is also contiguous to such Controlling Plan's Service Area;
 - d. issuing a small sign containing the legal name or trade name of the Controlled Affiliate for display by a provider to identify the latter as a participating provider of the Controlled Affiliate, provided that the Controlled Affiliate may not use the names of any of its Controlling Plans on such signs unless the provider is located in a geographic area that is also contiguous to such Controlling Plan's Service Area;
 - e. advertising in publications or electronic media solely to persons for employment;

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- f.advertising in print, electronic or other media which serve, as a substantial market, the Region, provided that the Controlled Affiliate may not advertise outside its Region on the national broadcast and cable networks and that advertisements in national print media are limited to the smallest regional edition encompassing the Region, and provided further that any such advertising by the Controlled Affiliate may not reference the name of any of its Controlling Plans unless the respective Controlling Plan is authorized under paragraph 2 of this Exhibit 4 to advertise in such media;
- g.advertising by direct mail where the addressee's zip code plus 4 includes, at least in part, the Region, provided that such advertising by the Controlled Affiliate may not reference the name of any of its Controlling Plans unless the respective Controlling Plan is authorized under paragraph 2 of this Exhibit 4 to send direct mail to such zip code plus 4.
 - h. [Intentionally left blank, pending review by the Inter-Plan Programs Committee of the applicability of the case management rule to such Controlled Affiliates.]
 - i. contracting with a pharmacy management organization ("Pharmacy Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional pharmacy network to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit for the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage PPO or regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such respective Controlled Affiliate License Agreements, provided, however, that the Pharmacy Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the pharmacy providers in such network;
 - j. contracting with the corporate owner of a national or regional retail pharmacy chain to gain access to the pharmacies in the chain to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit to the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage PPO or regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such respective

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Controlled Affiliate License Agreements, provided that (1) the Controlled Affiliate may not contract directly with pharmacists or pharmacy stores outside the Region, and (2) neither the Controlled Affiliate's name nor the Licensed Marks or Name may be posted or otherwise displayed at or by any pharmacy store outside the Region;

- k. contracting with a dental management organization ("Dental Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional dental network to deliver a routine dental benefit for the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage PPO members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such Controlled Affiliate License Agreement, provided, however, that the Dental Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the dental providers in such network;
- I.contracting with a vision management organization ("Vision Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional vision network to deliver a routine vision benefit for the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such Controlled Affiliate License Agreement, provided, however, that the Vision Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the vision providers in such network;
 - m. contracting with an independent clinical laboratory for analysis and clinical assessment of specimens that are collected within the Controlled Affiliate's Region;
 - n. contracting with a durable medical equipment or home medical equipment company for durable medical equipment and supplies and home medical equipment and supplies that are shipped to a location within the Controlled Affiliate's Region;
 - o. contracting with a specialty pharmaceutical company for non-routine biological therapeutics that are ordered by a health care professional located within the Region;

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- p.contracting with a company that operates provider sites in the Region, provided that the contract is solely for services rendered at a site (e.g., hospital, mobile van) that is within the Region;
 - q. contracting with a company that makes health care professionals available in the Region (e.g., traveling home health nurse), provided that the contract is solely for services rendered by health care professionals who are located within the Region.
- 4. BCBSA shall retain the right to use the Licensed Marks in conjunction with the Federal Employee Program and with any other national offering made to federal employees pursuant to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), including the right to license such use to its vendors, but only in the following manner.
 - a. the Licensed Marks may only be used by BCBSA with the term "Federal Employee Program", "Federal", "FEP", or similar language identifying the program as a benefit program for federal employees;
 - b. the Licensed Marks may not be used by BCBSA with the name(s) of a specific Plan or Plans and;
 - c. any use by BCBSA in conjunction with a new national FEHBP program proposed after the enactment of this amendment will require the approval of the BCBSA Board of Directors.

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5. Where required by applicable state or local law or regulation, a Plan or its licensed Controlled Affiliate may submit documents that contain the Brands to, and file forms that contain the Brands with, state or local regulators in a state not included in its Service Area, provided that it gives reasonable advance notice to the local Plan of its intent to submit such documents or file such forms. Notwithstanding, in no event may a Plan or its licensed Controlled Affiliate use the Brands to register, or to obtain or maintain a license, a certificate of authority, or an equivalent document authorizing it to act as a risk-bearing entity or third party administrator in a state not included in its Service Area. If the local Plan advises BCBSA that it believes its License Agreement has been or would be violated by any submission or filing, BCBSA shall determine whether such submission or filing is required by state or local law or regulation and violates the License Agreement, subject to the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's rights to obtain an independent review of such determination under Paragraph 9(a) and Exhibit 5 of its License Agreement or Paragraph 8 of the Controlled Affiliate License. For purposes of this paragraph, "local Plan" is defined as each Plan whose Service Area includes all or part of the state in which the foregoing applicable state or local law or regulation has been enacted.

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MEDIATION AND MANDATORY DISPUTE RESOLUTION (MMDR) RULES

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans ("Plans") and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") recognize and acknowledge that the Blue Cross and Blue Shield system is a unique nonprofit and for-profit system offering cost effective health care financing and services. The Plans and BCBSA desire to utilize Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution ("MMDR") to avoid expensive and time-consuming litigation that may otherwise occur in the federal and state judicial systems. Even MMDR should be viewed, however, as methods of last resort, all other procedures for dispute resolution having failed. Except as otherwise provided in the License Agreements, the Plans, their Controlled Affiliates and BCBSA agree to submit all disputes to MMDR pursuant to these Rules and in lieu of litigation.

1. <u>Initiation of Proceedings</u>

A. Pre-MMDR Efforts

Before filing a Complaint to invoke the MMDR process, the CEO of a complaining party, or his/her designated representative, shall undertake good faith efforts with the other side(s) to try to resolve any dispute.

B. Complaint

To commence a proceeding, the complaining party (or parties) shall provide by certified mail, return receipt requested, a written Complaint to the BCBSA Corporate Secretary (which shall also constitute service on BCBSA if it is a respondent) and to any Plan(s) and/or Controlled Affiliate(s) named therein. The Complaint shall contain:

- i. identification of the complaining party (or parties) requesting the proceeding;
- ii. identification of the respondent(s);
- iii. identification of any other persons or entities who are interested in a resolution of the dispute;
- iv. a full statement describing the nature of the dispute;
- v. identification of all of the issues that are being submitted for resolution;

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- vi. the remedy sought;
- vii. a statement as to whether the complaining party (or parties) elect(s) first to pursue Mediation;
- viii. any request, if applicable, that the matter be handled on an expedited basis and the reasons therefor; and
- ix. a statement signed by the CEO of the complaining party affirming that the CEO has undertaken efforts, or has directed efforts to be undertaken, to resolve the dispute before resorting to the MMDR process.

The complaining party (or parties) shall file and serve with the Complaint copies of all documents which the party (or parties) intend(s) to offer at the Arbitration Hearing and a statement identifying the witnesses the party (or parties) intend(s) to present at the Hearing, along with a summary of each witness' expected testimony.

C. Answer

Within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Complaint, each respondent shall serve on BCBSA and on the complaining party (or parties);

- i. a full Answer to the aforesaid Complaint;
- ii. a statement of any Counterclaims against the complaining party (or parties), providing with respect thereto the information specified in Paragraph 1.B., above;
- iii. a statement as to whether the respondent elects to first pursue Mediation; and
- iv. any request, if applicable, that the matter be handled on an expedited basis and the reasons therefor.

The respondent(s) shall file and serve with the Answer or by the date of the Initial Conference set forth in Paragraph 3.C., below, copies of all documents which the respondent(s) intend(s) to offer at the Arbitration Hearing and a statement identifying the witnesses the party (or parties) intend(s) to present at the Hearing, along with a summary of each witness' expected testimony.

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D. Reply To Counterclaim

Within ten (10) days after receipt of any Counterclaim, the complaining party (or parties) shall serve on BCBSA and on the responding party (or parties), a Reply to the Counterclaim. Such Reply must provide the same information required by Paragraph 1.C., above.

2. Mediation

To facilitate the mediation of disputes between or among BCBSA, the Plans and/or their Controlled Affiliates, the BCBSA Board has provided for Mediation under these Rules. Mediation may be pursued in lieu of or in an effort to obviate the Mandatory Dispute Resolution process, and all parties are strongly urged, but not required, to exhaust the mediation procedure provided for herein. In the event any party refuses to proceed with Mediation, the parties shall proceed immediately to Mandatory Dispute Resolution, as provided in Section 3.

A. Selection of Mediators

If all parties agree to pursue Mediation, they shall promptly attempt to agree upon: (i) the number of mediators desired, not to exceed three mediators; and (ii) the selection of experienced mediator(s) from an independent entity to mediate all disputes set forth in the Complaint and Answer (and Counterclaim and Reply, if any). In the event the parties are unable to agree upon the selection or number of mediators, both within five (5) days of the service of the Answer or Reply to Counterclaim, whichever is later, the BCBSA Corporate Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to a nationally recognized professional ADR organization (such as CPR or JAMS) for mediation by a single mediator to be selected by the ADR organization.

B. Binding Decision

Before the Mediation Hearing described below, the BCBSA Corporate Secretary shall contact the parties to determine whether they wish to be bound by any recommendation of the selected mediator(s) for resolution of the disputes. If all wish to be bound, the Corporate Secretary will send appropriate documentation to them for their signatures before the Mediation Hearing begins.

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C. Mediation Procedure

The Mediator(s) shall apply the mediation procedures and processes provided for herein (not the rules of the ADR organization with which they are affiliated) and shall promptly advise the parties of a scheduled Mediation Hearing date. Unless a party requests an expedited procedure, or unless all parties to the proceeding agree to one or more extensions of time, the Mediation Hearing set forth below shall be completed within forty (40) days of BCBSA's receipt of the Complaint. The selected mediator(s), unless the parties otherwise agree, shall adhere to the following procedure:

- Each party must be represented by its CEO or other representative who has been delegated full
 authority to resolve the dispute. However, parties may send additional representatives as they see fit.
- ii. Each party will be given one-half hour to present its case, beginning with the complaining party (or parties), followed by the other party or parties. The parties are free to structure their presentations as they see fit, using oral statements or direct examination of witnesses. However, neither cross-examination nor questioning of opposing representatives will be permitted. At the close of each presentation, the selected mediator(s) will be given an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters and witnesses. All parties must be present throughout the Mediation Hearing. The selected mediator (s) may extend the time allowed for each party's presentation at the Mediation Hearing. The selected mediator(s) may meet in executive session, outside the presence of the parties, or may meet with the parties separately, to discuss the controversy.
- iii. After the close of the presentations, the parties will attempt to negotiate a settlement of the dispute. If the parties desire, the selected mediator(s), or any one or more of the selected mediators, will sit in on the negotiations.

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- iv. After the close of the presentations, the selected mediator(s) may meet privately to agree upon a recommendation for resolution of the dispute which would be submitted to the parties for their consideration and approval. If the parties have previously agreed to be bound by the results of this procedure, this recommendation shall be binding upon the parties.
- v. The purpose of the Mediation Hearing is to assist the parties to settle their grievances short of mandatory dispute resolution. As a result, the Mediation Hearing has been designed to be as informal as possible. Rules of evidence shall not apply. There will be no transcript of the proceedings, and no party may make a tape recording of the Mediation Hearing.
- vi. In order to facilitate a free and open discussion, the Mediation proceeding shall remain confidential. A "Stipulation to Confidentiality" which prohibits future use of settlement offers, all position papers or other statements furnished to the selected mediator(s), and decisions or recommendations in any Mediation proceeding shall be executed by each party.
- vii. Upon request of the selected mediator(s), or one of the parties, BCBSA staff may also submit documentation at any time during the proceedings.

D. Notice of Termination of Mediation

If the Mediation cannot be completed within the prescribed or agreed time period due to the lack of cooperation of any party, as determined by the selected mediator(s), or if the Mediation does not result in a final resolution of all disputes at the Mediation Hearing or within ten (10) days after the Mediation Hearing, any party or any one of the selected mediators shall so notify the BCBSA Corporate Secretary, who shall promptly issue a Notice of Termination of Mediation to all parties, to the selected mediator(s), and to the MDR Administrator. Such notice shall serve to bring the Mediation to an end and to initiate Mandatory Dispute Resolution. Upon agreement of all parties and the mediator(s), the Mediation process may continue at the same time the MDR process is invoked. In such case, the Notice of Termination of Mediation described above serves to initiate the MDR proceeding, but does not terminate mediation proceedings, which may proceed simultaneous with the MDR proceeding.

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3. <u>Mandatory Dispute Resolution (MDR)</u>

If any party elects not to first pursue Mediation, or if a Notice of Termination of Mediation is issued as set forth in Paragraph 2.D., above, then the unresolved disputes set forth in any Complaint and Answer (and Counterclaim and Reply, if any) shall be subject to mandatory binding arbitration (herein referred to as "MDR").

A. MDR Administrator

The Administrator for purposes of Mandatory Arbitration shall be an independent nationally recognized entity such as CPR or JAMS, specializing in alternative dispute resolution. In the event the parties pursued Mediation with CPR, JAMS or a similar organization, that organization also shall serve as the MDR Administrator, unless all parties notify the BCBSA Corporate Secretary in writing within two (2) days of receiving the Notice of Termination of Mediation that they wish to pursue MDR with another nationally recognized organization serving as MDR Administrator.

In the event the parties (i) did not pursue Mediation, (ii) pursued mediation with a Mediator not affiliated with an ADR organization that offers a panel of arbitrators, or (iii) all parties that pursued Mediation notified the BCBSA Corporate Secretary that they wish to have an MDR Administrator that is different from the organization with which their mediator was affiliated, they shall promptly attempt to agree on a nationally recognized ADR entity that supplies a panel of arbitrators. If they reach such agreement within five (5) days of the Notice of Termination of Mediation or receipt of the Answer or Reply to Counterclaim (whichever is later), the parties shall promptly inform the BCBSA Corporate Secretary of their agreed upon ADR organization. In the event the parties are unable to reach agreement on an MDR Administrator within that timeframe, the BCBSA Corporate Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to CPR, JAMS or a similar organization for MDR.

Any person who served as a Mediator shall not serve as an arbitrator for the same or similar dispute for purposes of MDR.

B. Rules for MDR

The rules controlling all aspects of MDR shall be exclusively those provided for herein. The rules promulgated or otherwise used by the MDR Administrator organization shall not apply.

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C. Initial Conference

Within seven (7) days after a Notice of Termination has issued or the matter has otherwise been referred to an MDR Administrator, or within five (5) days after the time for filing and serving the Answer or Reply to any Counterclaim (whichever is later) if the parties elect first not to mediate, the parties shall confer with the Administrator to discuss selecting a dispute resolution panel ("the Panel"). This conference (the "Initial Conference") may be by telephone. The parties are encouraged to agree to the composition of the Panel and to present that agreement to the Administrator at the Initial Conference. If the parties do not agree on the composition of the Panel by the time of the Initial Conference, or by any extension thereof agreed to by all parties and the Administrator, then the Panel Selection Process set forth in subparagraph D, below, shall be followed.

D. Panel Selection Process

The Administrator shall designate, prior to the Initial Conference, at least seven potential arbitrators. Each party shall be permitted to strike any designee for cause and the Administrator shall determine the sufficiency thereof in its sole discretion. The Administrator will designate a replacement for any designee so stricken. Each party shall then be permitted one peremptory strike from the list of designees. The Administrator shall set the dates for exercising all strikes, which shall be set to encourage the prompt selection of arbitrators.

After the parties exercise any designee strikes for cause and their peremptory strike against any designee of their choice, the parties shall each rank the remaining panel members in order of preference and provide the Administrator, without serving on any other party, their ranked list. The Administrator shall not disclose any party's ranked list to members of the panel or to other parties.

From the remaining designees, and after considering opportunities to maximize, so far as possible, the collectively stated arbitrator preferences provided by the parties on their ranked lists, the Administrator shall select a three member Panel. The Panel Selection Process shall be completed no later than ten (10) days after the Initial Conference.

Each Arbitrator shall be compensated at his or her normal hourly rate or, in the absence of an established rate, at a reasonable hourly rate to be promptly fixed by the Administrator for all time spent in connection with the proceedings and shall be reimbursed for any travel and other reasonable expenses.

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E. Duties Of The Arbitrators

The Panel shall promptly designate a Presiding Arbitrator for the purposes reflected below, but shall retain the power to review and modify any ruling or other action of said Presiding Arbitrator. Each Arbitrator shall be an independent Arbitrator, shall be governed by the Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes and shall at or prior to the commencement of any Arbitration Hearing take an oath to that effect. Each Arbitrator shall promptly disclose in writing to the Panel and to the parties any circumstances, whenever arising, that might cause doubt as to such Arbitrator's compliance, or ability to comply, with said Code of Ethics, and, absent resignation by such Arbitrator, the remaining Arbitrators shall determine in their sole discretion whether the circumstances so disclosed constitute grounds for disqualification and for replacement. With respect to such circumstances arising or coming to the attention of a party after an Arbitrator's selection, a party may likewise request the Arbitrator's resignation or a determination as to disqualification by the remaining Arbitrators. With respect to a sole Arbitrator, the determination as to disqualification shall be made by the Administrator.

There shall be no <u>ex parte</u> communication between the parties or their counsel and any member of the Panel.

F. Panel's Jurisdiction And Authority

The Panel's jurisdiction and authority shall extend to all disputes between or among the Plans, their Controlled Affiliates, and/or BCBSA, except for those disputes excepted from these MMDR procedures as set forth in the License Agreements.

With the exception of punitive or treble damages, the Panel shall have full authority to award the relief it deems appropriate to resolve the parties' disputes, including monetary awards and injunctions, mandatory or prohibitory. The Panel has no authority to award punitive or treble damages except that the Panel may allocate or assess responsibility for punitive or treble damages assessed by another tribunal. Subject to the above limitations, the Panel may, by way of example, but not of limitation:

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- i. interpret or construe the meaning of any terms, phrase or provision in any license between BCBSA and a Plan or a Controlled Affiliate relating to the use of the BLUE CROSS® or BLUE SHIELD® service marks.
- ii. determine whether BCBSA, a Plan or a Controlled Affiliate has violated the terms or conditions of any license between the BCBSA and a Plan or a Controlled Affiliate relating to the use of the BLUE CROSS® or BLUE SHIELD® service marks.
- iii. decide challenges as to its own jurisdiction.
- iv. issue such orders for interim relief as it deems appropriate pending Hearing and Award in any Arbitration.

It is understood that the Panel is expected to resolve issues based on governing principles of law, preserving to the maximum extent legally possible the continued integrity of the Licensed Marks and the BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD system. The Panel shall apply federal law to all issues which, if asserted in the United States District Court, would give rise to federal question jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. § 1331. The Panel shall apply Illinois law to all issues involving interpretation, performance or construction of any License Agreement or Controlled Affiliate License Agreement unless the agreement otherwise provides. As to other issues, the Panel shall choose the applicable law based on conflicts of law principles of the State of Illinois.

G. Administrative Conference

Within five (5) days of the Panel being selected, the Presiding Arbitrator shall confer with the parties and the other members of the Panel and shall schedule, in writing, a conference in which the parties and the Panel shall participate (the "Administrative Conference"). The Administrative Conference shall take place no later than fifteen (15) days after the Panel is selected. At the Administrative Conference the parties and the Panel shall discuss the scheduling of the Arbitration Hearing and any other matter appropriate to be considered, including but not limited to: any written discovery in the form of requests for production of documents or requests to admit facts; the identity of any witness whose deposition a party may desire and a showing of exceptional good cause for the taking of any such deposition; the desirability of bifurcation or other separation of the issues; the need for and the type of record of conferences and hearings, including the need for transcripts; the need for expert witnesses and

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how expert testimony should be presented; the appropriateness of motions to dismiss and/or for full or partial summary judgment; consideration of stipulations; the desirability of presenting any direct testimony in writing; and the necessity for any on-site inspection by the Panel. If the parties agree, the Administrative Conference may be by telephone.

H. <u>Discovery</u>

- i. Requests for Production of Documents: All requests for the production of documents must be served no later than five (5) days after the date of the Initial Conference. Within twenty (20) days after receipt of a request for production of documents, a party shall (a) serve responses and objections to the request, (b) produce all responsive, non-privileged documents to the requesting party, and (c) to the extent any responsive documents are withheld on the grounds of attorney-client privilege or work product, produce a log identifying such documents in the manner specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5). If, after reviewing a privilege log, the requesting party believes attorney-client privilege or work product protection was improperly claimed by the producing party with respect to any document, the requesting party may ask the Presiding Arbitrator to conduct an in-camera inspection of the same. With respect to documentary and other discovery produced in any MDR proceeding by BCBSA, the fact that a party's CEO or other senior officers may serve on the BCBSA Board of Directors, BCBSA Board Committees or other BCBSA work groups, task forces and the like, shall not be a basis for defeating an otherwise valid claim of attorney-client privilege or work product protection over such documentary or other discovery materials by BCBSA.
- ii. *Requests for Admissions*: Requests for Admissions may be served up to twenty-one (21) days prior to the discovery cut-off set by the Presiding Arbitrator. A party served with Requests For Admissions must respond within twenty (20) days of receipt of said request. The good faith use of and response to Requests for Admissions is encouraged, and the Panel shall have full discretion, with reference to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in awarding appropriate sanctions with respect to abuse of the procedure.

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- iii. **Depositions**: As a general rule, the parties will not be permitted to take party or non-party deposition testimony for discovery purposes. The Presiding Arbitrator, in his or her sole discretion, shall have the authority to permit a party to take such deposition testimony upon a showing of exceptional good cause. The parties will be permitted to take de bene esse deposition testimony to the fullest extent permitted by law of any witness who cannot be compelled to testify at the Arbitration Hearing. No deposition, for discovery purposes or otherwise, shall exceed three (3) hours, excluding objections and colloquy of counsel. Depositions may be recorded in any manner recognized by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the parties shall specify in each notice of deposition or request for permission to take deposition testimony the manner in which such deposition shall be recorded.
- iv. Expert witness(es): If a party intends to present the testimony of an expert witness during the oral hearing, it shall provide all other parties with a written statement setting forth the information required to be provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)
 (B) ten (10) days prior to the discovery cut-off set by the Presiding Arbitrator. If a party intends to present the testimony of a rebuttal expert witness during the Arbitration Hearing, it shall provide all other parties with a written statement setting forth the information required to be provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) within twenty (20) days after the date on which the written statement of the expert witness whose testimony is to be rebutted was produced.
- v. **Discovery cut-off**: The Presiding Arbitrator shall determine the date on which the discovery period will end, but the discovery period shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the Administrative Conference without the agreement of all parties.

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- vi. Additional discovery: Any additional discovery will be at the discretion of the Presiding Arbitrator.
- vii. *Discovery Disputes*: Any discovery disputes shall be raised by motion to the Presiding Arbitrator, who is authorized to resolve all such disputes, and whose resolution will be binding on the parties unless modified by the Arbitration Panel. Prior to raising any discovery dispute with the Presiding Arbitrator, the parties shall meet and confer, telephonically or in person, in an attempt to resolve or narrow the dispute. If a party refuses to comply with a decision resolving a discovery dispute, the Panel, in keeping with Fed. R. Civ. P. 37, may refuse to allow that party to support or oppose designated claims or defenses, prohibit that party from introducing designated matters into evidence or, in extreme cases, decide an issue submitted for resolution adversely to that party.
- viii. *Extensions*: The time for responding to discovery requests may be extended by the Presiding Arbitrator for good and sufficient cause shown. Any request for such an extension shall be made in writing.
- I. Panel Suggested Settlement/Mediation

At any point during the proceedings, the Panel at the request of any party or on its own initiative, may suggest that the parties explore settlement and that they do so at or before the conclusion of the Arbitration Hearing, and the Panel shall give such assistance in settlement negotiations as the parties may request and the Panel may deem appropriate. Alternatively, the Panel may direct the parties to endeavor to mediate their disputes as provided above, or to explore a mini-trial proceeding, or to have an independent party render a neutral evaluation of the parties' respective positions. The Panel shall enter such sanctions as it deems appropriate with respect to any party failing to pursue in good faith such Mediation or other alternate dispute resolution methods.

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J. Subpoenas on Third Parties

Pursuant to, and consistent with, the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 9 *et seq*., and subject to Paragraph 3.G (iii) above, a party may request the issuance of a subpoena on any third party, including but not limited to any third party Blue Plan or any officer, employee or director of a third party Blue Plan, to compel deposition testimony or the production of documents, and, if good and sufficient cause is shown, the Panel shall issue such a subpoena.

K. Arbitration Hearing

An Arbitration Hearing will be held within thirty (30) days after the Administrative Conference if no discovery is taken, or within thirty (30) days after the close of discovery, unless all parties and the Panel agree to extend the Arbitration Hearing date, or unless the parties agree in writing to waive the Arbitration Hearing. The parties may mutually agree on the location of the Arbitration Hearing. If the parties fail to agree, the Arbitration Hearing shall be held in Chicago, Illinois, or at such other location determined by the Presiding Arbitrator to be most convenient to the participants. The Panel will determine the date(s) and time(s) of the Arbitration Hearing(s) after consultation with all parties and shall provide reasonable notice thereof to all parties or their representatives.

L. Arbitration Hearing Memoranda

Twenty (20) days prior to the Arbitration Hearing, each party shall submit to the other party (or parties) and to the Panel an Arbitration Hearing Memorandum which sets forth the applicable law and any argument as to any relevant issue. The Arbitration Hearing Memorandum will supplement, and not repeat, the allegations, information and documents contained in or with the Complaint, Answer, Counterclaim and Reply, if any. Ten (10) days prior to the Arbitration Hearing, each party shall submit to each other party a list of all expert and fact witnesses (but not including rebuttal fact witness) that such party intends to have testify at the Arbitration Hearing and a brief summary of the testimony each such witness is expected to give. In addition, no later than five (5) days prior to the Arbitration, each party may submit to each other party and to the Panel a Response Arbitration Hearing Memorandum which sets forth any response to another party's Arbitration Hearing Memorandum.

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M. Notice For Testimony

Ten (10) days prior to the Arbitration Hearing, any party may serve a Notice on any other party (or parties) requesting the attendance at the Arbitration Hearing of any officer, employee or director of the other party (or parties) for the purpose of providing noncumulative testimony. If a party fails to produce one of its officers, employees or directors whose noncumulative testimony during the Arbitration Hearing is reasonably requested by an adverse party, the Panel may refuse to allow that party to support or oppose designated claims or defenses, prohibit that party from introducing designated matters into evidence or, in extreme cases, decide an issue submitted for mandatory dispute resolution adversely to that party; provided, however, that a party may refuse to produce a director to testify if, within two (2) days of receiving a notice requesting the attendance of such director at the Arbitration Hearing, the party agrees to make the director available for a de bene esse deposition at a mutually convenient time at any location within fifty (50) miles of the director's primary residence chosen by the party requesting the director's testimony. This Rule may not be used for the purpose of burdening or harassing any party, and the Presiding Arbitrator may impose such orders as are appropriate so as to prevent or remedy any such burden or harassment.

Pursuant to, and consistent with, the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 9 *et seq.*, twenty (20) days or more prior to the Arbitration Hearing, a party may request the issuance of a subpoena on any third party, including but not limited to any third party Blue Plan, BCBSA or any officer, employee or director of a third party Blue Plan or BCBSA for the purpose of providing noncummulative testimony at the Arbitration Hearing, and, if good and sufficient cause is shown, the Panel shall issue such a subpoena; provided however, that a director of a third party Blue Plan or BCBSA may refuse to testify if, within two (2) days of receiving a subpoena requesting the attendance of such director at the Arbitration Hearing, the director agrees to make him/herself available for a de bene esse deposition at a mutually convenient time at any location within fifty (50) miles of the director's primary residence chosen by the party requesting the director's testimony. Each Blue Plan agrees to waive, on its own behalf and on behalf of its directors and officers, any objection it otherwise might have to any such subpoena based on service, venue or extraterritoriality.

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N. <u>Arbitration Hearing Procedures</u>

- i. Attendance at Arbitration Hearing: Any person having a direct interest in the proceeding is entitled to attend the Arbitration Hearing. The Presiding Arbitrator shall otherwise have the power to require the exclusion of any witness, other than a party or other essential person, during the testimony of any other witness. It shall be discretionary with the Presiding Arbitrator to determine the propriety of the attendance of any other person.
- ii. **Confidentiality**: The Panel and all parties shall maintain the privacy of the Arbitration Proceeding. The parties and the Panel shall treat the Arbitration Hearing and any discovery or other proceedings or events related thereto, including any award resulting therefrom, as confidential except as otherwise necessary in connection with a judicial challenge to or enforcement of an award or unless otherwise required by law.
- iii. **Stenographic Record**: Any party, or if the parties do not object, the Panel, may request that a stenographic or other record be made of any Arbitration Hearing or portion thereof. The costs of the recording and/or of preparing the transcript shall be borne by the requesting party and by any party who receives a copy thereof. If the Panel requests a recording and/or a transcript, the costs thereof shall be borne equally by the parties.
- iv. *Oaths*: The Panel may require witnesses to testify under oath or affirmation administered by any duly qualified person and, if requested by any party, shall do so.
- v. **Order of Arbitration Hearing**: An Arbitration Hearing shall be opened by the recording of the date, time, and place of the Arbitration Hearing, and the presence of the Panel, the parties, and their representatives, if any. The Panel may, at the beginning of the Arbitration Hearing, ask for statements clarifying the issues involved.

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Unless otherwise agreed, the complaining party (or parties) shall then present evidence to support their claim(s). The respondent(s) shall then present evidence supporting their defenses and Counterclaims, if any. The complaining party (or parties) shall then present evidence supporting defenses to the Counterclaims, if any, and rebuttal.

Witnesses for each party shall submit to questions by adverse parties and/or the Panel.

The Panel has the discretion to vary these procedures, but shall afford a full and equal opportunity to all parties for the presentation of any material and relevant evidence.

vi. **Evidence**: The parties may offer such evidence as is relevant and material to the dispute and shall produce such evidence as the Panel may deem necessary to an understanding and resolution of the dispute. Unless good cause is shown, as determined by the Panel or agreed to by all other parties, no party shall be permitted to offer evidence at the Arbitration Hearing which was not disclosed prior to the Arbitration Hearing by that party. The Panel may receive and consider the evidence of witnesses by affidavit upon such terms as the Panel deems appropriate.

The Panel shall be the judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence offered, and conformity to legal rules of evidence, other than enforcement of the attorney-client privilege and the work product protection, shall not be necessary. The Federal Rules of Evidence shall be considered by the Panel in conducting the Arbitration Hearing but those rules shall not be controlling. All evidence shall be taken in the presence of the Panel and all of the parties, except where any party is in default or has waived the right to be present.

Settlement offers by any party in connection with Mediation or MDR proceedings, decisions or recommendations of the selected mediators, and a party's position papers or statements furnished to the selected mediators shall not be admissible evidence or considered by the Panel without the consent of all parties.

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vii. *Closing of Arbitration Hearing*: The Presiding Arbitrator shall specifically inquire of all parties whether they have any further proofs to offer or witnesses to be heard. Upon receiving negative replies or if he or she is satisfied that the record is complete, the Presiding Arbitrator shall declare the Arbitration Hearing closed with an appropriate notation made on the record. Subject to being reopened as provided below, the time within which the Panel is required to make the award shall commence to run, in the absence of contrary agreement by the parties, upon the closing of the Arbitration Hearing.

With respect to complex disputes, the Panel may, in its sole discretion, defer the closing of the Arbitration Hearing for a period of up to thirty (30) days after the presentation of proofs in order to permit the parties to submit post-hearing briefs and argument, as the Panel deems appropriate, prior to making an award.

For good cause, the Arbitration Hearing may be reopened for up to thirty (30) days on the Panel's initiative, or upon application of a party, at any time before the award is made

O. Awards

An Award must be in writing and shall be made promptly by the Panel and, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or specified by law, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of closing the Arbitration Hearing. If all parties so request, the Award shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Award, and all other rulings and determinations by the Panel, may be by a majority vote.

Parties shall accept as legal delivery of the Award the placing of the Award or a true copy thereof in the mail addressed to a party or its representative at its last known address or personal service of the Award on a party or its representative.

Awards are binding only on the parties to the Arbitration and are not binding on any non-parties to the Arbitration and may not be used or cited as precedent in any other proceeding.

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After the expiration of twenty (20) days from initial delivery, the Award (with corrections, if any) shall be final and binding on the parties, and the parties shall undertake to carry out the Award without delay.

Proceedings to confirm, modify or vacate an Award shall be conducted in conformity with and controlled by the Federal Arbitration Act. 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.

P. Return of Documents

Within sixty (60) days after the Award and the conclusion of any judicial proceedings with respect thereto, each party and the Panel shall return any documents produced by any other party, including all copies thereof. If a party receives a discovery request in any other proceeding which would require it to produce any documents produced to it by any other party in a proceeding hereunder, it shall not produce such documents without first notifying the producing party and giving said party reasonable time to respond, if appropriate, to the discovery request.

4. Miscellaneous

A. Expedited Procedures

Any party to a Mediation may direct a request for an expedited Mediation Hearing to the Chairman of the Mediation Committee, to the selected Mediators, and to all other parties at any time. The Chairman of the Mediation Committee, or at his or her direction, the then selected Mediators, shall grant any request which is supported by good and sufficient reasons. If such a request is granted, the Mediation shall be completed within as short a period as practicable, as determined by the Chairman of the Mediation Committee or, at his or her direction, the then selected Mediators.

Any party to an Arbitration may direct a request for expedited proceedings to the Administrator, to the Panel, and to all other parties at any time. The Administrator, or the Presiding Arbitrator if the Panel has been selected, shall grant any such request which is supported by good and sufficient reasons. If such a request is granted, the Arbitration shall be completed within as short a time as practicable, as determined by the Administrator and/or the Presiding Arbitrator.

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B. <u>Temporary or Preliminary Injunctive Relief</u>

Any party may seek temporary or preliminary injunctive relief with the filing of a Complaint or at any time thereafter. If such relief is sought prior to the time that an Arbitration Panel has been selected, then the Administrator shall select a single Arbitrator who is a lawyer who has no interest in the subject matter of the dispute, and no connection to any of the parties, to hear and determine the request for temporary or preliminary injunction. If such relief is sought after the time that an Arbitration Panel has been selected, then the Arbitration Panel will hear and determine the request. The request for temporary or preliminary injunctive relief will be determined with reference to the temporary or preliminary injunction standards set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 65.

C. <u>Defaults and Proceedings in the Absence of a Party</u>

Whenever a party fails to comply with the MDR Rules in a manner deemed material by the Panel, the Panel shall fix a reasonable time for compliance and, if the party does not comply within said period, the Panel may enter an Order of default or afford such other relief as it deems appropriate. Arbitration may proceed in the event of a default or in the absence of any party who, after due notice, fails to be present or fails to obtain an extension. An Award shall not be made solely on the default or absence of a party, but the Panel shall require the party who is present to submit such evidence as the Panel may require for the making of findings, determinations, conclusions, and Awards.

D. Notice

Each party shall be deemed to have consented that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of a proceeding under these rules or for any court action in connection therewith may be served on a party by mail addressed to the party or its representative at its last known address or by personal service, in or outside the state where the MDR proceeding is to be held.

The Corporate Secretary and the parties may also use facsimile transmission, telex, telegram, or other written forms of electronic communication to give the notices required by these rules.

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E. Expenses

The expenses of witnesses shall be paid by the party causing or requesting the appearance of such witnesses. All expenses of the MDR proceeding, including compensation, required travel and other reasonable expenses of the Panel, and the cost of any proof produced at the direct request of the Panel, shall be borne equally by the parties and shall be paid periodically on a timely basis, unless they agree otherwise or unless the Panel in the Award assesses such expenses, or any part thereof against any party (or parties). In exceptional cases, the Panel may award reasonable attorneys' fees as an item of expense, and the Panel shall promptly determine the amount of such fees based on affidavits or such other proofs as the Panel deems sufficient.

F. Disqualification or Disability of A Panel Member

In the event that any Arbitrator of a Panel with more than one Arbitrator should become disqualified, resign, die, or refuse or be unable to perform or discharge his or her duties after the commencement of MDR but prior to the rendition of an Award, and the parties are unable to agree upon a replacement, the remaining Panel member(s):

- i. shall designate a replacement, subject to the right of any party to challenge such replacement for cause.
- ii. shall decide the extent to which previously held hearings shall be repeated.

If the remaining Panel members consider the proceedings to have progressed to a stage as to make replacement impracticable, the parties may agree, as an alternative to the recommencement of the Mandatory Dispute Resolution process, to resolution of the dispute by the remaining Panel members.

In the event that a single Arbitrator should become disqualified, resign, die, or refuse or be unable to perform or discharge his or her duties after the commencement of MDR but prior to the rendition of an Award, and the parties are unable to agree upon a replacement, the Administrator shall appoint a successor, subject to the right of any party to challenge such successor for cause, and the successor shall decide the extent to which previously held proceedings shall be repeated.

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G. Extensions of Time

Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 3.H.(viii.), any time limit set forth in these Rules may be extended upon agreement of the parties and approval of: (1) the Mediator if the proceeding is then in Mediation; (2) the Administrator if the proceeding is in Arbitration, but no Arbitration Panel has been selected; or (3) the Arbitration Panel, if the proceeding is in Arbitration and the Arbitration Panel has been selected.

H. Intervention

The Plans, their Controlled Affiliates, and BCBSA, to the extent subject to MMDR pursuant to their License Agreements, shall have the right to move to intervene in any pending Arbitration. A written motion for intervention shall be made to: (1) the Administrator, if the proceeding is in Arbitration, but no Arbitration Panel has been selected; or (2) the Arbitration Panel, if the proceeding is in Arbitration and the Arbitration Panel has been selected. The written motion for intervention shall be delivered to the BCBSA Corporate Secretary (which shall also constitute service on the BCBSA if it is a respondent) and to any Plan(s) and/or Controlled Affiliate(s) which are parties to the proceeding. Any party to the proceeding can submit written objections to the motion to intervene. The motion for intervention shall be granted upon good cause shown. Intervention also may be allowed by stipulation of the parties to the Arbitration proceeding. Intervention shall be allowed upon such terms as the Arbitration Panel decides.

I. BCBSA Assistance in Resolution of Disputes

The resources and personnel of the BCBSA may be requested by any member Plan at any time to try to resolve disputes with another Plan.

J. Neutral Evaluation

The parties can voluntarily agree at any time to have an independent party render a neutral evaluation of the parties' respective positions.

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K. Recovery of Attorney Fees and Expenses

i. Motions to Compel

Nothwithstanding any other provisions of these Rules, any Party subject to the License Agreements (for purposes of this Section K and all of its sub-sections only hereinafter referred to collectively and individually as a "Party") that initiates a court action or administrative proceeding solely to compel adherence to these Rules shall not be determined to have violated these Rules by initiating such action or proceeding.

iiRecovery of Fees, Expenses and Costs

The Arbitration Panel may, in its sole discretion, award a Party its reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs associated with a filing to compel adherence to these Rules and/or reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs incurred in responding to an action filed in violation of these Rules; provided, however, that neither fees, expenses, nor costs shall be awarded by the Arbitration Panel if the Party from which the award is sought can demonstrate to the Arbitration panel, in its sole discretion, that it did not violate these Rules or that it had reasonable grounds for believing that its action did not violate these Rules.

iiiRequests for Reimbursement

For purposes of this Section K, any Party may request reimbursement of fees, expenses and/or costs by submitting said request in writing to the Arbitration Panel at any time before an award is delivered pursuant Paragraph to 3.O above with a copy to the Party from which reimbursement is sought, explaining why it is entitled to such reimbursement. The Party from which reimbursement is sought shall have twenty (20) days to submit a response to such request to the Arbitration Panel with a copy to the Party seeking reimbursement.

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L. Calculation of Time and Deadlines

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed under these rules, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. When the period of time prescribed is less than six (6) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. As used in this rule, "legal holiday" includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and any other day appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

BLUE SHIELD LICENSE AGREEMENT

(Includes revisions, if any, adopted by Member Plans through their November 21, 2014 meeting)

	This agreement by a	nd between Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and The Blue Shield Plan	i,
known	as	(the "Plan").	

Preamble

WHEREAS, the Plan and/or its predecessor(s) in interest (collectively the "Plan") had the right to use the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") for health care plans in its service area, which was essentially local in nature;

WHEREAS, the Plan was desirous of assuring nationwide protection of the Licensed Marks, maintaining uniform quality controls among Plans, facilitating the provision of cost effective health care services to the public and otherwise benefiting the public;

WHEREAS, to better attain such ends, the Plan and the predecessor of BCBSA executed the Agreement(s) Relating to the Collective Service Mark "Blue Shield"; and

WHEREAS, BCBSA and the Plan desire to supercede said Agreement(s) to reflect their current practices and to assure the continued integrity of the Licensed Marks and of the BLUE SHIELD system;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Agreement

- 1. BCBSA hereby grants to the Plan, upon the terms and conditions of this License Agreement ("Agreement" or "Primary License Agreement", the right to use BLUE SHIELD in its trade and/or corporate name (the "Licensed Name"), and the right to use the Licensed Marks, in the sale, marketing and administration of health care plans and related services in the Service Area set forth and defined in paragraph 5 below. As used herein, health care plans and related services shall include acting as a nonprofit health care plan, a for-profit health care plan, or mutual health insurer operating on a not-for-profit or for-profit basis, under state law; financing access to health care services; when working with a bank that holds the relevant license to use the Licensed Name and Marks, offering: (i) tax-favored savings accounts for medical expenses and means for accessing such accounts, such as debit cards or checks, that are provided solely to support access to such tax-favored savings accounts, all pursuant to such license, or (ii) prepaid rewards cards that are provided for completion of a wellness program, all pursuant to such license; providing health care management and administration; administering, but not underwriting, non-health portions of Worker's Compensation insurance; delivering health care services, except hospital services (as defined in the Guidelines to Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members); and performing the Eligibility and Enrollment functions of HR administration for all benefit plans offered by a group account to its members, including benefit plans not provided by the Plan, provided that the Plan has contracted to provide Health Coverage under the Licensed Marks to the account (as the terms "Health Coverage," "Eligibility" and "Enrollment" are defined in Exhibit 4, Paragraph 2.t.).
- 2. The Plan may use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with the offering of: i) health care plans and related services in the Service Area through Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement"); and ii) insurance coverages offered by life insurers under the applicable law in the Service Area, other than those which the Plan may offer in its own name, provided through Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1A hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement Applicable to Life Insurance Companies") or the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1A1 hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products") and further provided that the offering of such services does not and will not dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name; and iii) administration and underwriting of Workers' Compensation Insurance Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License."); and iv) regional Medicare Advantage PPO Products in cooperation with one or more other Plans through jointly-held Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1B hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement Applicable to Regional Medicare Advantage PPO Products"); and v) regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan products in cooperation with one or more other Plans through jointly-held Controlled Affiliates, provided that each such Controlled

Affiliate is separately licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name under the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement attached as Exhibit 1C hereto (the "Controlled Affiliate License Agreement Applicable to Regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Products"). As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is subject to the bona fide control of a Plan or Plans and, if the entity meets the standards of Paragraph 2a.B but not Paragraph 2a.A, the entity, its owners, and persons authority to select or appoint members or board members, other than a Plan or Plans, have received written approval of BCBSA. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, bona fide control shall have the meaning set forth in Paragraphs 2a. and 2b.

- 2a. With respect to the Controlled Affiliate Licenses authorized in clauses i) through iii) of Paragraph 2, bona fide control shall mean that a Plan (the "Sponsoring Plan") authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to this Primary License Agreement with BCBSA must have:
 - A. The legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly–owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having more than 50% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate ; (c) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan do not concur. In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through whollyowned subsidiaries shall own more than 50% of any for–profit Controlled Affiliate; or
 - B. The legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 50% voting control thereof; (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan do not concur; (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate at least equal to that exercised by persons or entities (jointly or individually) other than the Sponsoring Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by the Sponsoring Plan before the Controlled Affiliate can:
 - 1. Change its legal and/or trade name;
 - 2. Change the geographic area in which it operates;
 - 3. Change any of the types of businesses in which it engages;
 - 4. Create, or become liable for by way of guarantee, any indebtedness, other than indebtedness arising in the ordinary course of business;
 - 5. Sell any assets, except for sales in the ordinary course of business or sales of equipment no longer useful or being replaced;
 - 6. Make any loans or advances except in the ordinary course of business;

- 7. Enter into any arrangement or agreement with any party directly or indirectly affiliated with any of the owners of the Controlled Affiliate or persons or entities with the authority to select or appoint members or board members of the Controlled Affiliate, other than the Sponsoring Plan or other Plans (excluding owners of stock holdings of under 5% in a publicly traded Controlled Affiliate);
- 8. Conduct any business other than under the Licensed Marks and Name;
- 9. Take any action that the Sponsoring Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks or Names.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own at least 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate; or

- C. With respect to a Controlled Affiliate that is 100% controlled by Plans including the Sponsoring Plan and which offers solely Medicaid products and services, the legal authority together with such other Plans (a) to select all members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body; (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate; (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate. In addition, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate, with the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans each having an ownership interest. Such 100% control and ownership by Plans shall be direct or, if indirect, solely through affiliates that are licensed to use marks owned by BCBSA. Further, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall execute the "Addendum to Controlled Affiliate License" attached as Exhibit B to Exhibit 1 attached hereto.
- 2b. With respect to the Controlled Affiliate License Agreements authorized in clauses iv) and v) of Paragraph 2, bona fide control shall mean that the Controlled Affiliate is organized and operated in such a manner that it meets the following requirements:
 - A. The Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Plans authorized to use the Licensed Marks pursuant to this License Agreement with BCBSA (for purposes of this subparagraph A. through subparagraph C., the "Controlling Plans"); and

- B. Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to this Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region (as that term is defined in such Controlled Affiliate License Agreements) and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and
- C. The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof; (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur; and (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) of this subparagraph E., the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:
 - 1. Change its legal and/or trade names;
 - 2. Change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
 - Change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
 - 4. Take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly- owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

- 3. With respect to a Controlled Affiliate that is not licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Plan may, in communications that contain the Licensed Marks or Name, indicate its corporate relationship to the Affiliate and permit such Affiliate to indicate its corporate relationship to the Plan, solely in the circumstances, style and manner specified by BCBSA from time-to-time in regulations of general application consistent with the avoidance of confusion or mistake or the dilution or tarnishment of the Licensed Marks and Name No rights are hereby created in any Controlled Affiliate to use the Licensed Marks or Name in its own name or otherwise.
- 4. The Plan recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Plan further recognizes that its actions within its Service Area may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide. The Plan agrees (a) to maintain in good standing its membership in BCBSA; (b) promptly to pay its dues to BCBSA, said dues to represent the royalties for this License Agreement; (c) materially to comply with all applicable laws; (d) to comply with the Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members of BCBSA, a current copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2 hereto; and (e) reasonably to permit BCBSA, upon a written, good faith request and during reasonable business hours, to inspect the Plan's books and records necessary to ascertain compliance herewith. As to other Plans and third parties, BCBSA shall maintain the confidentiality of all documents and information furnished by the Plan pursuant hereto, or pursuant to the Membership Standards, and clearly designated by the Plan as containing proprietary information of the Plan.
- 5. The rights hereby granted are exclusive to the Plan within the geographical area(s) served by the Plan on June 30, 1972, and/or as to which the Plan has been granted a subsequent license, which is hereby defined as the "Service Area," except that BCBSA reserves the right to use the Licensed Marks in said Service Area, and except to the extent that said Service Area may overlap areas served by one or more other licensed Blue Shield Plans as of said date or subsequent license, as to which overlapping areas the rights hereby granted are nonexclusive as to such other Plan or Plans only.

- 6. Except as expressly provided by BCBSA with respect to National Accounts, Government Programs and certain other necessary and collateral uses, the current rules and regulations governing which are attached as Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4 hereto, and are contained in other documents referenced herein, or as expressly provided herein, the Plan may not use the Licensed Marks and Name outside the Service Area or in connection with other goods and services, nor may the Plan use the Licensed Marks or Name in a manner which is intended to transfer in the Service Area the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Plan from engaging in lawful activity anywhere under other marks and names not confusingly similar to the Licensed Marks and Name, provided that engaging in such activity does and will not dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name. In addition to any and all remedies available hereunder, BCBSA may impose monetary fines on the Plan for the Plan's use of the Licensed Marks and Names outside the Service Area, and provided that the procedure used in imposing a fine is consistent with procedures specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time in regulations of general application. In the case of regional Medicare Advantage PPO and regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan products offered by consenting and participating Plans in a region that includes the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Plan, such fine may be imposed jointly on the consenting and participating Plans for use of the Licensed Marks and Name in any geographic area of the region in which a Plan having exclusive rights to the Licensed Marks and Name does not consent to and participate in such offering, provided that the basis for imposition of such fine is consistent with rules specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time in regulations of general application.
- 7. The Plan agrees that it will display the Licensed Marks and Name only in such form, style and manner as shall be specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time-to-time in regulations of general application in order to prevent impairment of the distinctiveness of the Licensed Marks and Name and the goodwill pertaining thereto. The Plan shall cause to appear on all materials on or in connection with which the Licensed Marks or Name are used such legends, markings and notices as BCBSA may reasonably request in order to give appropriate notice of service mark or other proprietary rights therein or pertaining thereto.
- 8. BCBSA agrees that: (a) it will not grant any other license effective during the term of this License Agreement for the use of the Licensed Marks or Name which is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Plan hereunder; and (b) it will not itself use the Licensed Marks in derogation of the rights of the Plan or in a manner to deprive the Plan of the full benefits of this License Agreement, provided that BCBSA shall have the right to use the Licensed Marks in conjunction with any national offering under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program in the manner set forth in Exhibit 4, Paragraph 4 (including subparagraphs) to this License Agreement. The Plan agrees that it will not attack the title of BCBSA in and to the Licensed Marks or Name or attack the validity of the Licensed Marks or of this License Agreement. The Plan further agrees that all use by it of the Licensed Marks and Name or any similar mark or name shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA, and the Plan shall cooperate with BCBSA in effectuating the assignment to BCBSA of any service mark or trademark registrations of the Licensed Marks or any similar mark or name held by the Plan or a Controlled Affiliate of the Plan, all or any portion of which registration consists of the Licensed Marks.

- 9. (a). Should the Plan fail to comply with the provisions of paragraphs 2–4, 6, 7 and/or 12, and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence curing such failure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the curing of such failure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period), BCBSA shall have the right to issue a notice that the Plan is in a state of noncompliance. Except as to the termination of a Plan's License Agreement or the merger of two or more Plans, disputes as to noncompliance, and all other disputes between or among BCBSA, the Plan, other Plans and/or Controlled Affiliates, shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution pursuant to the rules and regulations of BCBSA, a current copy of which is attached as Exhibit 5 hereto, and shall be timely presented and resolved. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Plan or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the License Agreement. Except, however, as provided in paragraphs 9(d)(iii), 15(a)(i)-(viii), and 15(a)(x) below, no Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans.
- (b). Notwithstanding any other provision of this License Agreement, a Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Plan advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Plan an opportunity to be heard and to present its response to Member Plans for: (i) failure to comply with any minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the Membership Standard on Financial Responsibility; or (ii) impending financial insolvency; or (iii) the pendency of any action instituted against the Plan seeking its dissolution or liquidation or its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property of business, unless this License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 15(a); or (iv) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans and/or the Licensed Marks.

Amended as of March 16, 2006

(c). To the extent not otherwise provided therein, neither: (i) the Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members of BCBSA; nor (ii) the rules and regulations governing Government Programs and certain other uses; nor (iii) the rules and regulations governing mediation and mandatory dispute resolution, may be amended unless and until each such amendment is first adopted by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and of three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans. The rules and regulations governing National Accounts and other national programs required by the Membership Standards Applicable to Regular Members of BCBSA (Exhibit 2) are contained, in addition to those set forth in Exhibit 3, in the following documents, as amended from time to time: (1) the Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions; (2) Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program Policies and Provisions. The voting requirements specified in rules and regulations governing such national programs may not be amended unless and until each such amendment is first adopted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and of three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans.

Amended as of November 21, 2014

- (d). The Plan may operate as a for-profit company on the following conditions:
- (i) The Plan shall discharge all responsibilities which it has to the Association and to other Plans by virtue of this Agreement and the Plan's membership in BCBSA.
- (ii) The Plan shall not use the licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of its legal name or any symbol used to identify the Plan in any securities market. The Plan shall use the licensed Marks and Name as part of its trade name within its service area for the sale, marketing and administration of health care and related services in the service area.
- (iii) The Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name shall automatically terminate effective: (a) thirty days after the Plan knows, or there is an SEC filing indicating that, any Institutional Investor, has become the Beneficial Owner of securities representing 10% or more of the voting power of the Plan ("Excess Institutional Voter"), unless such Excess Institutional Voter shall cease to be an Excess Institutional Voter prior to such automatic termination becoming effective; (b) thirty days after the Plan knows, or there is an SEC filing indicating that, any Noninstitutional Investor has become the Beneficial Owner of securities representing 5% or more of the voting power of the Plan ("Excess Noninstitutional Voter") unless such Excess Noninstitutional Voter shall cease to be an Excess Noninstitutional Voter prior to such automatic termination becoming effective: (c) thirty days after the Plan knows, or there is an SEC filing indicating that, any Person has become the Beneficial Owner of 20% or more of the Plan's then outstanding common stock or other equity securities which (either by themselves or in combination) represent an ownership interest of 20% or more pursuant to determinations made under paragraph 9(d)(iv) below ("Excess Owner"), unless such Excess Owner shall cease to be an Excess Owner prior to such automatic termination becoming effective; (d) ten business days after individuals who at the time the Plan went public constituted the Board of Directors of the Plan (together with any new directors whose election to the Board was approved by a vote of 2/3 of the directors then still in office who were directors at the time the Plan went public or whose election or nomination was previously so approved) (the "Continuing Directors") cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors; or (e) ten business days after the Plan consolidates with or merges with or into any person or conveys, assigns, transfers or sells all or substantially all of its assets to any person other than a merger in which the Plan is the surviving entity and immediately after which merger, no person is an Excess Institutional Voter, an Excess Noninstitutional Voter or an Excess Owner: provided that, if requested by the affected Plan in a writing received by BCBSA prior to such automatic termination becoming effective, the provisions of this paragraph 9(d)(iii) may be waived, in whole or in part,

upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Plans and a majority of the total then current weighted vote of the disinterested Plans. Any waiver so granted may be conditioned upon such additional requirements (including but not limited to imposing new and independent grounds for termination of this License) as shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Plans and a majority of the total then current weighted vote of the disinterested Plans. If a timely waiver request is received, no automatic termination shall become effective until the later of: (1) the conclusion of the applicable time period specified in paragraphs 9(d)(iii)(a)-(d) above, or (2) the conclusion of the first Member Plan meeting after receipt of such a waiver request.

In the event that the Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Name is terminated pursuant to this Paragraph 9(d) (iii), the license may be reinstated in BCBSA's sole discretion if, within 30 days of the date of such termination, the Plan demonstrates that the Person referred to in clause (a), (b) or (c) of the preceding paragraph is no longer an Excess Institutional Voter, an Excess Noninstitutional Voter or an Excess Owner.

- (iv) The Plan shall not issue any class or series of security other than (i) shares of common stock having identical terms or options or derivatives of such common stock, (ii) non-voting, non-convertible debt securities or (iii) such other securities as the Plan may approve, provided that BCBSA receives notice at least thirty days prior to the issuance of such securities, including a description of the terms for such securities, and BCBSA shall have the authority to determine how such other securities will be counted in determining whether any Person is an Excess Institutional Voter, Excess Noninstitutional Voter or an Excess Owner.
 - (v) For purposes of paragraph 9(d)(iii), the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) "Affiliate" and "Associate" shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and in effect on November 17, 1993 (the "Exchange Act").
 - (b) A Person shall be deemed the "Beneficial Owner" of and shall be deemed to "beneficially own" any securities:
 - (i) which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates beneficially owns, directly or indirectly;

- (ii) which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates has (A) the right to acquire (whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time) pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, or upon the exercise of conversion rights, exchange rights, warrants or options, or otherwise; or (B) the right to vote pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding; provided, however, that a Person shall not be deemed the Beneficial Owner of, or to beneficially own, any security if the agreement, arrangement or understanding to vote such security (1) arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a public proxy or consent solicitation made pursuant to, and in accordance with, the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act and (2) is not also then reportable on Schedule 13D under the Exchange Act (or any comparable or successor report); or
- (iii) which are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by any other Person (or any Affiliate or Associate thereof) with which such Person (or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates) has any agreement, arrangement or understanding (other than customary agreements with and between underwriters and selling group members with respect to a bona fide public offering of securities) relating to the acquisition, holding, voting (except to the extent contemplated by the proviso to (b)(ii)(B) above) or disposing of any securities of the Plan.

Notwithstanding anything in this definition of Beneficial Ownership to the contrary, the phrase "then outstanding," when used with reference to a Person's Beneficial Ownership of securities of the Plan, shall mean the number of such securities then issued and outstanding together with the number of such securities not then actually issued and outstanding which such Person would be deemed to own beneficially hereunder.

- (c) A Person shall be deemed an "Institutional Investor" if (but only if) such Person (i) is an entity or group identified in the SEC's Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii) as constituted on June 1, 1997, and (ii) every filing made by such Person with the SEC under Regulation 13D-G (or any successor Regulation) with respect to such Person's Beneficial Ownership of Plan securities shall have contained a certification identical to the one required by item 10 of SEC Schedule 13G as constituted on June 1, 1997.
 - (d) "Noninstitutional Investor" means any Person who is not an Institutional Investor.
- (e) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture or other entity, and shall include any successor (by merger or otherwise) of such entity.

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- 10. This License Agreement shall remain in effect: (a) until terminated as provided herein; or (b) until this and all such other License Agreements are terminated by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans; (c) until terminated by the Plan upon eighteen (18) months written notice to BCBSA or upon a shorter notice period approved by BCBSA in writing at its sole discretion.
- 11. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 15 below or by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans, or unless this and all such other License Agreements are simultaneously terminated by force of law, the termination of this License Agreement for any reason whatsoever shall cause the reversion to BCBSA of all rights in and to the Licensed Marks and Name, and the Plan agrees that it will promptly discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, will not use them thereafter, and will promptly, upon written notice from BCBSA, change its corporate name so as to eliminate the Licensed Name therefrom.
- 12. The license hereby granted to Plan to use the Licensed Marks and Name is and shall be personal to the Plan so licensed and shall not be assignable by any act of the Plan, directly or indirectly, without the written consent of BCBSA. Said license shall not be assignable by operation of law, nor shall Plan mortgage or part with possession or control of this license or any right hereunder, and the Plan shall have no right to grant any sublicense to use the Licensed Marks and Name.
- 13. BCBSA shall maintain appropriate service mark registrations of the Licensed Marks and BCBSA shall take such lawful steps and proceedings as may be necessary or proper to prevent use of the Licensed Marks by any person who is not authorized to use the same. Any actions or proceedings undertaken by BCBSA under the provisions of this paragraph shall be at BCBSA's sole cost and expense. BCBSA shall have the sole right to determine whether or not any legal action shall be taken on account of unauthorized use of the Licensed Marks, such right not to be unreasonably exercised. The Plan shall report any unlawful usage of the Licensed Marks to BCBSA in writing and agrees, free of charge, to cooperate fully with BCBSA's program of enforcing and protecting the service mark rights, trade name rights and other rights in the Licensed Marks.
- 14. The Plan hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA and any other Plan(s) harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise as a result of the activities of the Plan or of any hospital, medical group, clinic or other provider of health services that is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Plan. BCBSA hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold the Plan and any other Plan(s) harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise exclusively and directly as a result of the activities of BCBSA.

15. (a). This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by the Plan or by BCBSA seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against the Plan or BCBSA seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by the Plan or BCBSA or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Plan or BCBSA respectively, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against the Plan or BCBSA in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or the Plan or BCBSA is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent (as that term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the state of Illinois) by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) the Plan or BCBSA makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of the Plan or delinquency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by the Plan or BCBSA seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against the Plan or BCBSA seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by the Plan or BCBSA or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Plan or BCBSA respectively, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of the Plan's or BCBSA's property or business is appointed, or the Plan or BCBSA is ordered dissolved or liquidated, or (ix) the Plan shall fail to pay its dues and shall not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof, or (x) if, due to regulatory action, the Plan together with any applicable Controlled Affiliate becomes unable to do business using the Names and Marks in any State or portion thereof included in its Service Area, provided that: (i) automatic termination shall not occur prior to the exhaustion by any such Plan of its rights to appeal or challenge such regulatory action; and (ii) in the event the Plan is licensed to do business using the Names and Marks in multiple States or portions of States, the termination of its License Agreement shall be solely limited to the State(s) or portions thereof in which the regulatory action applies. By not appealing or challenging such regulatory action within the time prescribed by law or regulation, and in any event no later than 120 days after such action is taken, a Plan shall be deemed to have exhausted its rights to appeal or challenge, and automatic termination shall proceed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Plan's or BCBSA's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 15(a)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement.
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- (b). BCBSA, or the Plans (as provided and in addition to the rights conferred in Paragraph 10(b) above), may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice upon the occurrence of <u>either</u> of the following events: (a) the Plan or BCBSA becomes insolvent (as that term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code enacted in the state of Illinois), or (b) any final judgment against the Plan or BCBSA remains unsatisfied or unbonded of record for a period of sixty (60) days or longer.
- (c). If this License Agreement is terminated as to BCBSA for any reason stated in subparagraphs 15(a) and (b) above, the ownership of the Licensed Marks shall revert to each of the Plans.
- (d). Upon termination of this License Agreement or any Controlled Affiliate License Agreement of a Larger Controlled Affiliate, as defined in Exhibit 1 to this License Agreement, the following conditions shall apply, except that, in the event of a partial termination of this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 15 (a)(x)(ii) of this Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the geographic area for which the Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
 - (i) The terminated entity shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the terminated entity or its Controlled Affiliates under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA, subject to any conflicting state law and state regulatory requirements. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination or, if termination is pursuant to paragraph 10(d) of this Agreement, within 15 days after the written notice to BCBSA described in paragraph 10(d).
 - (ii) The terminated entity shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the terminated entity is involved (in a Control, Participating or Servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the terminated entity's role therein. For those accounts where the terminated entity is the Control Plan, the Plan must also indicate the Participating and Servicing Plans in the national account syndicate.

Unless the cause of termination is an event stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) above respecting BCBSA, the Plan and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to the Re-Establishment Fee (described below) multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the terminated entity and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates; provided that if any other Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in the Service Area established by this Agreement, the Re-Establishment Fee shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the terminated entity and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in the Service Area. The Re-Establishment Fee shall be indexed to a base fee of \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee through December 31, 2005 shall be \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee for calendar years after December 31, 2005 shall be adjusted on January 1 of each calendar year up to and including January 1, 2010 and shall be the base fee multiplied by 100% plus the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the Plans' gross administrative expense (standard BCBSA definition) per Licensed Enrollee since December 31, 2004. The adjustment shall end on January 1, 2011, at which time the Re-Establishment Fee shall be fixed at the then-current amount and no longer automatically adjusted. For example, if the Plans' gross administrative expense per Licensed Enrollee was \$278.60, \$285.00 and \$290.00 for calendar year end 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, the January 1, 2007 Re-Establishment Fee would be \$83.27 (100% of the base fee plus \$1.84 for calendar year 2005 and \$1.43 for calendar year 2006). Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (a) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (b) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph (d)(iii) shall be due only

to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Plan to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this sub paragraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans), measured as of the date of termination and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plan or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. At least 50% of the Re-Establishment Fee shall be awarded to the Plan (or Plans) that receive the new license(s) for the service area(s) at issue; provided, however, that such award shall not become due or payable until all disputes, if any, regarding the amount of and BCBSA's right to such Re-Establishment Fee have been finally resolved; and provided further that the award shall be based on the final amount actually received by BCBSA. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution which it may amend from time to time that shall govern BCBSA's use of its portion of the award. In the event that the terminated entity's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Plan (and/or its Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to subparagraph 15(d)(vi) and any costs associated with reestablishing the Service Area, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates) for purposes of replacing the terminated entity.

(iv) The terminated entity shall comply with all financial settlement procedures set forth in BCBSA's License Termination Contingency Plan, as amended from time

to time and shall work diligently and in good faith with BCBSA, any Alternative Control Licensee or Replacement Licensee and any existing or potential new account for Bluebranded products and services to minimize the disruption of termination, and honor, to the fullest extent possible, the desire of accounts to continue to receive or obtain Bluebranded products and services through a new Licensee ("Transition"). Such diligence and good faith on the part of the terminated entity shall include, but not be limited to: (a) working cooperatively with BCBSA to protect the Names and Marks from potential harm; (b) cooperating with BCBSA's use of the Names and Marks in the terminated entity's former service area during the termination and Transition; (c) transmitting, upon the request of an existing Blue account or of BCBSA with consent and on behalf of an existing Blue account, all member and account-data relating to the Federal Employee Program to BCBSA, and all member and account data relating to other programs to an Alternative Control Licensee or Replacement Licensee; (d) working with BCBSA and the Alternative Control or Replacement Licensee with respect to potential new Blue accounts headquartered in the terminated entity's former service area; (e) continuing to service Blue accounts during the Transition; (f) continuing to comply with National Programs, Federal Employee Program and NASCO policies and procedures and all voluntary BCBSA programs, policies and performance standards, such as Away From Home Care, including being responsible for payment of all penalties for non-compliance duly levied in conformity with the License Agreements, Membership Standards, or the Federal Employee Program agreements, that may arise during the Transition; (g) maintaining and providing access to its provider networks, as defined by Federal Employee Program agreements and National Account Program Policies and Provisions, and Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions, and making those networks and discounts available to members and providers who participate in National Programs and the Federal Employee Program during the Transition; (h) maintaining its technical connections and processing capabilities during the Transition; and (i) working diligently to conclude all financial settlements and account reconciliations as negotiated in the termination transition agreement.

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- (v) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, BCBSA shall have the right, with the approval of its Board of Directors, to assess additional fines against the terminated entity during the Transition in the event it fails to maintain and provide access to provider networks as defined by Federal Employee Program agreements, National Account Program Policies and Provisions, and Inter-Plans Programs Policies and Provisions, and/or pass on applicable discounts. Such fines shall be in addition to any other assessments, fees or liquidated damages payable herein, or under existing policies and programs and shall be imposed to make whole BCBSA and/or the Plans. Terminated entity shall pay any such fines to BCBSA no later than 30 days after they are approved by the Board of Directors.
 - (vi) BCBSA shall have the right to examine and audit and/or hire at terminated entity's expense a third-party auditor to examine and audit the books and records of the terminated entity and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates to verify compliance with the terms and requirements of this paragraph 15(d).
 - (vii) Subsequent to termination of this Agreement, the terminated entity and its affiliates, agents, and employees shall have an ongoing and continuing obligation to protect all BCBSA and Blue Licensee data that was acquired or accessed during the period this Agreement was in force, including but not limited to all confidential processes, pricing, provider, discount and other strategic and competitively sensitive information ("Blue Information") from disclosure, and shall not, either alone or with another entity, disclose such Blue Information or use it in any manner to compete without the express written permission of BCBSA.
 - (viii) As to a breach of 15 (d) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (vi), or (vii) the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 15 (d) (i), (ii), (iv), (vi), or (vii) by the Plan, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.

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- (ix) In the event that the terminated entity's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Plan and its Licensed Controlled Affiliates shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion.
- (e). BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Plan or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this License Agreement unless the License Agreement has been terminated pursuant to paragraph 10 (d) of this Agreement upon the required six (6) month written notice.
 - (f). BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Plan.

- 16. This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and contains all of the covenants and agreements of the parties as to the licensing of the Licensed Marks and Name. This Agreement may be amended only by the affirmative vote of three–fourths of the Plans and three–fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.
- 17. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is judicially declared unlawful, each and every other provision, or any part of any provision, shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such judicial declaration.
- 18. No waiver by BCBSA or the Plan of any breach or default in performance on the part of BCBSA or the Plan or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.
- 19a. All notices provided for hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent in duplicate by regular mail to BCBSA or the Plan at the address currently published for each by BCBSA and shall be marked respectively to the attention of the President and, if any, the General Counsel, of BCBSA or the Plan.

- 19b. Except as provided in paragraphs 9(b), 9(d)(iii), 15(a), and 15(b) above, this Agreement may be terminated for a breach only upon at least 30 days' written notice to the Plan advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Plan an opportunity to be heard and to present its response to the Member Plans.
- 19c. For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted votes in favor of the question.

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20. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to constitute the parties hereto as partners or joint venturers, or either as the agent of the other, and Plan shall have no right to bind or obligate BCBSA in any way, nor shall it represent that it has any right to do so. BCBSA shall have no liability to third parties with respect to any aspect of the business, activities, operations, products, or services of the Plan.
21. This Agreement shall be governed, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed, effective as of the date of last signature written below.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

Title
Date
Plan:
Ву
Title
Date

Ву _____

BLUE SHIELD CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT (Includes revisions adopted by Member Plans through their November 21, 2014 meeting)

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Associa	tion ("BCBSA") and	("Controlled
Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Shield Plan, known as	_ ("Plan" or "Sponsoring	Plan"), which is
also a Party signatory hereto.		

WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks;

WHEREAS, Plan and Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE SHIELD in a trade name ("Licensed Name");

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. GRANT OF LICENSE

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to Controlled Affiliate the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with, and only in connection with: (i) health care plans and related services, as defined in BCBSA's License Agreement with Plan, and administering the non-health portion of workers' compensation insurance, and (ii) underwriting the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance, provided that Controlled Affiliate's total premium revenue comprises less than 15 percent of the Sponsoring Plan's net subscription revenue.

This grant of rights is non-exclusive and is limited to the Service Area served by the Plan. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its legal name on the following conditions: (i) the legal name must be approved in advance, in writing, by BCBSA; (ii) Controlled Affiliate shall not do business outside the Service Area under any name or mark; and (iii) Controlled Affiliate shall not use the Licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of any name or symbol used to identify itself in any securities market. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Trade Name only with the prior, written, consent of BCBSA.

2. QUALITY CONTROL

A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in connection with the licensed services and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in attached Exhibit A as they may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.

- B. Controlled Affiliate agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by Plan or by BCBSA) a report or reports to Plan and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of this paragraph and the attached Exhibit A.
- D. Controlled Affiliate agrees that Plan and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- E. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that the Sponsoring Plan has:
- (1) The legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 50% voting control thereof; and
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan does not concur; and
- (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate at least equal to that exercised by persons or entities (jointly or individually) other than the Sponsoring Plan; and

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by the Sponsoring Plan before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates;
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages;

- (iv) create, or become liable for by way of guarantee, any indebtedness, other than indebtedness arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (v) sell any assets, except for sales in the ordinary course of business or sales of equipment no longer useful or being replaced;
- (vi) make any loans or advances except in the ordinary course of business;
- (vii) enter into any arrangement or agreement with any party directly or indirectly affiliated with any of the owners or persons or entities with the authority to select or appoint members or board members of the Controlled Affiliate, other than the Sponsoring Plan or other Plans (excluding owners of stock holdings of under 5% in a publicly traded Controlled Affiliate);
- (viii) conduct any business other than under the Licensed Marks and Name;
- (ix) take any action that Sponsoring Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plans directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own at least 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

Or

- (2) The legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries;
 - (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having more than 50% voting control thereof and to:
 - (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan do not concur; and
 - (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own more than 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

Or

(3) With respect to a Controlled Affiliate that is 100% controlled by Plans including the Sponsoring Plan and which offers solely Medicaid products and services, the legal authority together with such other Plans:

- (a) to select all members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body; and
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate; and
- (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate, with the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans each having an ownership interest. Such control and ownership by Plans must be direct or, if indirect, solely through affiliates that are licensed to use marks owned by BCBSA. Further, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall execute the Addendum to Controlled Affiliate License attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

- A. Controlled Affiliate recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Controlled Affiliate further recognizes that its actions within its Service Area may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide.
- B. Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks and Name and shall comply with such rules (generally applicable to Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks and Name by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.
- C. Controlled Affiliate may not directly or indirectly use the Licensed Marks and Name in a manner that transfers or is intended to transfer in the Service Area the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name, nor may Controlled Affiliate engage in activity that may dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. If Controlled Affiliate meets the standards of 2E(1) but not 2E(2) above and any of Controlled Affiliate's advertising or promotional material is reasonably determined by BCBSA and/or the Plan to be in contravention of rules and regulations governing the use of the Licensed Marks and Name, Controlled Affiliate shall for ninety (90) days thereafter obtain prior approval from BCBSA of advertising and promotional efforts using the Licensed Marks and Name, approval or disapproval thereof to be forthcoming within five (5) business days of receipt of same by BCBSA or its designee.

In all advertising and promotional efforts, Controlled Affiliate shall observe the Service Area limitations applicable to Plan.

E. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA or in this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Licensed Marks and Name.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not, directly or indirectly, sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the sole option of Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. **INFRINGEMENT**

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify Plan and Plan shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off that may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks and Name. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require Plan or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to Plan and BCBSA, without charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks and Name by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate and Plan hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description (except those arising solely as a result of BCBSA's negligence) that may arise as a result of or related to: (i) Controlled Affiliate's rendering of services under the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) the activities of any hospital, medical group, clinic or other provider of health services that is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Plan or Controlled Affiliate.

7. <u>LICENSE TERM</u>

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods unless terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.
- B. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that: (i) the Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x) of the Blue Cross License Agreement the Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Names and Marks in the geographic area served by the Controlled Affiliate provided, however, that if the Controlled Affiliate is serving more than one State or portions thereof, the termination of this Agreement shall be limited to the State(s) or portions thereof in which the Plan's license to use the Licensed Marks and Names is terminated. By not appealing or challenging such regulatory action within the time prescribed by law or regulation, and in any event no later than 120 days after such action is taken, a Plan shall be deemed to have exhausted its rights to appeal or challenge, and automatic termination shall proceed.

- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the Plan or the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of BCBSA present and voting at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Plan advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Plan an opportunity to be heard and to present its response to the Board for: (1) failure to comply with any applicable minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the quality control standards of this Agreement; or (2) failure to comply with the "Organization and Governance" quality control standard of this Agreement; or (3) impending financial insolvency; or (4) for a Smaller Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), failure to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Standards 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 of attached Exhibit A: or (5) the pendency of any action instituted against the Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property or business, unless this Controlled Affiliate License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 7(e); or (6) failure by a Controlled Affiliate that meets the standards of 2E(1) but not 2E(2) above to obtain BCBSA's written consent to a change in the identity of any owner, in the extent of ownership, or in the identity of any person or entity with the authority to select or appoint members or board members, provided that as to publicly traded Controlled Affiliates this provision shall apply only if the change affects a person or entity that owns at least 5% of the Controlled Affiliate's stock before or after the change; or (7) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans, any other licensee including Controlled Affiliate and/or the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) herein, should Controlled Affiliate fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period) BCBSA or the Plan shall have the right to issue a notice that the Controlled Affiliate is in a state of noncompliance. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Controlled Affiliate or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the Agreement or to issue a notice of termination thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, any disputes as to the termination of this License pursuant to Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) of this Agreement shall not be subject to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. All other disputes between BCBSA, the Plan and/or Controlled Affiliate shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. Except, however, as provided in Paragraphs 7(B) and 7(E) of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may not be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of a majority of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors of BCBSA.

- E. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with item 2(E) above;
- (2) Appropriate dues, royalties and other payments for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement, are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA; or
- (3) Any of the following events occur: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against Controlled Affiliate in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or Controlled Affiliate is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of Illinois by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) Controlled Affiliate makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of Controlled Affiliate or delinguency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of Controlled Affiliate's property or business is appointed or the Controlled Affiliate is ordered dissolved or liquidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Controlled Affiliate's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 7(e)(3)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement.

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- F. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including any use in its trade name.
- G. Upon termination of this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and, if directed by the Association's Board of Directors, shall provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. The BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.
- H. In the event this Agreement terminates pursuant to 7(b) hereof, or in the event the Controlled Affiliate is a Larger Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), upon termination of this Agreement, the provisions of Paragraph 7.G. shall not apply and the following provisions shall apply, except that, in the event of a partial termination of this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 7(B)(ii) of this Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment, and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the geographic area for which the Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
- (1) The Controlled Affiliate shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the Controlled Affiliate under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA, subject to any conflicting state law and state regulatory requirements. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination.
- (2) The Controlled Affiliate shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the Controlled Affiliate is involved (in a control, participating or servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the Controlled Affiliate's role therein.
- (3) Unless the cause of termination is an event respecting BCBSA stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) of the Plan's license agreement with BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to the Re-Establishment Fee (described below) multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate; provided that if any other Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in the Service Area established by this Agreement, the Re-Establishment Fee shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in the Service Area.

The Re-Establishment Fee shall be indexed to a base fee of \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee through December 31, 2005 shall be \$80. The Re-Establishment Fee for calendar years after December 31, 2005 shall be adjusted on January 1 of each calendar year up to and including January 1, 2010 and shall be the base fee multiplied by 100% plus the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the Plans' gross administrative expense (standard BCBSA definition) per Licensed Enrollee since December 31, 2004. The adjustment shall end on January 1, 2011, at which time the Re-Establishment Fee shall be fixed at the then-current amount and no longer automatically adjusted. For example, if the Plans' gross administrative expense per Licensed Enrollee was \$278.60, \$285.00 and \$290.00 for calendar year end 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, the January 1, 2007 Re-Establishment Fee would be \$83.27 (100% of base fee plus \$1.84 for calendar year 2005 and \$1.43 for calendar year 2006. Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (i) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (ii) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph H. (3) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan or any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula, or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this subparagraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans); measured as of the date of termination, and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plans or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. At least 50% of the Re-Establishment Fee shall be awarded to the Plan (or Plans) that receive the new license(s) for the service area(s) at issue; provided, however, that such award shall not become due or payable until all disputes, if any, regarding the amount of and BCBSA's right to such Re-Establishment Fee have been finally resolved; and provided further that the award shall be based on the final amount actually received by BCBSA. The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution which it may amend from time to time that shall govern BCBSA's use of its portion of the award. In the event that the Controlled Affiliate's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Controlled Affiliate (and/or the Plan or its other Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph 7.H.(3) only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to paragraph 7.M. and any cost associated with reestablishing the Service Area, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates) for purposes of replacing the Controlled Affiliate.

- (4) BCBSA shall have the right to examine and audit and/or hire at terminated entity's expense a third party auditor to examine and audit the books and records of the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan to verify compliance with this paragraph 7.H.
- (5) Subsequent to termination of this Agreement, the terminated entity and its affiliates, agents, and employees shall have an ongoing and continuing obligation to protect all BCBSA and Blue Licensee data that was acquired or accessed during the period this Agreement was in force, including but not limited to all confidential processes, pricing, provider, discount and other strategic and competitively sensitive information ("Blue Information") from disclosure, and shall not, either alone or with another entity, disclose such Blue Information or use it in any manner to compete without the express written permission of BCBSA.
- (6) As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2) or (4) by the Controlled Affiliate, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.
- I. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by the Controlled Affiliate or the Plan upon not less than eighteen (18) months written notice to the Association or upon a shorter notice period approved by BCBSA in writing at its sole discretion, or until terminated as otherwise provided herein. The Plan's right to terminate without cause upon such notice is unfettered and may be exercised in the Plan's sole discretion.
- J. In the event the Controlled Affiliate is a Smaller Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), the Controlled Affiliate agrees to be jointly liable for the amount described in H.3.and M. hereof upon termination of the BCBSA license agreement of any Larger Controlled Affiliate of the Plan.
- K. BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Controlled Affiliate or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this Agreement unless the Plan's license from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Names has been terminated pursuant to 10(d) of the Plan's license agreement upon the required 6 month written notice.
 - L. BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Controlled Affiliate.
- M. In the event that the Plan has more than 50 percent voting control of the Controlled Affiliate under Paragraph 2(E)(2) above and is a Larger Controlled Affiliate (as defined in Exhibit A), then the vote called for in Paragraphs 7(C) and 7(D) above shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans.

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N. In the event this Agreement terminates and is subsequently reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have
remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Controlled Affiliate, the Plan, and any
other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Plan shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs
incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal
proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and
costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this
subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

8. <u>DISPUTE RESOLUTION</u>

The parties agree that any disputes between them or between or among either of them and one or more Plans or Controlled Affiliates of Plans that use in any manner the Blue Shield and Blue Shield Marks and Name are subject to the Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution process attached to and made a part of Plan's License from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name as Exhibit 5 as amended from time-to-time, which documents are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

9. LICENSE FEE

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this License determined pursuant to the formula(s) set forth in Exhibit C.

10. JOINT VENTURE

Nothing contained in the Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between Plan and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.

13. **SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. **NONWAIVER**

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14A. VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted votes in favor of the question.

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15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. <u>HEADINGS</u>

The headings inserted in this agreement are for convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed and effective as of the date of last signature written below.

Controlled Affiliate:	
Ву:	
Date:	
Plan:	
Ву:	
Date:	
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD AS:	SOCIATIO
Ву:	
Date:	

EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS November 2014 PREAMBLE

For purposes of definition:

- A "smaller Controlled Affiliate:" (1) comprises less than fifteen percent (15%) of Sponsoring Plan's and its licensed Controlled Affiliates' total member enrollment (as reported on the BCBSA Quarterly Enrollment Report, excluding rider and freestanding coverage, and treating an entity seeking licensure as licensed);* or (2) underwrites the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance and has total premium revenue less than 15 percent of the Sponsoring Plan's net subscription revenue.
- A "larger Controlled Affiliate" comprises fifteen percent (15%) or more of Sponsoring Plan's and its licensed Controlled Affiliates' total member enrollment (as reported on the BCBSA Quarterly Enrollment Report, excluding rider and freestanding coverage, and treating an entity seeking licensure as licensed.)*

Changes in Controlled Affiliate status:

If **any** Controlled Affiliate's status changes regarding: its Plan ownership level, its risk acceptance or direct delivery of medical care, the Controlled Affiliate shall notify BCBSA within thirty (30) days of such occurrence in writing and come into compliance with the applicable standards within six (6) months.

If a smaller Controlled Affiliate's health and workers' compensation administration business reaches or surpasses fifteen percent (15%) of the total member enrollment of the Sponsoring Plan and licensed Controlled Affiliates, the Controlled Affiliate shall:

- 1. Within thirty (30) days, notify BCBSA of this fact in writing, including evidence that the Controlled Affiliate meets the minimum liquidity and capital (BCBSA "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC)" as defined by the NAIC and state-established minimum reserve) requirements of the larger Controlled Affiliate Financial Responsibility standard; and
- 2. Within six (6) months after reaching or surpassing the fifteen percent (15%) threshold, demonstrate compliance with all license requirements for a larger Controlled Affiliate.

If a Controlled Affiliate that underwrites the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance receives a change in rating or proposed change in rating, the Controlled Affiliate shall notify BCBSA within 30 days of notification by the external rating agency.

*For purposes of this calculation,

The numerator equals:

Applicant Controlled Affiliate's member enrollment, as defined in BCBSA's Quarterly Enrollment Report (excluding rider and freestanding coverage).

The denominator equals:

Numerator PLUS Sponsoring Plan and all other licensed Controlled Affiliates' member enrollment, as reported in BCBSA's Quarterly Enrollment Report (excluding rider and freestanding coverage).

STANDARDS FOR LICENSED CONTROLLED AFFILIATES

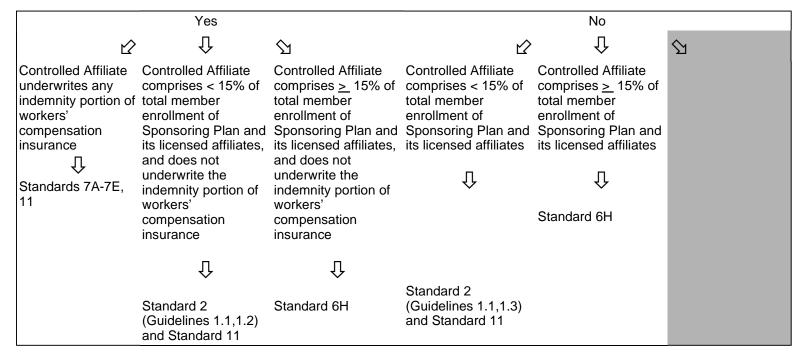
Each licensed controlled affiliate shall be subject to certain standards as determined below:

1. What percent of the licensed controlled affiliate is controlled by the Sponsoring Plan and other Plans?

More than 50% by Sponsoring Plan	50% by Sponsoring Plan	100% Plan control but less than 50% Sponsoring Plan Control and its offers solely Medicaid products and services
Standard 1A, 4	Standard 1B, 4	Û
		Standard 1(C)

IN ADDITION,

2. Is risk being assumed?



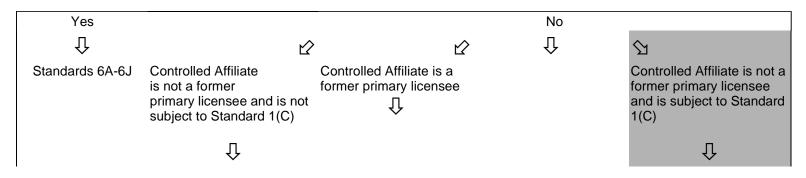
IN ADDITION,

3. Is medical care being directly provided?

Yes	No
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Standard 3A	Standard 3B

IN ADDITION,

4. If the controlled affiliate has health or workers' compensation administration business, does such business comprise 15% or more of the total member enrollment of Plan and its licensed controlled affiliates?



Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

1A.) The Standard for more than 50% Plan control is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall be organized and operated in such a manner that a Plan authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to the separate Primary License Agreement with BCBSA, Sponsoring Plan"), has the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: 1) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having more than 50% voting control thereof; and 2) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan do not concur; and 3) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate. In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own more than 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

1B.) The Standard for 50% Plan control is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall be organized and operated in such a manner that a Plan authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to the separate Primary License Agreement with BCBSA, (the "Sponsoring Plan"), has the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:

1)to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 50% voting control thereof; and

2)to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Sponsoring Plan do not concur; and

3)to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate at least equal to that exercised by persons or entities (jointly or individually) other than the Sponsoring Plan.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 1) through 3) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by the Sponsoring Plan before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- o change the geographic area in which it operates
- o change its legal and/or trade names
- o change any of the types of businesses in which it engages
- o create, or become liable for by way of guarantee, any indebtedness, other than indebtedness arising in the ordinary course of business
- sell any assets, except for sales in the ordinary course of business or sales of equipment no longer useful or being replaced
- o make any loans or advances except in the ordinary course of business
- o enter into any arrangement or agreement with any party directly or indirectly affiliated with any of the owners or persons or entities with the authority to select or appoint members or board members of the Controlled Affiliate, other than the Sponsoring Plan or other Plans (excluding owners of stock holdings of under 5% in a publicly traded Controlled Affiliate)
- o conduct any business other than under the Licensed Marks and Name
- o take any action that the Sponsoring Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own at least 50% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate.

1C.) The Standard for 100% Plan control but less than 50% Sponsoring Plan Control:

A Controlled Affiliate shall be organized and operated in such a manner that (i) it offers solely Medicaid products and services; and (ii) a Plan authorized to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate pursuant to the separate Primary License Agreement with BCBSA (the "Sponsoring Plan,) has the legal authority together with Other Plans:

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- 1) to select all members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body; and
- 2)to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate; and

3)to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate.

In addition, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall own 100% of any for-profit Controlled Affiliate, with the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans each having an ownership interest. Such 100% control and ownership by Plans shall be direct or, if indirect, solely through affiliates that are licensed to use marks owned by BCBSA. Further, the Sponsoring Plan and such other Plans shall execute the Addendum to Controlled Affiliate License.

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Standard 2 - Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers. If a risk-assuming Controlled Affiliate ceases operations for any reason, Blue Cross and/or Blue Cross Plan coverage will be offered to all Controlled Affiliate subscribers without exclusions, limitations or conditions based on health status. If a nonrisk-assuming Controlled Affiliate ceases operations for any reason, Sponsoring Plan will provide for services to its customers.

The requirements of the preceding two sentences shall apply to all lines of business unless a line of business is specially exempted from the requirement(s) by the BCBSA Board of Directors.

Standard 3 - State Licensure/Certification

3A.)The Standard for a Controlled Affiliate that employs, owns or contracts on a substantially exclusive basis for medical services is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain unimpaired licensure or certification for its medical care providers to operate under applicable state laws.

3B.)The Standard for a Controlled Affiliate that does not employ, own or contract on a substantially exclusive basis for medical services is:

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain unimpaired licensure or certification to operate under applicable state laws.

Standard 4 - Certain Disclosures

A Controlled Affiliate shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public statements of 1) the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System; and 2) the independent nature of every licensee; and 3) the Controlled Affiliate's financial condition.

Standard 5 - Reports and Records for Certain Smaller Controlled Affiliates

For a smaller Controlled Affiliate that does not underwrite the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance, the Standard is:

A Controlled Affiliate and/or its Sponsoring licensed Plan shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 6 - Other Standards for Larger Controlled Affiliates

Standards 6(A) - (I) that follow apply to larger Controlled Affiliates.

Standard 6(A): Board of Directors

A Controlled Affiliate Governing Board shall act in the interest of its Corporation in providing cost-effective health care services to its customers. A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain a governing Board, which shall control the Controlled Affiliate, composed of a majority of persons other than providers of health care services, who shall be known as public members. A public member shall not be an employee of or have a financial interest in a health care provider, nor be a member of a profession which provides health care services.

Standard 6(B): Responsiveness to Customers

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner responsive to customer needs and requirements.

Standard 6(C): Participation in National Programs

A Controlled Affiliate shall effectively and efficiently participate in each national program as from time to time may be adopted by the Member Plans for the purposes of providing portability of membership between the licensees and ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the Controlled Affiliate's Service Area.

Such programs are applicable to licensees, and include:

- 1. BlueCard Program;
- 2. Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
- 3. National Account Programs:
- 4. Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees, effective April 14, 2003; and
- 5. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Standard 6(D): Financial Performance Requirements

In addition to requirements under the national programs listed in

Standard 6C: Participation in National Programs, a Controlled Affiliate shall take such action as required to ensure its financial performance in programs and contracts of an inter-licensee nature or where BCBSA is a party.

Standard 6(E): Cooperation with Plan Performance Response Process

A Controlled Affiliate shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of the Plan Performance Response Process and in addressing Controlled Affiliate performance problems identified thereunder.

Standard 6(F): Independent Financial Rating

A Controlled Affiliate shall obtain a rating of its financial strength from an independent rating agency approved by BCBSA's Board of Directors for such purpose.

Standard 6(G): Local and National Best Efforts

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA or in this License Agreement, during each year, a Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Shield Mark.

Standard 6(H): Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

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Standard 6(I): Reports and Records

A Controlled Affiliate shall furnish to BCBSA on a timely and accurate basis reports and records relating to compliance with these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate. Such reports and records are the following:

- A) BCBSA Controlled Affiliate Licensure Information Request; and
- B) Biennial trade name and service mark usage material, including disclosure material; and
- C) Changes in the ownership and governance of the Controlled Affiliate, including changes in its charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, changes in a Controlled Affiliate's Board composition, or changes in the identity of the Controlled Affiliate's Principal Officers, and changes in risk acceptance, contract growth, or direct delivery of medical care; and
- D) Semi-annual "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report" as defined by the NAIC, Annual Certified Audit Report, Insurance Department Examination Report, Annual Statement filed with State Insurance Department (with all attachments), and

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Standard 6(J): Control by Unlicensed Entities Prohibited

No Controlled Affiliate shall cause or permit an entity other than a Plan or a Licensed Controlled Affiliate thereof to obtain control of the Controlled Affiliate or to acquire a substantial portion of its assets related to licensable services.

Standard 7 - Other Standards for Risk-Assuming Workers' Compensation Controlled Affiliates

Standards 7(A) - (E) that follow apply to Controlled Affiliates that underwrite the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance.

Standard 7 (A): Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 7(B): Reports and Records

A Controlled Affiliate shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to compliance with these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and the Controlled Affiliate. Such reports and records are the following:

- A. BCBSA Controlled Affiliate Licensure Information Request; and
- B. Biennial trade name and service mark usage materials, including disclosure materials; and
- C. Annual Certified Audit Report, Annual Statement as filed with the State Insurance Department (with all attachments), Annual NAIC's Risk-Based Capital Worksheets for Property and Casualty Insurers; and
- D. Quarterly Estimated Risk-Based Capital for Property and Casualty Insurers, Insurance Department Examination Report; and

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- E. Notification of all changes and proposed changes to independent ratings within 30 days of receipt and submission of a copy of all rating reports; and
- F. Changes in the ownership and governance of the Controlled Affiliate including changes in its charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, changes in a Controlled Affiliate's Board composition, Plan control, state license status, operating area, the Controlled Affiliate's Principal Officers or direct delivery of medical care.

Standard 7(C): Loss Prevention

A Controlled Affiliate shall apply loss prevention protocol to both new and existing business.

Standard 7(D): Claims Administration

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain an effective claims administration process that includes all the necessary functions to assure prompt and proper resolution of medical and indemnity claims.

Standard 7(E): Disability and Provider Management

A Controlled Affiliate shall arrange for the provision of appropriate and necessary medical and rehabilitative services to facilitate early intervention by medical professionals and timely and appropriate return to work.

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Standard 8 - Cooperation with Controlled Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol

A Controlled Affiliate and its Sponsoring Plan shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of the Controlled Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol (ALPRPP) and in addressing Controlled Affiliate compliance problems identified thereunder.

Standard 9(A) - Participation in National Programs by Smaller Controlled Affiliates that were former Primary Licensees

A smaller controlled affiliate that formerly was a Primary Licensee shall effectively and efficiently participate in certain national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the Controlled Affiliate's service area and be subject to certain relevant financial and reporting requirements.

- A. National program requirements include:
 - BlueCard Program;
 - Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
 - National Account Programs.
- B. Financial Requirements include:
 - Standard 6(D): Financial Performance Requirements and Standard 6(H): Financial Responsibility; or
 - A financial guarantee covering the Controlled Affiliate's Inter-Plan Programs obligations in a form, and from a guarantor, acceptable to BCBSA.

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Stand Licen	•	A) - Participation in National Programs by Smaller Controlled Affiliates that were former Primary
C.	Repo	rting requirements include:
	•	The Semi-annual Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report.

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Standard 9(B) - Participation in National Programs by Smaller Controlled Affiliates

A smaller controlled affiliate shall participate in national programs in accordance with BlueCard and other relevant Policies and Provisions shall effectively and efficiently participate in national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the controlled affiliate's service area and be subject to certain relevant financial and reporting requirements.

- A. National program requirements include:
 - BlueCard Program;
 - Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
 - National Account Programs.
- B. Financial Requirements include:
 - Standard 6(D): Financial Performance Requirements and Standard 6(H): Financial Responsibility; or
 - A financial guarantee covering the Controlled Affiliate's Inter-Plan Programs obligations in a form, and from a guarantor, acceptable to BCBSA.

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Standard 10 - Participation in Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program

A smaller controlled affiliate for which this standard applies pursuant to the Preamble section of Exhibit A of the Controlled Affiliate License Agreement shall effectively and efficiently participate in certain national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the controlled affiliate's service area.

National program requirements include:

A. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Standard 11: Participation in Master Business Associate Agreement by Smaller Controlled Affiliate Licensees

Effective April 14, 2003, all smaller controlled affiliates shall comply with the terms of the Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees to the extent they perform the functions of a business associate or subcontractor to a business associate, as defined by the Business Associate Agreement.

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE TO BE EXECUTED BY CONTROLLED AFFILIATES LICENSED UNDER CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARD 1C.

ADDENDUM TO CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE

This Addendum is made to that certain Blue Cross Controlled Affiliate	License Agreement executed by and among Blue
Cross and Blue Shield Association ("Licensor"),	("Controlled Affiliate Licensee") and
("Sponsoring Plan	n") dated the day of,,
("Agreement"). The parties to this Addendum are Licensor, Controlled undersigned other Plans ('Other Plans"). This Addendum is made and Agreement.	· •

WHEREAS, the Sponsoring Plan asserts that it can serve the Medicaid market in its Service Area more efficiently and with less risk though a Medicaid enterprise jointly owned and controlled with other Plans than through a wholly owned and controlled Medicaid enterprise;

WHEREAS, in such circumstance Controlled Affiliate License Standard 1C. permits the licensing of a Controlled Affiliate that is less than 50% owned and controlled by the Sponsoring Plan but which is 100% owned and controlled by Plans including the Sponsoring Plan, subject to certain conditions;

WHEREAS, one such condition is that the Sponsoring Plan and all such other owning and controlling Plans enter into this Addendum.;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including the promises and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

- The Sponsoring Plan shall participate operationally in Controlled Affiliate's business that is conducted under the Licensed Marks. The parties understand that participation may take many forms, one of which should be providing a network of providers in the Service Area of the Controlled Affiliate for the Medicaid services being offered under the Agreement and being involved in network development and provider relations.
- 2. Each of the Other Plans agrees that (i) it will cooperate fully with the Sponsoring Plan and BCBSA as needed to enable Sponsoring Plan and Controlled Affiliate Licensee to meet their obligations to Licensor under the Agreement and all associated rules and regulations of Licensor, including the Brand Regulations, (ii) it will not take any action, either individually or jointly with any of the Other Plans, that would cause Sponsoring Plan or Controlled Affiliate Licensee to violate the Agreement, and (iii) it will not fail

- to take any action, either individually or jointly with any of the Other Plans, where such failure would cause Sponsoring Plan or Controlled Affiliate Licensee to violate the Agreement.
- 3. Each of the Other Plans acknowledges that it has reviewed the Agreement and understands that Sponsoring Plan has the right to terminate the Agreement without cause upon notice as provided in Paragraph 7 of the Agreement, and that such right is unfettered and may be exercised by Sponsoring Plan in its sole discretion. WHEREFORE, by signing below the parties agree to be bound to the terms stated herein.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

By:
[Controlled Affiliate Licensee]
Ву:
[Sponsoring Plan]
Ву:
[Other Plan 1]
Ву:
[Other Plan 2]
Rv.

EXHIBIT C

ROYALTY FORMULA FOR SECTION 9 OF THE CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Controlled Affiliate will pay BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

FOR RISK PRODUCTS:

For Controlled Affiliates not underwriting the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance:

An amount equal to its pro rata share of Sponsoring Plan's dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on health care plans and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by Sponsoring Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

For Controlled Affiliates underwriting the indemnity portion of workers' compensation insurance:

An amount equal to 0.35 percent of the gross revenue per annum of Controlled Affiliate arising from products using the marks; plus, an annual fee of \$5,000 per license for a Controlled Affiliate subject to Standard 7.

FOR NONRISK PRODUCTS:

For third-party administrative business, an amount equal to its pro rata share of Sponsoring Plan's dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on health care plans and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by Sponsoring Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

For non-third party administrative business (e.g., case management, provider networks, etc.), an amount equal to 0.24 percent of the gross revenue per annum of Controlled Affiliate arising from products using the marks; plus:

- 1) An annual fee of \$5,000 per license for a Controlled Affiliate subject to Standard 6 D.
- 2) An annual fee of \$2,000 per license for all other Controlled Affiliates.

The foregoing shall be reduced by one-half where both a BLUE CROSS® and BLUE SHIELD® License are issued to the same Controlled Affiliate. In the event that any license period is greater or less than one (1) year, any amounts due shall be prorated. Royalties under this formula will be calculated, billed and paid in arrears.

EXHIBIT 1A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (Includes revisions adopted by Member Plans through their November 21, 2014 meeting)

This agreement by an	d among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA")
	("Controlled Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Shield Plan(s), known as
	("Plan").

WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks;

WHEREAS, the Plan and the Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE SHIELD in a trade name ("Licensed Name");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **GRANT OF LICENSE**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to the Controlled Affiliate the exclusive right to use the licensed Marks and Names in connection with and only in connection with those life insurance and related services authorized by applicable state law, other than health care plans and related services (as defined in the Plan's License Agreements with BCBSA) which services are not separately licensed to Controlled Affiliate by BCBSA, in the Service Area served by the Plan, except that BCBSA reserves the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in said Service Area, and except to the extent that said Service Area may overlap the area or areas served by one or more other licensed Blue Shield Plans as of the date of this License as to which overlapping areas the rights hereby granted are non-exclusive as to such other Plan or Plans and their respective Licensed Controlled Affiliates only. Controlled Affiliate cannot use the Licensed Marks or Name outside the Service Area or in its legal or trade name; provided, however, that if and only for so long as Controlled Affiliate also holds a Blue Shield Affiliate License Agreement applicable to health care plans and related services, Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its legal and trade name according to the terms of such license agreement.

Amended as of June 12, 2003

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in relation to the sale, marketing and rendering of authorized products and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in Exhibit A as it may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.
- B. Controlled Affiliate agrees that Plan and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by Plan or by BCBSA) a report to Plan and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of Exhibit A.
- D. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is subject to the bona fide control of a Plan or Plans. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, bona fide control shall mean the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly–owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 51% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise operational control with respect to the governance thereof; and (c) to prevent any change in its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other governing documents deemed inappropriate. In addition, a Plan or Plans shall own at least 51% of any for–profit Controlled Affiliate. If the Controlled Affiliate is a mutual company, the Plan or its designee(s) shall have and maintain, in lieu of the requirements of items (a) and (c) above, proxies representing 51% of the votes at any meeting of the policyholders and shall demonstrate that there is no reason to believe this such proxies shall be revoked by sufficient policyholders to reduce such percentage below 51%.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks, and shall comply with such rules (applicable to all Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Marks) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. If there is any public reference to the affiliation between the Plan and the Controlled Affiliate, all of the Controlled Affiliate's licensed services in the Service Area of the Plan shall be rendered under the Licensed Marks. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the option of Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. INFRINGEMENTS

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify Plan and BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off which may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require Plan or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to Plan and BCBSA, free of charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold Plan and BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise as a result of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of health care services under the Licensed Marks.

7. LICENSE TERM

The license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods upon evidence satisfactory to the Plan and BCBSA that Controlled Affiliate meets the then applicable quality control standards, unless one of the parties hereto notifies the other party of the termination hereof at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration of any license period.

This Agreement may be terminated by the Plan or by BCBSA for cause at any time provided that Controlled Affiliate has been given a reasonable opportunity to cure and shall not effect such a cure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of the intent to terminate (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period). By way of example and not for purposes of limitation, Controlled Affiliate's failure to abide by the quality control provisions of Paragraph 2, above, shall be considered a proper ground for cancellation of this Agreement.

This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:

- A. Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with Standard No. 1 (Organization and Governance) of Exhibit A or, following an opportunity to cure, with the remaining quality control provisions of Exhibit A, as it may be amended from time-to-time; or
 - B. Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks; or
- C. Appropriate dues for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to item 8 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA.

Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks including any use in its trade name.

In the event of any disagreement between Plan and BCBSA as to whether grounds exist for termination or as to any other term or condition hereof, the decision of BCBSA shall control, subject to provisions for mediation or mandatory dispute resolution in effect between the parties.

Upon termination of this Agreement, Licensed Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers that it is no longer a licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and provide instruction on how the customer can contact the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The written notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Association. The Association shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.

8. DUES

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

- An annual fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per license, plus
- △ .05% of gross revenue per year from branded group products, plus
 - △ .5% of gross revenue per year from branded individual products plus
 - △ .14% of gross revenue per year from branded individual annuity products.

The foregoing percentages shall be reduced by one-half where both a BLUE CROSS® and BLUE SHIELD® license are issued to the same entity. In the event that any License period is greater or less than one (1) year, any amounts due shall be prorated. Royalties under this formula will be calculated, billed and paid in arrears.

Plan will promptly and timely transmit to BCBSA all dues owed by Controlled Affiliate as determined by the above formula and if Plan shall fail to do so, Controlled Affiliate shall pay such dues directly.

Amended as of November 20, 1997

9. JOINT VENTURE

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between Plan and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

9A . VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted votes in favor of the deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

10. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

Amended as of June 16, 2005

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11. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by a writing executed by all parties.

12. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall in no way effect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

13. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of the Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed, effective as of the date of last signature written below.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

By: _	
Date: _	
Controlled Affiliate	
By: _	
Date: _	
Plan	
By: _	
Date: _	

EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES Page 1 of 2

PREAMBLE

The standards for licensing Life Insurance Companies (Life and Health Insurance companies, as defined by state statute) are established by BCBSA and are subject to change from time-to-time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Plans and three-fourths (3/4) of the total weighted vote of all Plans. Each Licensed Plan is required to use a standard controlled affiliate license form provided by BCBSA and to cooperate fully in assuring that the licensed Life Insurance Company maintains compliance with the license standards.

An organization meeting the following standards shall be eligible for a license to use the Licensed Marks within the service area of its sponsoring Licensed Plan to the extent and the manner authorized under the Controlled Affiliate License applicable to Life Insurance Companies and the principal license to the Plan.

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

The LIC shall be organized and operated in such a manner that it is controlled by a licensed Plan or Plans which have, directly or indirectly: 1) not less than 51% of the voting control of the LIC; and 2) the legal ability to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the LIC with which it does not concur; and 3) operational control of the LIC.

If the LIC is a mutual company, the Plan or its designee(s) shall have and maintain, in lieu of the requirements of items 1 and 2 above, proxies representing at least 51% of the votes at any policyholder meeting and shall demonstrate that there is no reason to believe such proxies shall be revoked by sufficient policyholders to reduce such percentage below 51%.

Standard 2 - State Licensure

The LIC must maintain unimpaired licensure or certificate of authority to operate under applicable state laws as a life and health insurance company in each state in which the LIC does business.

Standard 3 - Records and Examination

The LIC and its sponsoring licensed Plan(s) shall maintain and furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, such records and reports regarding the LIC as may be required in order to establish compliance with the license agreement.

EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES Page 2 of 2

LIC and its sponsoring licensed Plan(s) shall permit BCBSA to examine the affairs of the LIC and shall agree that BCBSA's board may submit a written report to the chief executive officer(s) and the board(s) of directors of the sponsoring Plan(s).

Standard 4 - Mediation

The LIC and its sponsoring Plan(s) shall agree to use the then-current BCBSA mediation and mandatory dispute resolution processes, in lieu of a legal action between or among another licensed controlled affiliate, a licensed Plan or BCBSA.

Standard 5 - Financial Responsibility

The LIC shall maintain adequate financial resources to protect its customers and meet its business obligations.

Standard 6 - Cooperation with Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol

The LIC and its Sponsoring Plan(s) shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of the Affiliate License Performance Response Process Protocol (ALPRPP) and in addressing LIC compliance problems identified thereunder.

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR LIFE AND DISABILTY INSURANCE PRODUCTS

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and, ("Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate") which is a company offering life and disability
insurance products owned and controlled by,, (individually, "Sponsoring Plan" and when referred to collectively, "Sponsoring Plans").
Whereas, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE CROSS and BLUE SHIELD word and design service marks and any derivatives thereof ("Licensed Marks");
Whereas, each Sponsoring Plan is licensed separately by BCBSA to use one or more of the Licensed Marks in a particular Service Area;
Whereas, the Sponsoring Plans and the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the appropriate Licensed Marks in connection with life and disability insurance products in some or all of such Sponsoring Plans' Service Areas and in the Service Areas of other Regular Member Plans, as defined in the BCBSA By-laws, ("Blue Plans") consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:
1. GRANT OF LICENSE
A. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate the limited right to use the Licensed Marks in connection with and only in connection with the following life and disability insurance products authorized by state law: (1) Group: Term Life, Long Term Disability Whole Life, Benefit Life, Universal Life; (2) Individual: Term Life, Whole Life, Dependent Life, S p ouse Life; (3) Other: Disability Income, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Income Replacement; and (4) such other life and disability products approved by BCBSA in writing ("Licensed Products") in the Service Areas served by the Sponsoring Plans or in the Service Area or Areas of one or more other licensed Blue Plans, provided that such Blue Plans have consented to such use as authorized by this Agreement. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may not use the Licensed Marks in its legal or trade name.
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- C. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks in the Service Areas of Sponsoring Plans or in the Service Area of a Blue Plan that is not a signatory to this Agreement only after such Sponsoring Plan(s) or non-signatory Blue Plan consents to such use by executing a written consent in substantially the same form as the Consent Agreement attached as Exhibit B.
- D. The following provisions apply with respect to Consent Agreements once such agreements have been fully and properly executed:
 - (1) All sales, marketing and advertising materials developed by and proposed for use by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in the Service Area of Sponsoring Plan or consenting Blue Plan (hereinafter, such consenting Sponsoring Plan or consenting Blue Plan collectively referred to "Consenting Plan(s)") must clearly identify the Consenting Plan (for example, a statement on such materials that reads "This product is offered with the cooperation of Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield of [Geography]");
 - (2) To the extent the Consenting Plan has separate divisions or other Affiliates that use the Licensed Marks in distinct geographic areas within its Service Area, consent obtained under this Agreement may be limited to one or more of such specific geographic areas as specified by the Consenting Plan in its signed Consent Agreement. For purposes of this entire Agreement, all references to the Service Area of a Sponsoring Plan, Blue Plan or Consenting Plan may include the entire Service Area or a distinct geographic area within such Service Area as specified in this Section 1 D (2);
 - (3) Where BCBSA has licensed two or more Blue Plans to use the same Licensed Marks in the same Service Area, in addition to the requirements set forth in Section D (1) above, the sales, marketing and advertising materials referenced in such section above must be communicated to the Consenting Plan's existing and prospective accounts through or with the approval of such Consenting Plan, and the personnel of such Consenting Plan must actively participate in all sales and marketing activities conducted by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in the same Service Area, including participating in meetings (whether in-person or via telephone, video or internet conference) with both existing and prospective accounts of the Consenting Plan;

- (4) Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall be entitled to use in a Service Area only those Licensed Marks that the Consenting Plan has been granted by BCBSA the license to use under its Blue Plan license agreements (for example, if a Consenting Plan is licensed to use only the Blue Cross Marks in its Service Area, the materials used by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in that Service Area may only contain or reference the Blue Cross Marks and not the Blue Shield Marks).
- (5) If a Consent Agreement is terminated, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall, unless BCBSA and the Consenting Plan agree in their sole discretion to a phase out in writing, immediately (i) cease all use of the Licensed Marks, including in connection with any and all sales and marketing of the Licensed Products in the Service Area where consent has been terminated, and (ii) notify its customers that it is no longer a licensee and provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in form approved by BCBSA.

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks only in relation to the sale, marketing and administration of the Licensed Products and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in Exhibit A and the Guidelines to Administer the Standards for Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products attached thereto.
- B. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees that BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks.
- C. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by BCBSA) a report to BCBSA demonstrating Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of Exhibit A.
- D. As used herein, a Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate is defined as: An entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is 100% owned and controlled by Sponsoring Plans. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, control shall mean the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise operational control with respect to the governance

thereof; and (c) to prevent any change in its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other governing documents deemed inappropriate. In addition, a Sponsoring Plan or Plans shall own at least 100% of any for profit Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and shall ensure all uses of the Licensed Marks comply with the BCBSA Brand Regulations, as amended by BCBSA from time to time. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

The license hereby granted to Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate to use the Licensed Marks is and shall be personal to Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and shall not be assignable by any act of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate, directly or indirectly, without the written consent of BCBSA. Said license shall not be assignable by operation of law, nor shall Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate mortgage or part with possession or control of this license or any right hereunder, and the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall have no right to grant any sublicense to use the Licensed Marks.

5. <u>INFRINGEMENTS</u>

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off which may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to BCBSA, free of charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks by BCBSA. BCBSA shall have sole control of the defense and resolution of any claim of infringement brought or threatened by others.

6. <u>LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION</u>

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate hereby agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description which may arise as a result of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's conduct.

7. LICENSE TERM

- A. The license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods, unless either BCBSA or Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate notifies the other party in writing of the termination hereof at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration of any license period.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by BCBSA for cause at any time provided that Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate has been given a reasonable opportunity to cure and shall not effect such a cure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of the intent to terminate (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period). By way of example and not for purposes of limitation, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's failure to abide by the conditions regarding use of the Licensed Marks set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement or the quality control provisions of Section 2 (other than with respect to Section 2 D which is subject to immediate termination as stated in Section 7 C (1) below) shall be considered proper grounds for termination of this Agreement.
- C. This Agreement and all of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
- (1) Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with Section 2 D (or Standard No. 1 (Organization and Governance) of Exhibit A); or
 - (2) Any Sponsoring Plan ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks; or
- (3) Appropriate fees for Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate pursuant to Section 8 of this Agreement are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA.

Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks.

In the event of any disagreement between Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and BCBSA as to whether grounds exist for termination or as to any other term or condition hereof, the decision of BCBSA shall control, subject to provisions for mediation or mandatory dispute resolution in effect between the parties.

Upon termination of this Agreement, Licensed Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.

8. ROYALTIES

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

- An annual fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per license, plus
- .05% of gross revenue per year from group products sold under the Licensed Marks, plus
- .5% of gross revenue per year from individual products sold under the Licensed Marks

In the event that any license period is greater or less than one (1) year, any amounts due shall be prorated. Royalties under this formula will be calculated, billed and paid in arrears.

Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate will promptly and timely transmit to BCBSA all fees owed by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate as determined by the above formula.

9. JOINT VENTURE

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between any Sponsoring Plan and Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate or between among them and/or BCBSA.

10 . **VOTING**

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the

Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by: (a) a writing signed by all parties; or (b) a writing approved by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Blue Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Blue Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary. Upon such adoption by the Blue Plans, this Agreement and all other Trademark License Agreements for Life and Disability Insurance Products then in effect shall simultaneously be amended.

13. SEVERABILITY

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

15. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed, effective as of the date of last signature written below.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION By: _ Date: _ Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate: By: _ Date: _ Sponsoring Plan: By: ____ Date: _ Name: _ Date: _ Name: _ Name:

[Add other Sponsoring Plans as necessary]

EXHIBIT A

LICENSE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE PRODUCTS Page 1 of 2

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

Any Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate licensed under the Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products ("licensee") shall be organized and operated in such a manner that it is an entity organized and operated in such a manner that it is 100% owned and controlled by Sponsoring Plans. Absent written approval by BCBSA of an alternative method of control, control shall mean the legal authority, directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries: (a) to select members of the Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof; (b) to exercise operational control with respect to the governance thereof; and (c) to prevent any change in its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other governing documents deemed inappropriate. In addition, a Sponsoring Plan or Plans shall own at least 100% of any for profit Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 2 - State Licensure

The licensee must maintain unimpaired licensure or certificate of authority to operate under applicable state laws as a life company in each state in which the licensee does business.

Standard 3 - Records and Examination

The licensee shall maintain and furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, such records and reports regarding the licensee as may be required in order to establish compliance with the Agreement. The licensee shall permit BCBSA to examine the affairs of the licensee and shall agree that BCBSA's board may submit a written report to the chief executive officer(s) and the board(s) of directors of the Sponsoring Plan(s).

Standard 4 - Mediation

The licensee, its Sponsoring Plan(s) and all consenting Blue Plans shall agree to use the then-current BCBSA mediation and mandatory dispute resolution processes, in lieu of a legal action between or among another licensed Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate, a Sponsoring Plan and or consenting Blue Plan or BCBSA.

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Standard 5 - Financial Responsibility

The licensee shall maintain adequate financial resources to protect its customers and meet its business obligations.

Standard 6 - Cooperation with BCBSA Governance

The licensee shall cooperate with BCBSA's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection Committee in the administration of and in addressing licensee compliance problems that may be identified in connection with the operation or administration of the Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products.

EXHIBIT B

CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement is made and entered into by and among the undersigned Blue Plan, and ("Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate"), and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association
("BCBSA") and shall be deemed effective on ("Effective Date").
Whereas, BCBSA owns the Blue Cross and Blue Shield word and design service marks and any derivative mark thereof (the "Brands");
Whereas, the undersigned Blue Plan is licensed to use one or more of the Brands within a specific geographic area ("Service Area");
Whereas Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate is licensed by BCBSA to use one or more of the Brands to offer life and disability insurance products ("Products") as defined and authorized in the Trademark License Agreement for Life and Disability Insurance Products ("Life and Disability License Agreement");
Whereas neither the Blue Plan nor its affiliates offer the Products under any of the Brands in such Blue Plan's Service Area or portion thereof where Blue Plan has consented to sale of the Products by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate; and
Whereas BCBSA and the undersigned Blue Plan desire to consent to Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's use of the Brands in Blue Plan's Service Area consistent with the terms of the Life and Disability License Agreement and this Consent Agreement.
Now, therefore, in consideration of the obligations and conditions stated in this Agreement, Blue Plan, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and BCBSA agree as follows:
1. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may market, sell, administer and underwrite the Products in Blue Plan's Service Area under the Brands licensed to Blue Plan in such Service Area subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Life and Disability License Agreement and Blue Plan's license agreement(s) with BCBSA. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate's rights under the Brands to offer the Products under the Brands are limited to offering the Products only under the Brand(s) licensed to the consenting Blue Plan.
 Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall work with the undersigned Blue Plan to develop a written sales and marketing agreement that identifies the relationship between it and Blue Plan for the sales,
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marketing and customer service for the Products. The term of the sales and marketing agreement shall be the same as the term of this Consent Agreement.

- 3. All sales, marketing and advertising materials developed by and proposed for use by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in a consenting Blue Plan's Service Area must clearly identify the consenting Blue Plan (for example, a statement on such materials that reads "This product is offered with the cooperation of Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield of [Geography]");
- 4. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate may use the Brands to sell the Products in the following Service Area or portion thereof as designated by Blue Plan:
- 5. If two or more Blue Plans to use the same Licensed Marks in the same Service Area, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall work with the consenting Blue Plan in the following manner: (a) the sales, marketing and advertising materials must be communicated to the consenting Blue Plan's existing and prospective accounts through or with the approval of such Blue Plan, and (b) the personnel of such Blue Plan must actively participate in all sales and marketing activities conducted by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in the same Service Area, including participating in meetings (whether in-person or via telephone, video or internet conference) with both existing and prospective accounts of the consenting Blue Plan;
- 6. Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall be entitled to use in a Service Area only those Licensed Marks that the consenting Blue Plan has been granted by BCBSA the license to use under its license agreement (for example, if a consenting Blue Plan is licensed to use only the Blue Cross Marks in its Service Area, the materials used by Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate in that Service Area may only contain or reference the Blue Cross Marks and not the Blue Shield Marks).
- 7. If this Consent Agreement is terminated, Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate shall, unless each BCBSA and the Blue Plan agree in their sole discretion to a phase out in writing, immediately (i) cease all use of the Licensed Marks, including in connection with any and all sales and marketing of the Licensed Products in the Service Area where consent has been terminated, and (ii) notify its customers that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in form approved by BCBSA.

- 8. The term of this Consent Agreement shall be one year from the Effective Date. Unless either Blue Plan or Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate provides the other party with written notice of its desire not to renew this Consent Agreement at least 60 days prior to expiration of the term or any extended term or unless terminated as provided in Paragraph 9 below, this Consent Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent one year periods.
- 9. This Consent Agreement may be terminated as follows:
 - A. Upon mutual written consent of Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate and Blue Plan;
 - B. By Blue Plan or Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate upon 60 days advance written notice to the non-terminating party and BCBSA; or
 - C. By Blue Plan immediately if Life and Disability Controlled Affiliate does not comply with this Consent Agreement or the sales protocol agreement.
- 10. This Consent Agreement shall automatically terminate if Blue Plan's primary licensee agreement terminates for any reason or if the Life and Disability License Agreement terminates for any reason.

[Blue Plan]:
By:
Title:
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION:
Ву:
Title:
LIFE AND DISABILITY CONTROLLED AFFILIATE:
By:
Title:

Agreed and Accepted by:

Exhibit 1B

BLUE SHIELD CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO PRODUCTS (Adopted by Member Plans at their November 21, 2014)

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and ("Controlled Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Cross Plan(s), known as ("Controlling Plans"), each of which is also a Party signatory hereto.
WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks;
WHEREAS, under the Medicare Modernization Act, companies may apply to and be awarded a contract by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") to offer Medicare Advantage PPO products in geographic regions designated by CMS (hereafter "regional MAPPO products").
WHEREAS, some of the CMS-designated regions include the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Plan.
WHEREAS, the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE SHIELD in a trade name ("Licensed Name") to offer regional MAPPO products in a region that includes the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Controlling Plan;
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:
1. GRANT OF LICENSE
Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to Controlled Affiliate the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with, and only in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional MAPPO products and related services.
This grant of rights is non-exclusive and is limited to the following states: (the "Region"). Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed

Marks and Name in its legal name on the following conditions: (i) the legal name must be approved in advance, in writing, by BCBSA; (ii) Controlled Affiliate shall not do business outside the Region under any name or mark except business conducted in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan provided that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with health care plans and related services in the Service Area of such Controlling Plan; and (iii) Controlled Affiliate shall not use the Licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of any name or symbol used to identify itself in any securities market. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Trade Name only with the prior, written, consent of BCBSA.

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in connection with the licensed services and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in attached Exhibit A as they may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.
 - B. Controlled Affiliate agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by the Controlling Plans or by BCBSA) a report or reports to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of this paragraph and the attached Exhibit A.
- D. Controlled Affiliate agrees that the Controlling Plans and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- E. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Shield License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and

- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) to exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

- A. Controlled Affiliate recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Controlled Affiliate further recognizes that its actions within the Region may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide.
- B. Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks and Name and shall comply with such rules (generally applicable to Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks and Name by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.
- C. Controlled Affiliate may not directly or indirectly use the Licensed Marks and Name in a manner that transfers or is intended to transfer in the Region the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name, nor may Controlled Affiliate engage in activity that may dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional MAPPO products and related services.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not, directly or indirectly, sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the sole option of any Controlling Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. <u>INFRINGEMENT</u>

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify the Controlling Plans and the Controlling Plans shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off that may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks and Name. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require the Controlling Plans or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA, without charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks and Name by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate and the Controlling Plans hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description (except those arising solely as a result of BCBSA's negligence) that may arise as a result of or related to Controlled Affiliate's rendering of services under the Licensed Marks and Name.

7. LICENSE TERM

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods unless terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.
- B. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that: (i) any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x) of the Blue Shield License Agreement any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Names and Marks in the Region.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the Controlling Plans or the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of BCBSA present and voting at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Controlling Plans advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Controlling Plans an opportunity to be heard and to present their response to the Board for: (1) failure to comply with any applicable minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the quality control standards of this Agreement; or (2) failure to comply with the "Organization and Governance" quality control standard of this Agreement; or (3) impending financial insolvency; or (4) failure to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Standards 2, 3, 4, or 5 of attached Exhibit A; or (5) the pendency of any action instituted against the Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking

appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property or business, unless this Controlled Affiliate License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 7(E); or (6) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans (including the Controlling Plans), any other licensee including Controlled Affiliate and/or the Licensed Marks and Name.

- D. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) herein, should Controlled Affiliate fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period) BCBSA or the Controlling Plans shall have the right to issue a notice that the Controlled Affiliate is in a state of noncompliance. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Controlled Affiliate or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the Agreement or to issue a notice of termination thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, any disputes as to the termination of this License pursuant to Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) of this Agreement shall not be subject to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. All other disputes between or among BCBSA, any of the Controlling Plans and/or Controlled Affiliate shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. Except, however, as provided in Paragraphs 7(B) and 7(E) of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may not be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of a majority of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors of BCBSA.
- E. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with item 2(E) above;
- (2) Appropriate dues, royalties and other payments for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement, are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA; or

- (3) Any of the following events occur: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy. reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against Controlled Affiliate in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or Controlled Affiliate is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of Illinois by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) Controlled Affiliate makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of Controlled Affiliate or delinquency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of Controlled Affiliate's property or business is appointed or the Controlled Affiliate is ordered dissolved or liquidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Controlled Affiliate's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 7(E)(3)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement.
- F. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including any use in its trade name, except to the extent that it continues to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan.

- G. Upon termination of this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers to whom it provides products or services under the Licensed Marks pursuant to this Agreement that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and, if directed by the Association's Board of Directors, shall provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. The BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.
- H. In the event this Agreement terminates pursuant to 7(B) hereof, upon termination of this Agreement the provisions of Paragraph 7(G) shall not apply and the following provisions shall apply, except that, in the event that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan and termination of this Agreement is due to a partial termination of such Controlling Plan's license pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x)(ii) of the Blue Shield License Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment, and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the Region and the geographic area for which the Controlling Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
- (1) The Controlled Affiliate shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the Controlled Affiliate under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination.
- (2) The Controlled Affiliate shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the Controlled Affiliate is involved (in a control, participating or servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the Controlled Affiliate's role therein.
- (3) Unless the cause of termination is an event respecting BCBSA stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) of the Plan's license agreement with BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to \$25 multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate; provided that if any Plan other than a Controlling Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in a geographic area in the Region, the payment for Licensed Enrollees in such

geographic area shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans in such geographic area and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in such geographic area. Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (i) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (ii) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph H. (3) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans or any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula, or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this subparagraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans); measured as of the date of termination, and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plans (including the Controlling Plans) or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. In the event that the Controlled Affiliate's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Controlled Affiliate (and/or the Controlling Plans or their other Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph 7.H.(3) only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to paragraph 7.K. and any costs associated with reestablishing the terminated Controlling Plan's Service Area or the Region, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (including the other Controlling Plans), or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates, for purposes of replacing the Controlled Affiliate.

- (4) BCBSA shall have the right to audit the books and records of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to verify compliance with this paragraph 7.H.
- (5) As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2), (3) or (4), the parties agree that the obligations are immediately enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. As to a breach of 7.H.(1), (2) or (4) by the Controlled Affiliate, the parties agree there is no adequate remedy at law and BCBSA is entitled to obtain specific performance.

- I. BCBSA shall be entitled to enjoin the Controlled Affiliate or any related party in a court of competent jurisdiction from entry into any transaction which would result in a termination of this Agreement unless a Controlling Plan's license from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Names has been terminated pursuant to 10(d) of such Controlling Plan's license agreement upon the required 6 month written notice.
 - J. BCBSA acknowledges that it is not the owner of assets of the Controlled Affiliate.
- K. In the event this Agreement terminates and is subsequently reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for reimbursing BCBSA the reasonable costs incurred by BCBSA in connection with the termination and the reinstatement or court action, and any associated legal proceedings, including but not limited to: outside legal fees, consulting fees, public relations fees, advertising costs, and costs incurred to develop, lease or establish an interim provider network. Any amount due to BCBSA under this subparagraph may be waived in whole or in part by the BCBSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The parties agree that any disputes between or among them or between or among any of them and one or more Plans or Controlled Affiliates of Plans that use in any manner the Blue Shield and Blue Shield Marks and Name are subject to the Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution process attached to and made a part of each Controlling Plan's License from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name as Exhibit 5 as amended from time-to-time, which documents are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

9. LICENSE FEE

Controlled Affiliate will pay to BCBSA a fee for this License determined pursuant to the formula(s) set forth in Exhibit B.

10. **JOINT VENTURE**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, agency or employment relationship between the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate or between either and BCBSA.

11. NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or breach or termination thereof shall be in writing and shall be addressed in duplicate to the last known address of each other party, marked respectively to the attention of its President and, if any, its General Counsel.

12. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the complete understandings of the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans as officially recorded by the BCBSA Corporate Secretary.

13. **SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement is held to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall in no way affect the remaining obligations of the parties hereunder and the court may substitute a lawful term or condition for any unlawful term or condition so long as the effect of such substitution is to provide the parties with the benefits of this Agreement.

14. NONWAIVER

No waiver by BCBSA of any breach or default in performance on the part of Controlled Affiliate or any other licensee of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in performance of said terms, covenants or conditions.

14A. VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with

0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. **HEADINGS**

The headings inserted in this agreement are for convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed and effective as of the date of last signature written below.

Controlled Affiliate:
By:
Date:
Controlling Plan:
Ву:
Date:
Controlling Plan:
By:
Date:
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION
By:
Date:

EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS
APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE
ADVANTAGE PPO PRODUCTS
November 2014

PREAMBLE

The standards for licensing Controlled Affiliates for Medicare Advantage PPO Products are established by BCBSA and are subject to change from time-to-time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Plans and three-fourths (3/4) of the total weighted vote. Each Controlling Plan is required to use a standard Controlled Affiliate license form provided by BCBSA and to cooperate fully in assuring that the licensed Controlled Affiliate maintains compliance with the license standards.

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

A Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:

- (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Shield License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and
- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 2 - Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 3 - State Licensure/Certification

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain appropriate and unimpaired licensure and certifications.

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Standard 4 - Certain Disclosures

A Controlled Affiliate shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public statements of:

- a. the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System; and
- b. the independent nature of every licensee.

Standard 5 - Reports and Records for Controlled Affiliates

A Controlled Affiliate and/or its Controlling Plans shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 6 - Best Efforts

During each year, a Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Shield Marks.

Standard 7 - Participation in Certain National Programs

A Controlled Affiliate shall effectively and efficiently participate in certain national programs from time to time as may be adopted by Member Plans for the purposes of providing ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of the Controlled Affiliate's service area.

National program requirements include:

- a. Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS); and
- b. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Standard 8 - Participation in Master Business Associate Agreement

Controlled Affiliates shall comply with the terms of the Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees to the extent they perform the functions of a business associate or subcontractor to a business associate, as defined by the Business Associate Agreement.

Amended as of November 15, 2007

EXHIBIT B

ROYALTY FORMULA FOR SECTION 9 OF THE CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENTS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO PRODUCTS

Controlled Affiliate will pay BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

An amount equal to its pro rata share of each Controlling Plan dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on regional MAPPO products and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by each Controlling Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

Amended as of June 14, 2007

Exhibit 1C

BLUE SHIELD CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PRODUCTS (Adopted by Member Plans at their November 21, 2014)

This Agreement by and among Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") and ("Controlled Affiliate"), a Controlled Affiliate of the Blue Cross Plan(s), known as ("Controlling Plans"), each of which is also a Party signatory hereto.
WHEREAS, BCBSA is the owner of the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks;
WHEREAS, under the Medicare Modernization Act, companies may apply to and be awarded a contract by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") to offer Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan products in geographic regions designated by CMS (hereafter "regional PDP products").
WHEREAS, some of the CMS-designated regions include the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Plan.
WHEREAS, the Controlling Plans and Controlled Affiliate desire that the latter be entitled to use the BLUE SHIELD and BLUE SHIELD Design service marks (collectively the "Licensed Marks") as service marks and be entitled to use the term BLUE SHIELD in a trade name ("Licensed Name") to offer regional PDP products in a region that includes the Service Areas, or portions thereof, of more than one Controlling Plan;
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:
1. GRANT OF LICENSE
Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, BCBSA hereby grants to Controlled Affiliate the right to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with, and only in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional PDP products and related services.
This grant of rights is non-exclusive and is limited to the following states: (the "Region"). Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed

Marks and Name in its legal name on the following conditions: (i) the legal name must be approved in advance, in writing, by BCBSA; (ii) Controlled Affiliate shall not do business outside the Region under any name or mark except business conducted in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan provided that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with health care plans and related services in the Service Area of such Controlling Plan; and (iii) Controlled Affiliate shall not use the Licensed Marks and Name, or any derivative thereof, as part of any name or symbol used to identify itself in any securities market. Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Trade Name only with the prior, written, consent of BCBSA.

2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Controlled Affiliate agrees to use the Licensed Marks and Name only in connection with the licensed services and further agrees to be bound by the conditions regarding quality control shown in attached Exhibit A as they may be amended by BCBSA from time-to-time.
 - B. Controlled Affiliate agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- C. Controlled Affiliate agrees that it will provide on an annual basis (or more often if reasonably required by the Controlling Plans or by BCBSA) a report or reports to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA demonstrating Controlled Affiliate's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the quality control provisions of this paragraph and the attached Exhibit A.
- D. Controlled Affiliate agrees that the Controlling Plans and/or BCBSA may, from time-to-time, upon reasonable notice, review and inspect the manner and method of Controlled Affiliate's rendering of service and use of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- E. As used herein, a Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:
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- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Shield License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and

- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
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- (b) to prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
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- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

3. SERVICE MARK USE

- A. Controlled Affiliate recognizes the importance of a comprehensive national network of independent BCBSA licensees which are committed to strengthening the Licensed Marks and Name. The Controlled Affiliate further recognizes that its actions within the Region may affect the value of the Licensed Marks and Name nationwide.
- B. Controlled Affiliate shall at all times make proper service mark use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including but not limited to use of such symbols or words as BCBSA shall specify to protect the Licensed Marks and Name and shall comply with such rules (generally applicable to Controlled Affiliates licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name) relative to service mark use, as are issued from time-to-time by BCBSA. Controlled Affiliate recognizes and agrees that all use of the Licensed Marks and Name by Controlled Affiliate shall inure to the benefit of BCBSA.
- C. Controlled Affiliate may not directly or indirectly use the Licensed Marks and Name in a manner that transfers or is intended to transfer in the Region the goodwill associated therewith to another mark or name, nor may Controlled Affiliate engage in activity that may dilute or tarnish the unique value of the Licensed Marks and Name.
- D. Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Licensed Marks and Name in connection with the sale, marketing and administration of regional PDP products and related services.

4. SUBLICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Controlled Affiliate shall not, directly or indirectly, sublicense, transfer, hypothecate, sell, encumber or mortgage, by operation of law or otherwise, the rights granted hereunder and any such act shall be voidable at the sole option of any Controlling Plan or BCBSA. This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are personal to Controlled Affiliate.

5. **INFRINGEMENT**

Controlled Affiliate shall promptly notify the Controlling Plans and the Controlling Plans shall promptly notify BCBSA of any suspected acts of infringement, unfair competition or passing off that may occur in relation to the Licensed Marks and Name. Controlled Affiliate shall not be entitled to require the Controlling Plans or BCBSA to take any actions or institute any proceedings to prevent infringement, unfair competition or passing off by third parties. Controlled Affiliate agrees to render to the Controlling Plans and BCBSA, without charge, all reasonable assistance in connection with any matter pertaining to the protection of the Licensed Marks and Name by BCBSA.

6. LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

Controlled Affiliate and the Controlling Plans hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and hold BCBSA harmless from and against all claims, damages, liabilities and costs of every kind, nature and description (except those arising solely as a result of BCBSA's negligence) that may arise as a result of or related to Controlled Affiliate's rendering of services under the Licensed Marks and Name.

7. LICENSE TERM

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the license granted by this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year periods unless terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.
- B. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that: (i) any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks and Name; or (ii) pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x) of the Blue Shield License Agreement any one of the Controlling Plans ceases to be authorized to use the Licensed Names and Marks in the Region.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may be forthwith terminated by the Controlling Plans or the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors of BCBSA present and voting at a special meeting expressly called by BCBSA for the purpose on ten (10) days written notice to the Controlling Plans advising of the specific matters at issue and granting the Controlling Plans an opportunity to be heard and to present their response to the Board for: (1) failure to comply with any applicable minimum capital or liquidity requirement under the quality control standards of this

Agreement; or (2) failure to comply with the "Organization and Governance" quality control standard of this Agreement; or (3) impending financial insolvency; or (4) failure to comply with any of the applicable requirements of Standards 2, 3, 4, or 5 of attached Exhibit A; or (5) the pendency of any action instituted against the Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business or seeking the declaration or establishment of a trust for any of its property or business, unless this Controlled Affiliate License Agreement has been earlier terminated under paragraph 7(E); or (6) such other reason as is determined in good faith immediately and irreparably to threaten the integrity and reputation of BCBSA, the Plans (including the Controlling Plans), any other licensee including Controlled Affiliate and/or the Licensed Marks and Name.

- D. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) herein, should Controlled Affiliate fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and not cure such failure within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof (or commence a cure within such thirty day period and continue diligent efforts to complete the cure if such curing cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty day period) BCBSA or the Controlling Plans shall have the right to issue a notice that the Controlled Affiliate is in a state of noncompliance. If a state of noncompliance as aforesaid is undisputed by the Controlled Affiliate or is found to exist by a mandatory dispute resolution panel and is uncured as provided above, BCBSA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the Agreement or to issue a notice of termination thereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, any disputes as to the termination of this License pursuant to Paragraphs 7(B), 7(C) or 7(E) of this Agreement shall not be subject to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. All other disputes between or among BCBSA, any of the Controlling Plans and/or Controlled Affiliate shall be submitted promptly to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution. The mandatory dispute resolution panel shall have authority to issue orders for specific performance and assess monetary penalties. Except, however, as provided in Paragraphs 7(B) and 7(E) of this Agreement, this license to use the Licensed Marks and Name may not be finally terminated for any reason without the affirmative vote of a majority of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors of BCBSA.
- E. This Agreement and all of Controlled Affiliate's rights hereunder shall immediately terminate without any further action by any party or entity in the event that:
 - (1) Controlled Affiliate shall no longer comply with item 2(E) above;
- (2) Appropriate dues, royalties and other payments for Controlled Affiliate pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof, which are the royalties for this License Agreement, are more than sixty (60) days in arrears to BCBSA; or

- (3) Any of the following events occur: (i) a voluntary petition shall be filed by Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief, or (ii) an involuntary petition or proceeding shall be filed against Controlled Affiliate seeking bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement with creditors or other relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or any other law governing insolvency or debtor relief and such petition or proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date upon which the petition or other document commencing the proceeding is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, or (iii) an order for relief is entered against Controlled Affiliate in any case under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or Controlled Affiliate is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of Illinois by any court of competent jurisdiction, or (iv) Controlled Affiliate makes a general assignment of its assets for the benefit of creditors, or (v) any government or any government official, office, agency, branch, or unit assumes control of Controlled Affiliate or delinquency proceedings (voluntary or involuntary) are instituted, or (vi) an action is brought by Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business, or (vii) an action is instituted by any governmental entity or officer against Controlled Affiliate seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or business and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Controlled Affiliate or is not dismissed within one hundred thirty (130) days of the date upon which the pleading or other document commencing the action is served upon the Controlled Affiliate, provided that if the action is stayed or its prosecution is enjoined, the one hundred thirty (130) day period is tolled for the duration of the stay or injunction, and provided further, that the Association's Board of Directors may toll or extend the 130 day period at any time prior to its expiration, or (viii) a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of Controlled Affiliate's property or business is appointed or the Controlled Affiliate is ordered dissolved or liquidated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a declaration or a request for declaration of the existence of a trust over any of the Controlled Affiliate's property or business shall not in itself be deemed to constitute or seek appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for purposes of subparagraphs 7(E)(3)(vii) and (viii) of this Agreement.
- F. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or otherwise, Controlled Affiliate agrees that it shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Marks and Name, including any use in its trade name, except to the extent that it continues to be authorized to use the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan.

- G. Upon termination of this Agreement, Controlled Affiliate shall immediately notify all of its customers to whom it provides products or services under the Licensed Marks pursuant to this Agreement that it is no longer a licensee of BCBSA and, if directed by the Association's Board of Directors, shall provide instruction on how the customer can contact BCBSA or a designated licensee to obtain further information on securing coverage. The notification required by this paragraph shall be in writing and in a form approved by BCBSA. The BCBSA shall have the right to audit the terminated entity's books and records to verify compliance with this paragraph.
- H. In the event this Agreement terminates pursuant to 7(B) hereof, upon termination of this Agreement the provisions of Paragraph 7(G) shall not apply and the following provisions shall apply, except that, in the event that Controlled Affiliate is separately licensed by BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks in the Service Area of a Controlling Plan and termination of this Agreement is due to a partial termination of such Controlling Plan's license pursuant to Paragraph 15(a)(x)(ii) of the Blue Shield License Agreement, the notices, national account listing, payment, and audit right listed below shall be applicable solely with respect to the Region and the geographic area for which the Controlling Plan's license to use the Licensed Names and Marks is terminated:
- (1) The Controlled Affiliate shall send a notice through the U.S. mails, with first class postage affixed, to all individual and group customers, providers, brokers and agents of products or services sold, marketed, underwritten or administered by the Controlled Affiliate under the Licensed Marks and Name. The form and content of the notice shall be specified by BCBSA and shall, at a minimum, notify the recipient of the termination of the license, the consequences thereof, and instructions for obtaining alternate products or services licensed by BCBSA. This notice shall be mailed within 15 days after termination.
- (2) The Controlled Affiliate shall deliver to BCBSA within five days of a request by BCBSA a listing of national accounts in which the Controlled Affiliate is involved (in a control, participating or servicing capacity), identifying the national account and the Controlled Affiliate's role therein.
- (3) Unless the cause of termination is an event respecting BCBSA stated in paragraph 15(a) or (b) of the Plan's license agreement with BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name, the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans shall be jointly liable for payment to BCBSA of an amount equal to \$25 multiplied by the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate; provided that if any Plan other than a Controlling Plan is permitted by BCBSA to use marks or names licensed by BCBSA in a geographic area in the Region, the payment for Licensed Enrollees in such

geographic area shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Licensed Enrollees of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans, and any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans in such geographic area and the denominator of which is the total number of Licensed Enrollees in such geographic area. Licensed Enrollee means each and every person and covered dependent who is enrolled as an individual or member of a group receiving products or services sold, marketed or administered under marks or names licensed by BCBSA as determined at the earlier of (i) the end of the last fiscal year of the terminated entity which ended prior to termination or (ii) the fiscal year which ended before any transactions causing the termination began. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount payable pursuant to this subparagraph H. (3) shall be due only to the extent that, in BCBSA's opinion, it does not cause the net worth of the Controlled Affiliate, the Controlling Plans or any other Licensed Controlled Affiliates of the Controlling Plans to fall below 100% of the Health Risk-Based Capital formula, or its equivalent under any successor formula, as set forth in the applicable financial responsibility standards established by BCBSA (provided such equivalent is approved for purposes of this subparagraph by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Plans and three-fourths of the total then current weighted vote of all the Plans); measured as of the date of termination, and adjusted for the value of any transactions not made in the ordinary course of business. This payment shall not be due in connection with transactions exclusively by or among Plans (including the Controlling Plans) or their affiliates, including reorganizations, combinations or mergers, where the BCBSA Board of Directors determines that the license termination does not result in a material diminution in the number of Licensed Enrollees or the extent of their coverage. In the event that the Controlled Affiliate's license is reinstated by BCBSA or is deemed to have remained in effect without interruption by a court of competent jurisdiction, BCBSA shall reimburse the Controlled Affiliate (and/or the Controlling Plans or their other Licensed Controlled Affiliates, as the case may be) for payments made under this subparagraph 7.H.(3) only to the extent that such payments exceed the amounts due to BCBSA pursuant to paragraph 7.K. and any costs associated with reestablishing the terminated Controlling Plan's Service Area or the Region, including any payments made by BCBSA to a Plan or Plans (including the other Controlling Plans), or their Licensed Controlled Affiliates, for purposes of replacing the Controlled Affiliate.

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8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The parties agree that any disputes between or among them or between or among any of them and one or more Plans or Controlled Affiliates of Plans that use in any manner the Blue Shield and Blue Shield Marks and Name are subject to the Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution process attached to and made a part of each Controlling Plan's License from BCBSA to use the Licensed Marks and Name as Exhibit 5 as amended from time-to-time, which documents are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

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14A. VOTING

For all provisions of this Agreement referring to voting, the term 'Plans' shall mean all entities licensed under the Blue Cross License Agreement and/or the Blue Shield License Agreement, and in all votes of the Plans under this Agreement the Plans shall vote together. For weighted votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have a number of votes equal to the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Cross Plan plus the number of weighted votes (if any) that it holds as a Blue Shield Plan. For all other votes of the Plans, the Plan shall have one vote. For all questions requiring an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote of the Plans, the requirement shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless the greater of: (i) 6/52 or more of the Plans (rounded to the nearest whole number, with

0.5 or multiples thereof being rounded to the next higher whole number) fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question; or (ii) three (3) of the Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if there are thirty-nine (39) Plans, the requirement of an affirmative three-fourths weighted vote shall be deemed satisfied with a lesser weighted vote unless four (4) or more Plans fail to cast weighted votes in favor of the question.

15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

16. HEADINGS

The headings inserted in this agreement are for convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this License Agreement to be executed and effective as of the date of last signature written below.

Controlled Affiliate:
By:
Date:
Controlling Plan:
Ву:
Date:
Controlling Plan:
By:
Date:
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION
By:
Date:

EXHIBIT A

CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PRODUCTS November 2014

PREAMBLE

The standards for licensing Controlled Affiliates for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Products are established by BCBSA and are subject to change from time-to-time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Plans and three-fourths (3/4) of the total weighted vote. Each Controlling Plan is required to use a standard Controlled Affiliate license form provided by BCBSA and to cooperate fully in assuring that the licensed Controlled Affiliate maintains compliance with the license standards.

Standard 1 - Organization and Governance

A Controlled Affiliate is defined as an entity organized and operated in such a manner, that it meets the following requirements:

- (1) Controlled Affiliate is owned or controlled by two or more Controlling Plans;
- (2) Each Controlling Plan is authorized pursuant to a separate Blue Shield License Agreement to use the Licensed Marks in a geographic area in the Region and every geographic area in the Region is so licensed to at least one of the Controlling Plans; and
- (3) The Controlling Plans must have the legal authority directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries:
- (a) to select members of the Controlled Affiliate's governing body having not less than 100% voting control thereof;
- (b) prevent any change in the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other establishing or governing documents of the Controlled Affiliate with which the Controlling Plans do not concur;
 - (c) exercise control over the policy and operations of the Controlled Affiliate; and

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in (a) through (c) hereof, the Controlled Affiliate's establishing or governing documents must also require written approval by each of the Controlling Plans before the Controlled Affiliate can:

- (i) change its legal and/or trade names;
- (ii) change the geographic area in which it operates (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iii) change any of the type(s) of businesses in which it engages (except such approval shall not be required with respect to business of the Controlled Affiliate conducted under the Licensed Marks within the Service Area of one of the Controlling Plans pursuant to a separate controlled affiliate license agreement with BCBSA sponsored by such Controlling Plan);
- (iv) take any action that any Controlling Plan or BCBSA reasonably believes will adversely affect the Licensed Marks and Name.

In addition, the Controlling Plans directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries shall own 100% of any forprofit Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 2 - Financial Responsibility

A Controlled Affiliate shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill all of its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 3 - State Licensure/Certification

A Controlled Affiliate shall maintain appropriate and unimpaired licensure and certifications.

EXHIBIT A (continued)

Standard 4 - Certain Disclosures

A Controlled Affiliate shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public statements of:

- a. the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System; and
- b. the independent nature of every licensee.

Standard 5 - Reports and Records for Controlled Affiliates

A Controlled Affiliate and/or its Controlling Plans shall furnish, on a timely and accurate basis, reports and records relating to these Standards and the License Agreements between BCBSA and Controlled Affiliate.

Standard 6 - Best Efforts

During each year, a Controlled Affiliate shall use its best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Shield Marks.

Standard 7 - Participation in Master Business Associate Agreement

Controlled Affiliates shall comply with the terms of the Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees to the extent they perform the functions of a business associate or subcontractor to a business associate, as defined by the Business Associate Agreement.

EXHIBIT B

ROYALTY FORMULA FOR SECTION 9 OF THE CONTROLLED AFFILIATE LICENSE AGREEMENTS APPLICABLE TO REGIONAL MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PRODUCTS

Controlled Affiliate will pay BCBSA a fee for this license in accordance with the following formula:

An amount equal to its pro rata share of each Controlling Plan dues payable to BCBSA computed with the addition of the Controlled Affiliate's members using the Marks on regional PDP products and related services as reported on the Quarterly Enrollment Report with BCBSA. The payment by each Controlling Plan of its dues to BCBSA, including that portion described in this paragraph, will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph, and no separate payment will be necessary.

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Preamble

The Membership Standards apply to all organizations seeking to become or to continue as Regular Members of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Any organization seeking to become a Regular Member must be found to be in substantial compliance with all Membership Standards at the time membership is granted and the organization must be found to be in substantial compliance with all Membership Standards for a period of two (2) years preceding the date of its application. If Membership is sought by an entity which controls or is controlled by one or more Plans, such compliance shall be determined on the basis of compliance by such Plan or Plans.

The Regular Member Plans shall have authority to interpret these Standards.

A Regular Member Plan that operates as a "Shell Holding Company" is defined as an entity that assumes no underwriting risk and has less than 1% of the consolidated enterprise assets (excludes investments in subsidiaries) and less than 5% of the consolidated enterprise net general and administrative expenses.

A Regular Member Plan that operates as a "Hybrid Holding Company" is defined as an entity that assumes no underwriting risk and has either more than 1% of the consolidated enterprise assets (excludes investments in subsidiaries) or more than 5% of the consolidated enterprise net general and administrative expenses.

Standard A Plan shall maintain a governing Board, which shall control the Plan and ensure that the Plan follows

1: appropriate practices of corporate governance. A Plan's Board shall not be controlled by any special interest group, shall make an annual determination that a majority of its directors are independent, and shall act in the best interest of its Corporation and its customers. The Board shall be composed of a majority of persons other than providers of health care services, who shall be known as public members. A public member shall not be an employee of or have a financial interest in a health care provider, nor be a member of a profession which provides health care services.

Amended as of March 15, 2007

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Standard A Plan shall furnish to the Association on a timely and accurate basis reports and records relating to
2: compliance with these Standards and the License Agreements between the Association and the Plans. Such reports and records are the following:

- A. BCBSA Membership Information Request;
- B. Biennial trade name and service mark usage material, including disclosure material under Standard 7;
- C. Changes in the governance of the Plan, including changes in a Plan's Charter, Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws, changes in a Plan's Board composition, or changes in the identity of the Plan's Principal Officers;
- D. Quarterly Financial Report, Semi-annual "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report" as defined by the NAIC, Annual Budget, Annual Certified Audit Report, Insurance Department Examination Report, Annual Statement filed with State Insurance Department (with all attachments), Plan, Subsidiary and Affiliate Report; and
- •Plans that are a Shell Holding Company as defined in the Preamble hereto are required to furnish only a calendar year-end "Health Risk-Based Capital (HRBC) Report" as defined by the NAIC.

Amended as of November 17, 2011

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E. Quarterly Enrollment Report, Quarterly Member Touchpoint Measures Index (MTM) through 12/31/2011, and Semi-annual MTM Index starting 1/1/2012 and thereafter

•For purposes of MTM reporting only, a Plan shall file a separate MTM report for each Geographic Market.

Standard A Plan shall be operated in a manner that provides reasonable financial assurance that it can fulfill its contractual obligations to its customers.

Standard 4:A Plan shall be operated in a manner responsive to customer needs and requirements.

Standard A Plan shall effectively and efficiently participate in each national program as from time to time may be
adopted by the Member Plans for the purposes of providing portability of membership
between the Plans and ease of claims processing for customers receiving benefits outside of
the Plan's Service Area.

Such programs are applicable to Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, and

- A. Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS);
- B. BlueCard Program;

include:

- C. National Account Programs;
- D. Business Associate Agreement for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees, effective April 14, 2003; and
 - E. Inter-Plan Medicare Advantage Program.

Amended as of November 21, 2014

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Standard In addition to requirements under the national programs listed in Standard 5: Participation in National
6: Programs, a Plan shall take such action as required to ensure its financial performance in programs and contracts of an inter-Plan nature or where the Association is a party.

Standard A Plan shall make adequate disclosure in contracting with third parties and in disseminating public 7: statements of (i) the structure of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield System, (ii) the independent nature of every Plan, and (iii) the Plan's financial condition.

Standard A Plan shall cooperate with the Association's Board of Directors and its Brand Enhancement & Protection 8: Committee in the administration of the Plan Performance Response Process and in addressing Plan performance problems identified thereunder.

Standard A Plan shall obtain a rating of its financial strength from an independent rating agency approved by the Association's Board of Directors for such purpose.

Standard Notwithstanding any other provision in this License Agreement, during each year, a Plan and its Controlled

10: Affiliate(s) engaged in providing licensable services (excluding Life Insurance and Charitable Foundation Services) shall use their best efforts to promote and build the value of the Blue Shield Marks.

Standard Neither a Plan nor any Larger Controlled Affiliate shall cause or permit an entity other than a Plan or a

Licensed Controlled Affiliate thereof to obtain control of the Plan or Larger Controlled Affiliate
or to acquire a substantial portion of its assets related to licensable services.

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Standard No provider network, or portion thereof, shall be rented or otherwise made available to a National 12: Competitor if the Licensed Marks or Names are used in any way with such network.

A provider network may be rented or otherwise made available, provided there is no use of the Licensed Marks or Names with respect to the network being rented.

Amended as of March 18, 2004

GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO USE OF LICENSED NAME AND MARKS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

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- 1. The strength of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield National Accounts mechanism, and the continued provision of cost effective, quality health care benefits to National Accounts, are predicated on locally managed provider networks coordinated on a national scale in a manner consistent with effective service to National Account customers and consistent with the preservation of the integrity of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield system and the Licensed Marks. These guidelines shall be interpreted in keeping with such ends.
- 2. A National Account is an entity with employee and/or retiree locations in more than one Plan's Service Area. Unless otherwise agreed, a National Account is deemed located in the Service Area in which the corporate headquarters of the National Account is located. A local plant, office or division headquarters of an entity may be deemed a separate National Account when that local plant, office or division headquarters 1) has employee locations in more than one Service Area, and 2) has independent health benefit decision-making authority for the employees working at such local plant, office or division headquarters and for employees working at other locations outside the Service Area. In such a case, the local plant, office or division headquarters is a National Account that is deemed located in the Service Area in which such local plant, office or division headquarters is located. The Control Plan of a National Account is the Plan in whose Service Area the National Account is located. A participating ("Par") Plan is a Plan in whose Service Area the National Account parent company consolidates health benefit-decision making for itself and its wholly-owned subsidiary companies, the parent company and the subsidiary companies shall be considered one National Account. The Control Plan for such a National Account shall be the Plan in whose Service Area the parent company headquarters is located.
- 3. The National Account Guidelines enunciated herein below shall be applicable only with respect to the business of new National Accounts acquired after January 1, 1991.
- 4. Control Plans shall utilize National Account identification cards complying with then currently effective BCBSA graphic standards in connection with all National Accounts business to facilitate administration thereof, to minimize subscriber and provider confusion, and to reflect a commitment to cooperation among Plans.

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- 5. Disputes among Plans and/or BCBSA as to the interpretation or implementation of these Guidelines or as to other National Accounts issues shall be submitted to mediation and mandatory dispute resolution as provided in the License Agreement. For two years from the effective date of the License Agreement, however, such disputes shall be subject to mediation only, with the results of such mediation to be collected and reported in order to establish more definitive operating parameters for National Accounts business and to serve as ground rules for future binding dispute resolution.
- 6. The Control Plan may use the BlueCard Program (as defined by IPPC) to deliver benefits to employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees in a Participating Plan's service area if an alternative arrangement with the Participating Plan cannot be negotiated. The Participating Plan's minimum servicing requirement for those employees and non-Medicare retirees in its service area is to deliver benefits using the BlueCard Program. Account delivery is subject to the policies, provisions and procedures of the BlueCard Program.
- 7. For provider payments in a Participating Plan's area (on non-BlueCard claims), payment to the provider may be made by the Participating Plan or the Control Plan at the Participating Plan's option. If the Participating Plan elects to pay the provider, it may not withhold payment of a claim verified by the Control Plan or its designated processor, and payment must be in conformity with service criteria established by the Board of Directors of BCBSA (or an authorized committee thereof) to assure prompt payment, good service and minimum confusion with providers and subscribers. The Control Plan, at the Participating Plan's request, will also assure that measures are taken to protect the confidentiality of the data pertaining to provider reimbursement levels and profiles.

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- 8. The Control Plan, in its financial agreements with a National Account, is expected to reasonably reflect the aggregate amount of differentials passed along to the Control Plan by all Participating Plans in a National Account.
- 9. Other than in contracting with health care providers or soliciting such contracts in areas contiguous to a Plan's Service Area in order to serve its subscribers or those of its licensed Controlled Affiliate residing or working in its Service Area, a Control Plan may not use the Licensed Marks and/or Name, as a tag line or otherwise, to negotiate directly with providers outside its Service Area.

Amended as of March 13, 2003

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND CERTAIN OTHER USES

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- 1. A Plan and its licensed Controlled Affiliate may use the Licensed Marks and Name in bidding on and executing a contract to serve a Government Program, and in thereafter communicating with the Government concerning the Program. With respect, however, to such contracts entered into after the 1st day of January, 1991, the Licensed Marks and Name will not be used in communications or transactions with beneficiaries or providers in the Government Program located outside a Plan's Service Area, unless the Plan can demonstrate to the satisfaction of BCBSA's governing body that such a restriction on use of the Licensed Marks and Name will jeopardize its ability to procure the contract for the Government Program. As to both existing and future contracts for Government Programs, Plans will discontinue use of the Licensed Marks and Name as to beneficiaries and Providers outside their Service Area as expeditiously as circumstances reasonably permit. Effective January 1, 1995, except as provided in the first sentence above, all use by a Plan of the Licensed Marks and Name in Government Programs outside of the Plan's Service Area shall be discontinued. Incidental communications outside a Plan's Service Area with resident or former resident beneficiaries of the Plan, and other categories of necessary incidental communications approved by BCBSA, are not prohibited. For purposes of this Paragraph 1, the term "Government Programs" shall mean Medicare Part A, Medicare Part B and other non-risk government programs.
- 2. In connection with activity otherwise in furtherance of the License Agreement, a Plan and its Controlled Affiliates that are licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name in its Service Area pursuant to the Controlled Affiliate License Agreements authorized in clauses a) through c) of Paragraph 2 of the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA may use the Licensed Marks and Name outside the Plan's Service Area in the following circumstances which are deemed legitimate and necessary and not likely to cause consumer confusion:
- 2.1 Common Business Communications
 - a. sending letterhead, envelopes, and similar items solely for administrative purposes (e.g., not for purposes of marketing, advertising, promoting, selling or soliciting the sale of health care plans and related services);
 - b. distributing business cards other than in marketing and selling;
 - c. advertising in publications or electronic media solely to persons for employment;

2.2 Marketing Spillover

- a. advertising in print, electronic or other media which serve, as a substantial market, the Service Area of the Plan or licensed Controlled Affiliate, provided that no Plan or Controlled Affiliate may advertise outside its Service Area on the national broadcast and cable networks and that advertisements in national print media are limited to the smallest regional edition encompassing the Service Area;
- b. advertising by direct mail where the addressee's zip code plus 4 includes, at least in part, the Plan's Service Area or that of a licensed Controlled Affiliate;

2.3 Provider Contracting

- a. contracting with health care providers or soliciting such contracts in areas contiguous to the Plan's Service Area in order to serve its subscribers or those of such licensed Controlled Affiliates residing or working in its service area;
- b. issuing a small sign containing the legal name or trade name of the Plan or such licensed Controlled Affiliates for display by a provider to identify the latter as a participating provider of the Plan or Controlled Affiliate:
- c. negotiating rates with a health care provider for services to a specific member, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) the health care provider does not have a contract, applicable to the services rendered or to be rendered, with the Licensee (or any of the Licensees in the case of overlapping Service Areas) in whose Service Area the health care provider is located; and
- (2) the Plan or Controlled Affiliate reasonably determines that the member did/does not have a reasonable opportunity to access a participating provider whose contract applies to the services rendered or to be rendered; and
- (3) at least one of the following circumstances exists:

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- (i)the member received emergency services and the Plan or Controlled Affiliate knows or reasonably anticipates that the charges on the claim will meet or exceed \$5,000; or
- (ii)a provider, in consultation pre- or post- treatment with the Plan or Controlled Affiliate, makes/made a treatment recommendation or referral to a non-par provider or to a par provider whose contract does not apply to the services to be rendered; or
- (iii) the member inadvertently accessed a non-par provider or non-contracted services in the course of receiving services from a par provider (e.g., the member sees a non-par consulting specialist in a participating hospital); and
- (4)the Licensee (and in the case of overlapping Service Areas, all of the Licensees) in whose Service Area the health care provider is located consent(s) in advance.
- d. contracting with a pharmacy management organization ("Pharmacy Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional pharmacy network to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided, however, that the Pharmacy Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the pharmacy providers in such network;

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- e. contracting with the corporate owner of a national or regional retail pharmacy chain to gain access to the pharmacies in the chain to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided that (1) the Plan and the Controlled Affiliate may not contract directly with pharmacists or pharmacy stores outside the Plan's Service Area, and (2) neither the Plan's or the Controlled Affiliate's name nor the Licensed Marks or Name may be posted or otherwise displayed at or by any pharmacy store outside the Plan's Service Area;
- f. contracting with a dental management organization ("Dental Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional dental network to deliver a routine dental benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided, however, that the Dental Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the dental providers in such network;
- g. contracting with a vision management organization ("Vision Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional vision network to deliver a routine vision benefit for all of the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's members nationwide, provided, however, that the Vision Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the vision providers in such network:
- h. contracting with an independent clinical laboratory for analysis and clinical assessment of specimens that are collected within the Plan's Service Area;
- contracting with a durable medical equipment or home medical equipment company for durable medical equipment and supplies and home medical equipment and supplies that are shipped to a location within the Plan's Service Area;
- j. contracting with a specialty pharmaceutical company for non-routine biological therapeutics that are ordered by a health care professional located within the Plan's Service Area;

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- k. contracting with a company that operates provider sites in the Plan's Service Area, provided that the contract is solely for services rendered at a site (e.g., hospital, mobile van) that is within the Plan's Service Area;
- I. contracting with a company that makes health care professionals available in the Plan's Service Area (e.g., traveling home health nurse), provided that the contract is solely for services rendered by health care professionals who are located within the Plan's Service Area.

2.4 Services to National Accounts

- a. in conjunction with contracting with a National Account as Control Licensee or Alternate Control Licensee (as those terms are defined in the Inter-Plan Programs Policies and Provisions ("IP Policies")) to offer Blue-branded Health Coverage to the National Account, offering Blue-branded Health and Wellness Programs to all members of the National Account, including members who have not enrolled in the Blue-branded Health Coverage ("non-Blue Health Coverage members"), provided that:
 - the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate has no contact or interaction with providers outside of the Plan's Service Area regarding such non-Blue Health Coverage members, except as specifically provided in the IP Policies; and
 - (ii) if in accordance with IP Policies another Licensee is soliciting or servicing under the Brands a local plant, office or division of the account that is outside of the Plan's Service Area, the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate may not offer Blue-branded Health and Wellness Programs to any employees working at such local plant, office or division without the consent of such other Licensee; and
 - (iii) if the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate provides an information card to the non-Blue Health Coverage members, the card may not display the Symbols in the masthead, must contain a prominent disclosure conveying that it is not a health insurance card, and otherwise must be designed so that it is dissimilar to a Blue member identification card.

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For purposes of this subparagraph a, the following definitions apply:

"Health and Wellness Program" shall mean a program that includes at least one of the following elements or a related element:

- Health Risk Assessment and/or Preventive Screenings
- Exercise and Fitness Programs
- Health and Wellness Events (e.g., attendance at a health fair, a 5K walk)
- Nutrition and Weight Management
- Health Education (e.g., smoking cessation classes)
- Prenatal and Parenting Education
- Disease or Chronic Condition Management

The above listing is intended to represent examples of the types of programs that may be offered, and other programs, including those offered through different media such as the internet or telephonically, may also be deemed Health and Wellness programs.

"Health Coverage" shall mean providing or administering medical, surgical, hospital, major medical, or catastrophic coverage, or any HMO, PPO, POS or other managed care plan for the foregoing services.

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- 2.4 Services to National Accounts (continued)
- b. in conjunction with contracting with a National Account as Control Licensee or Alternate Control Licensee to offer Blue-branded Health Coverage to the National Account, performing the Eligibility and Enrollment functions of HR administration for all benefit plans offered by the National Account to its members, including benefit plans that are not underwritten or administered by the Plan, provided that:
 - (i) in performing such functions, the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate does not use the Brands in any communications with health care providers outside of the Plan's Service Area, and otherwise limits its use of the Brands outside of the Service Area to communications with the account's members, the other benefit plan providers with which the account has contracted and other reasonably necessary communications to perform such functions; and
 - (ii) if in accordance with IP Policies another Licensee is soliciting or servicing under the Brands a local plant, office or division of the account that is outside of the Plan's Service Area, the Plan and/or licensed Controlled Affiliate may not perform Eligibility and Enrollment functions for employees working at such local plant, office or division without the consent of such other Licensee;

For purposes of this subparagraph b, the following definitions apply:

"Health Coverage" has the meaning set forth in subparagraph 2.4.a.

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"Eligibility" means services that manage the account's eligibility data and determine or process determinations relating to eligibility for benefit plans offered by the account to its employees, including such services as:

- monitoring and auditing data to ensure that only entitled individuals are enrolled in each such benefit plan;
- review of eligibility documentation (e.g. marriage licenses, birth certificates, student status verification letters, employment records);
- identification of key member segments such as over-age dependents, part-time employees, employees reaching certain milestones (e.g. Medicareeligible, retirees);
- termination of coverage for those individuals found to be ineligible for coverage under a benefit plan, and, if applicable, generation of a COBRA event; and
- management of "hour-banking" for union environments in which union members can bank hours to remain eligible for benefits.

"Enrollment" means services that enroll eligible individuals and their spouses/dependents or terminate or change their enrollment in the account's benefit plans on an ongoing basis and during open enrollment periods, including such services as:

- the coordination of each step in open enrollment process from project planning and system set-up to the generation of confirmation statements;
- ongoing enrollment support for new hires and changes due to life events and work status adjustments;
- evidence of insurability (EOI) administration for life and disability coverage;
- transmission of eligibility/enrollment information to the account's benefit plan providers;
- review and reconciliation of error reports received from the account's benefit plan providers; and
- transmission of information to the account's payroll system (e.g., benefit deductions, employee demographic data).

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2.5 Knowledge Sharing

- a. submitting scholarly articles authored or co-authored by the Plan or Controlled Affiliate or its respective employees for publication in peer-reviewed journals;
- b. permitting an internal representative of the Plan or Controlled Affiliate (e.g., officer, employee) to speak or present at a conference or symposium for which the event sponsor will issue communications that will identify the Plan's or Controlled Affiliate's representative as a participant, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;

2.6 Other Uses

- a. entering into a license agreement between and among BCBSA, the Plan and a debit card issuer located outside the Plan's Service Area, and entering into a corresponding operating agreement or agreements, in order to offer a debit card bearing the Licensed Marks and Name to eligible persons as defined by the aforementioned license agreement;
- b. appearing in communications issued by an independent third party to recognize outstanding performance of the Plan or Controlled Affiliate or a member of the Plan's or Controlled Affiliate's senior management as part of an established program of the third party for which the Plan has provided information to be considered for the recognition, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;
- c. to identify itself as being a joint sponsor of an event, program or activity along with other Plans or such Plans' licensed Controlled Affiliates, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time;
- d. hosting meetings or events in Washington, D.C. related to policy and business issues in the Plan's Service Area, or hosting events in conjunction with the assemblies or conventions of national political parties, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time:

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- e. permitting an affiliate that is not licensed to use the Licensed Marks to identify its corporate relationship with the Plan, provided that such use complies with regulations of general application specifically prescribed by BCBSA from time to time.
- 3. In connection with activity otherwise in furtherance of the License Agreement, a Controlled Affiliate that is licensed to use the Licensed Marks and Name pursuant to a Controlled Affiliate License Agreement authorized in clauses d) or e) of Paragraph 2 of the Plan's License Agreement with BCBSA may use the Licensed Marks and Name outside the Region (as that term is defined in such respective Controlled Affiliate License Agreements) in the following circumstances which are deemed legitimate and necessary and not likely to cause consumer confusion:
 - a. sending letterhead, envelopes, and similar items solely for administrative purposes (e.g., not for purposes of marketing, advertising, promoting, selling or soliciting the sale of health care plans and related services);
 - b. distributing business cards other than in marketing and selling;
 - c. contracting with health care providers or soliciting such contracts in areas contiguous to the Region in order to serve its subscribers residing in the Region, provided that the Controlled Affiliate may not use the names of any of its Controlling Plans in connection with such contracting unless the provider is located in a geographic area that is also contiguous to such Controlling Plan's Service Area;
 - d. issuing a small sign containing the legal name or trade name of the Controlled Affiliate for display by a provider to identify the latter as a participating provider of the Controlled Affiliate, provided that the Controlled Affiliate may not use the names of any of its Controlling Plans on such signs unless the provider is located in a geographic area that is also contiguous to such Controlling Plan's Service Area;
 - e. advertising in publications or electronic media solely to persons for employment;

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- f.advertising in print, electronic or other media which serve, as a substantial market, the Region, provided that the Controlled Affiliate may not advertise outside its Region on the national broadcast and cable networks and that advertisements in national print media are limited to the smallest regional edition encompassing the Region, and provided further that any such advertising by the Controlled Affiliate may not reference the name of any of its Controlling Plans unless the respective Controlling Plan is authorized under paragraph 2 of this Exhibit 4 to advertise in such media;
- g.advertising by direct mail where the addressee's zip code plus 4 includes, at least in part, the Region, provided that such advertising by the Controlled Affiliate may not reference the name of any of its Controlling Plans unless the respective Controlling Plan is authorized under paragraph 2 of this Exhibit 4 to send direct mail to such zip code plus 4.
 - h. [Intentionally left blank, pending review by the Inter-Plan Programs Committee of the applicability of the case management rule to such Controlled Affiliates.]
 - i. contracting with a pharmacy management organization ("Pharmacy Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional pharmacy network to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit for the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage PPO or regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such respective Controlled Affiliate License Agreements, provided, however, that the Pharmacy Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the pharmacy providers in such network;
 - j. contracting with the corporate owner of a national or regional retail pharmacy chain to gain access to the pharmacies in the chain to provide self-administered prescription drugs to deliver a pharmacy benefit to the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage PPO or regional Medicare Part D Prescription Drug members enrolled under the Licensed

Marks pursuant to such respective

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Controlled Affiliate License Agreements, provided that (1) the Controlled Affiliate may not contract directly with pharmacists or pharmacy stores outside the Region, and (2) neither the Controlled Affiliate's name nor the Licensed Marks or Name may be posted or otherwise displayed at or by any pharmacy store outside the Region;

- k. contracting with a dental management organization ("Dental Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional dental network to deliver a routine dental benefit for the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage PPO members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such Controlled Affiliate License Agreement, provided, however, that the Dental Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the dental providers in such network;
- I.contracting with a vision management organization ("Vision Intermediary") to gain access to a national or regional vision network to deliver a routine vision benefit for the Controlled Affiliate's regional Medicare Advantage members enrolled under the Licensed Marks pursuant to such Controlled Affiliate License Agreement, provided, however, that the Vision Intermediary may not use the Licensed Marks or Name in contracting with the vision providers in such network;
 - m. contracting with an independent clinical laboratory for analysis and clinical assessment of specimens that are collected within the Controlled Affiliate's Region;
 - n. contracting with a durable medical equipment or home medical equipment company for durable medical equipment and supplies and home medical equipment and supplies that are shipped to a location within the Controlled Affiliate's Region;
 - o. contracting with a specialty pharmaceutical company for non-routine biological therapeutics that are ordered by a health care professional located within the Region;

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- p.contracting with a company that operates provider sites in the Region, provided that the contract is solely for services rendered at a site (e.g., hospital, mobile van) that is within the Region;
 - q. contracting with a company that makes health care professionals available in the Region (e.g., traveling home health nurse), provided that the contract is solely for services rendered by health care professionals who are located within the Region.
- 4. BCBSA shall retain the right to use the Licensed Marks in conjunction with the Federal Employee Program and with any other national offering made to federal employees pursuant to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), including the right to license such use to its vendors, but only in the following manner.
 - a. the Licensed Marks may only be used by BCBSA with the term "Federal Employee Program", "Federal", "FEP", or similar language identifying the program as a benefit program for federal employees;
 - b. the Licensed Marks may not be used by BCBSA with the name(s) of a specific Plan or Plans and;
 - c. any use by BCBSA in conjunction with a new national FEHBP program proposed after the enactment of this amendment will require the approval of the BCBSA Board of Directors.

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5. Where required by applicable state or local law or regulation, a Plan or its licensed Controlled Affiliate may submit documents that contain the Brands to, and file forms that contain the Brands with, state or local regulators in a state not included in its Service Area, provided that it gives reasonable advance notice to the local Plan of its intent to submit such documents or file such forms. Notwithstanding, in no event may a Plan or its licensed Controlled Affiliate use the Brands to register, or to obtain or maintain a license, a certificate of authority, or an equivalent document authorizing it to act as a risk-bearing entity or third party administrator in a state not included in its Service Area. If the local Plan advises BCBSA that it believes its License Agreement has been or would be violated by any submission or filing, BCBSA shall determine whether such submission or filing is required by state or local law or regulation and violates the License Agreement, subject to the Plan's or licensed Controlled Affiliate's rights to obtain an independent review of such determination under Paragraph 9(a) and Exhibit 5 of its License Agreement or Paragraph 8 of the Controlled Affiliate License. For purposes of this paragraph, "local Plan" is defined as each Plan whose Service Area includes all or part of the state in which the foregoing applicable state or local law or regulation has been enacted.

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MEDIATION AND MANDATORY DISPUTE RESOLUTION (MMDR) RULES

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans ("Plans") and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association ("BCBSA") recognize and acknowledge that the Blue Cross and Blue Shield system is a unique nonprofit and for-profit system offering cost effective health care financing and services. The Plans and BCBSA desire to utilize Mediation and Mandatory Dispute Resolution ("MMDR") to avoid expensive and time-consuming litigation that may otherwise occur in the federal and state judicial systems. Even MMDR should be viewed, however, as methods of last resort, all other procedures for dispute resolution having failed. Except as otherwise provided in the License Agreements, the Plans, their Controlled Affiliates and BCBSA agree to submit all disputes to MMDR pursuant to these Rules and in lieu of litigation.

1. <u>Initiation of Proceedings</u>

A. <u>Pre-MMDR Efforts</u>

Before filing a Complaint to invoke the MMDR process, the CEO of a complaining party, or his/her designated representative, shall undertake good faith efforts with the other side(s) to try to resolve any dispute.

B. Complaint

To commence a proceeding, the complaining party (or parties) shall provide by certified mail, return receipt requested, a written Complaint to the BCBSA Corporate Secretary (which shall also constitute service on BCBSA if it is a respondent) and to any Plan(s) and/or Controlled Affiliate(s) named therein. The Complaint shall contain:

- identification of the complaining party (or parties) requesting the proceeding;
- ii. identification of the respondent(s);
- iii. identification of any other persons or entities who are interested in a resolution of the dispute;
- iv. a full statement describing the nature of the dispute;
- v. identification of all of the issues that are being submitted for resolution;

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- vi. the remedy sought;
- vii. a statement as to whether the complaining party (or parties) elect(s) first to pursue Mediation;
- viii. any request, if applicable, that the matter be handled on an expedited basis and the reasons therefor; and
- ix. a statement signed by the CEO of the complaining party affirming that the CEO has undertaken efforts, or has directed efforts to be undertaken, to resolve the dispute before resorting to the MMDR process.

The complaining party (or parties) shall file and serve with the Complaint copies of all documents which the party (or parties) intend(s) to offer at the Arbitration Hearing and a statement identifying the witnesses the party (or parties) intend(s) to present at the Hearing, along with a summary of each witness' expected testimony.

C. Answer

Within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Complaint, each respondent shall serve on BCBSA and on the complaining party (or parties):

- i. a full Answer to the aforesaid Complaint;
- ii. a statement of any Counterclaims against the complaining party (or parties), providing with respect thereto the information specified in Paragraph 1.B., above;
- iii. a statement as to whether the respondent elects to first pursue Mediation; and
- iv. any request, if applicable, that the matter be handled on an expedited basis and the reasons therefor.

The respondent(s) shall file and serve with the Answer or by the date of the Initial Conference set forth in Paragraph 3.C., below, copies of all documents which the respondent(s) intend(s) to offer at the Arbitration Hearing and a statement identifying the witnesses the party (or parties) intend(s) to present at the Hearing, along with a summary of each witness' expected testimony.

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D. Reply To Counterclaim

Within ten (10) days after receipt of any Counterclaim, the complaining party (or parties) shall serve on BCBSA and on the responding party (or parties) a Reply to the Counterclaim. Such Reply must provide the same information required by Paragraph 1.C., above.

2. Mediation

To facilitate the mediation of disputes between or among BCBSA, the Plans and/or their Controlled Affiliates, the BCBSA Board has provided for Mediation under these Rules. Mediation may be pursued in lieu of or in an effort to obviate the Mandatory Dispute Resolution process, and all parties are strongly urged, but not required, to exhaust the mediation procedure provided for herein. In the event any party refuses to proceed with Mediation, the parties shall proceed immediately to Mandatory Dispute Resolution, as provided in Section 3.

A. Selection of Mediators

If all parties agree to pursue Mediation, they shall promptly attempt to agree upon: (i) the number of mediators desired, not to exceed three mediators; and (ii) the selection of experienced mediator(s) from an independent entity to mediate all disputes set forth in the Complaint and Answer (and Counterclaim and Reply, if any). In the event the parties are unable to agree upon the selection or number of mediators, both within five (5) days of the service of the Answer or Reply to Counterclaim, whichever is later, the BCBSA Corporate Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to a nationally recognized professional ADR organization (such as CPR or JAMS) for mediation by a single mediator to be selected by the ADR organization.

B. Binding Decision

Before the Mediation Hearing described below, the BCBSA Corporate Secretary shall contact the parties to determine whether they wish to be bound by any recommendation of the selected mediator(s) for resolution of the disputes. If all wish to be bound, the Corporate Secretary will send appropriate documentation to them for their signatures before the Mediation Hearing begins.

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C. Mediation Procedure

The Mediator(s) shall apply the mediation procedures and processes provided for herein (not the rules of the ADR organization with which they are affiliated) and shall promptly advise the parties of a scheduled Mediation Hearing date. Unless a party requests an expedited procedure, or unless all parties to the proceeding agree to one or more extensions of time, the Mediation Hearing set forth below shall be completed within forty (40) days of BCBSA's receipt of the Complaint. The selected mediator(s), unless the parties otherwise agree, shall adhere to the following procedure:

- i. Each party must be represented by its CEO or other representative who has been delegated full authority to resolve the dispute. However, parties may send additional representatives as they see fit.
- ii. Each party will be given one-half hour to present its case, beginning with the complaining party (or parties), followed by the other party or parties. The parties are free to structure their presentations as they see fit, using oral statements or direct examination of witnesses. However, neither cross-examination nor questioning of opposing representatives will be permitted. At the close of each presentation, the selected mediator(s) will be given an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters and witnesses. All parties must be present throughout the Mediation Hearing. The selected mediator (s) may extend the time allowed for each party's presentation at the Mediation Hearing. The selected mediator(s) may meet in executive session, outside the presence of the parties, or may meet with the parties separately, to discuss the controversy.
- iii. After the close of the presentations, the parties will attempt to negotiate a settlement of the dispute. If the parties desire, the selected mediators, or any one or more of the selected mediator(s), will sit in on the negotiations.

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- iv. After the close of the presentations, the selected mediator(s) may meet privately to agree upon a recommendation for resolution of the dispute which would be submitted to the parties for their consideration and approval. If the parties have previously agreed to be bound by the results of this procedure, this recommendation shall be binding upon the parties.
- v. The purpose of the Mediation Hearing is to assist the parties to settle their grievances short of mandatory dispute resolution. As a result, the Mediation Hearing has been designed to be as informal as possible. Rules of evidence shall not apply. There will be no transcript of the proceedings, and no party may make a tape recording of the Mediation Hearing.
- vi. In order to facilitate a free and open discussion, the Mediation proceeding shall remain confidential. A "Stipulation to Confidentiality" which prohibits future use of settlement offers, all position papers or other statements furnished to the selected mediator(s), and decisions or recommendations in any Mediation proceeding shall be executed by each party.
- vii. Upon request of the selected mediator(s), or one of the parties, BCBSA staff may also submit documentation at any time during the proceedings.

D. Notice of Termination of Mediation

If the Mediation cannot be completed within the prescribed or agreed time period due to the lack of cooperation of any party, as determined by the selected mediator(s), or if the Mediation does not result in a final resolution of all disputes at the Mediation Hearing or within ten (10) days after the Mediation Hearing, any party or any one of the selected mediator(s) shall so notify the BCBSA Corporate Secretary, who shall promptly issue a Notice of Termination of Mediation to all parties, to the selected mediator(s), and to the MDR Administrator. Such notice shall serve to bring the Mediation to an end and to initiate Mandatory Dispute Resolution. Upon agreement of all parties and the mediator (s), the Mediation process may continue at the same time the MDR process is invoked. In such case, the Notice of Termination of Mediation described above serves to initiate the MDR proceeding, but does not terminate mediation proceedings, which may proceed simultaneous with the MDR proceeding.

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3. <u>Mandatory Dispute Resolution (MDR)</u>

If any party elects not to first pursue Mediation, or if a Notice of Termination of Mediation is issued as set forth in Paragraph 2.D., above, then the unresolved disputes set forth in any Complaint and Answer (and Counterclaim and Reply, if any) shall be subject to mandatory binding arbitration (herein referred to as "MDR").

A. MDR Administrator

The Administrator for purposes of Mandatory Arbitration shall be an independent nationally recognized entity such as CPR or JAMS, specializing in alternative dispute resolution. In the event the parties pursued Mediation with CPR, JAMS or a similar organization, that organization also shall serve as the MDR Administrator, unless all parties notify the BCBSA Corporate Secretary in writing within two (2) days of receiving the Notice of Termination of Mediation that they wish to pursue MDR with another nationally recognized organization serving as MDR Administrator.

In the event the parties (i) did not pursue Mediation, (ii) pursued mediation with a Mediator not affiliated with an ADR organization that offers a panel of arbitrators, or (iii) all parties that pursued Mediation notified the BCBSA Corporate Secretary that they wish to have an MDR Administrator that is different from the organization with which their mediator was affiliated, they shall promptly attempt to agree on a nationally recognized ADR entity that supplies a panel of arbitrators. If they reach such agreement within five (5) days of the Notice of Termination of Mediation or receipt of the Answer or Reply to Counterclaim (whichever is later), the parties shall promptly inform the BCBSA Corporate Secretary of their agreed upon ADR organization. In the event the parties are unable to reach agreement on an MDR Administrator within that timeframe, the BCBSA Corporate Secretary shall immediately refer the matter to CPR, JAMS or a similar organization for MDR.

Any person who served as a Mediator shall not serve as an arbitrator for the same or similar dispute for purposes of MDR.

B. Rules for MDR

The rules controlling all aspects of MDR shall be exclusively those provided for herein. The rules promulgated or otherwise used by the MDR Administrator organization shall not apply.

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C. Initial Conference

Within seven (7) days after a Notice of Termination has issued, or the matter has otherwise been referred to an MDR Administrator, or within five (5) days after the time for filing and serving the Answer or Reply to any Counterclaim (whichever is later) if the parties elect first not to mediate, the parties shall confer with the Administrator to discuss selecting a dispute resolution panel ("the Panel"). This conference (the "Initial Conference") may be by telephone. The parties are encouraged to agree to the composition of the Panel and to present that agreement to the Administrator at the Initial Conference. If the parties do not agree on the composition of the Panel by the time of the Initial Conference, or by any extension thereof agreed to by all parties and the Administrator, then the Panel Selection Process set forth in subparagraph D, below, shall be followed.

D. Panel Selection Process

The Administrator shall designate, prior to the Initial Conference, at least seven potential arbitrators. Each party shall be permitted to strike any designee for cause and the Administrator shall determine the sufficiency thereof in its sole discretion. The Administrator will designate a replacement for any designee so stricken. Each party shall then be permitted one peremptory strike from the list of designees. The Administrator shall set the dates for exercising all strikes, which shall be set to encourage the prompt selection of arbitrators.

After the parties exercise any designee strikes for cause and their peremptory strike against any designee of their choice, the parties shall each rank the remaining panel members in order of preference and provide the Administrator, without serving on any other party, their ranked list. The Administrator shall not disclose any party's ranked list to members of the panel or to other parties.

From the remaining designees, and after considering opportunities to maximize, so far as possible, the collectively stated arbitrator preferences provided by the parties on their ranked lists, the Administrator shall select a three member Panel. The Panel Selection Process shall be completed no later than ten (10) days after the Initial Conference.

Each Arbitrator shall be compensated at his or her normal hourly rate or, in the absence of an established rate, at a reasonable hourly rate to be promptly fixed by the Administrator for all time spent in connection with the proceedings and shall be reimbursed for any travel and other reasonable expenses.

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E. Duties Of The Arbitrators

The Panel shall promptly designate a Presiding Arbitrator for the purposes reflected below, but shall retain the power to review and modify any ruling or other action of said Presiding Arbitrator. Each Arbitrator shall be an independent Arbitrator, shall be governed by the Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes, and shall at or prior to the commencement of any Arbitration Hearing take an oath to that effect. Each Arbitrator shall promptly disclose in writing to the Panel and to the parties any circumstances, whenever arising, that might cause doubt as to such Arbitrator's compliance, or ability to comply, with said Code of Ethics, and, absent resignation by such Arbitrator, the remaining Arbitrators shall determine in their sole discretion whether the circumstances so disclosed constitute grounds for disqualification and for replacement. With respect to such circumstances arising or coming to the attention of a party after an Arbitrator's selection, a party may likewise request the Arbitrator's resignation or a determination as to disqualification by the remaining Arbitrators. With respect to a sole Arbitrator, the determination as to disqualification shall be made by the Administrator.

There shall be no <u>ex parte</u> communication between the parties or their counsel and any member of the Panel.

F. Panel's Jurisdiction And Authority

The Panel's jurisdiction and authority shall extend to all disputes between or among the Plans, their Controlled Affiliates, and/or BCBSA, except for those disputes excepted from these MMDR procedures as set forth in the License Agreements.

With the exception of punitive or treble damages, the Panel shall have full authority to award the relief it deems appropriate to resolve the parties' disputes, including monetary awards and injunctions, mandatory or prohibitory. The Panel has no authority to award punitive or treble damages except that the Panel may allocate or assess responsibility for punitive or treble damages assessed by another tribunal. Subject to the above limitations, the Panel may, by way of example, but not of limitation:

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- i. interpret or construe the meaning of any terms, phrase or provision in any license between BCBSA and a Plan or a Controlled Affiliate relating to the use of the BLUE CROSS® or BLUE SHIELD® service marks.
- ii. determine whether BCBSA, a Plan or a Controlled Affiliate has violated the terms or conditions of any license between the BCBSA and a Plan or a Controlled Affiliate relating to the use of the BLUE CROSS® or BLUE SHIELD® service marks.
- iii. decide challenges as to its own jurisdiction.
- iv. issue such orders for interim relief as it deems appropriate pending Hearing and Award in any Arbitration.

It is understood that the Panel is expected to resolve issues based on governing principles of law, preserving to the maximum extent legally possible the continued integrity of the Licensed Marks and the BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD system. The Panel shall apply federal law to all issues which, if asserted in the United States District Court, would give rise to federal question jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. § 1331. The Panel shall apply Illinois law to all issues involving interpretation, performance or construction of any License Agreement or Controlled Affiliate License Agreement unless the agreement otherwise provides. As to other issues, the Panel shall choose the applicable law based on conflicts of law principles of the State of Illinois.

G. Administrative Conference

Within five (5) days of the Panel being selected, the Presiding Arbitrator shall confer with the parties and the other members of the Panel and shall schedule, in writing, a conference in which the parties and the Panel shall participate (the "Administrative Conference"). The Administrative Conference shall take place no later than fifteen (15) days after the Panel is selected. At the Administrative Conference the parties and the Panel shall discuss the scheduling of the Arbitration Hearing and any other matter appropriate to be considered, including but not limited to: any written discovery in the form of requests for production of documents or requests to admit facts; the identity of any witness whose deposition a party may desire and a showing of exceptional good cause for the taking

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of any such deposition; the desirability of bifurcation or other separation of the issues; the need for and the type of record of conferences and hearings, including the need for transcripts; the need for expert witnesses and how expert testimony should be presented; the appropriateness of motions to dismiss and/or for full or partial summary judgment; consideration of stipulations; the desirability of presenting any direct testimony in writing; and the necessity for any onsite inspection by the Panel. If the parties agree, the Administrative Conference may be by telephone.

H. Discovery

- i. *Requests for Production of Documents*: All requests for the production of documents must be served no later than five (5) days after the date of the Initial Conference. Within twenty (20) days after receipt of a request for production of documents, a party shall (a) serve responses and objections to the request, (b) produce all responsive, non-privileged documents to the requesting party, and (c) to the extent any responsive documents are withheld on the grounds of attorney-client privilege or work product, produce a log identifying such documents in the manner specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5). If, after reviewing a privilege log, the requesting party believes attorney-client privilege or work product protection was improperly claimed by the producing party with respect to any document, the requesting party may ask the Presiding Arbitrator to conduct an in-camera inspection of the same. With respect to documentary and other discovery produced in any MDR proceeding by BCBSA, the fact that a party's CEO or other senior officers may serve on the BCBSA Board of Directors, BCBSA Board Committees or other BCBSA work groups, task forces and the like, shall not be a basis for defeating an otherwise valid claim of attorney-client privilege or work product protection over such documentary or other discovery materials by BCBSA.
- ii. **Requests for Admissions**: Requests for Admissions may be served up to twenty-one (21) days prior to the discovery cut-off set by the Presiding Arbitrator. A party served with Requests For Admissions must respond within twenty (20) days of receipt of said request. The good faith use of and response to Requests for Admissions is encouraged, and the Panel shall have full discretion, with reference to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in awarding appropriate sanctions with respect to abuse of the procedure.

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- iii. **Depositions:** As a general rule, the parties will not be permitted to take party or non-party deposition testimony for discovery purposes. The Presiding Arbitrator, in his or her sole discretion, shall have the authority to permit a party to take such deposition testimony upon a showing of exceptional good cause. The parties will be permitted to take de bene esse deposition testimony to the fullest extent permitted by law of any witness who cannot be compelled to testify at the Arbitration Hearing. No deposition, for discovery purposes or otherwise, shall exceed three (3) hours, excluding objections and colloquy of counsel. Depositions may be recorded in any manner recognized by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the parties shall specify in each notice of deposition or request for permission to take deposition testimony the manner in which such deposition shall be recorded.
- iv. *Expert witness(es)*: If a party intends to present the testimony of an expert witness during the oral hearing, it shall provide all other parties with a written statement setting forth the information required to be provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) ten (10) days prior to the discovery cut-off set by the Presiding Arbitrator. If a party intends to present the testimony of a rebuttal expert witness during the Arbitration Hearing, it shall provide all other parties with a written statement setting forth the information required to be provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) within twenty (20) days after the date on which the written statement of the expert witness whose testimony is to be rebutted was produced.
- v. **Discovery cut-off**: The Presiding Arbitrator shall determine the date on which the discovery period will end, but the discovery period shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the Administrative Conference without the agreement of all parties.

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- vi. Additional discovery: Any additional discovery will be at the discretion of the Presiding Arbitrator.
- vii. *Discovery Disputes:* Any discovery disputes shall be raised by motion to the Presiding Arbitrator, who is authorized to resolve all such disputes, and whose resolution will be binding on the parties unless modified by the Arbitration Panel. Prior to raising any discovery dispute with the Presiding Arbitrator, the parties shall meet and confer, telephonically or in person, in an attempt to resolve or narrow the dispute. If a party refuses to comply with a decision resolving a discovery dispute, the Panel, in keeping with Fed. R. Civ. P. 37, may refuse to allow that party to support or oppose designated claims or defenses, prohibit that party from introducing designated matters into evidence or, in extreme cases, decide an issue submitted for resolution adversely to that party.
- viii. *Extensions:* The time for responding to discovery requests may be extended by the Presiding Arbitrator for good and sufficient cause shown. Any request for such an extension shall be made in writing.
- I. Panel Suggested Settlement/Mediation

At any point during the proceedings, the Panel at the request of any party or on its own initiative, may suggest that the parties explore settlement and that they do so at or before the conclusion of the Arbitration Hearing, and the Panel shall give such assistance in settlement negotiations as the parties may request and the Panel may deem appropriate. Alternatively, the Panel may direct the parties to endeavor to mediate their disputes as provided above, or to explore a mini-trial proceeding, or to have an independent party render a neutral evaluation of the parties' respective positions. The Panel shall enter such sanctions as it deems appropriate with respect to any party failing to pursue in good faith such Mediation or other alternate dispute resolution methods.

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J. Subpoenas on Third Parties

Pursuant to, and consistent with, the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 9 *et seq*., and subject to Paragraph 3.G (iii) above, a party may request the issuance of a subpoena on any third party, including but not limited to any third party Blue Plan or any officer, employee or director of a third party Blue Plan, to compel deposition testimony or the production of documents, and, if good and sufficient cause is shown, the Panel shall issue such a subpoena.

K. Arbitration Hearing

An Arbitration Hearing will be held within thirty (30) days after the Administrative Conference if no discovery is taken, or within thirty (30) days after the close of discovery, unless all parties and the Panel agree to extend the Arbitration Hearing date, or unless the parties agree in writing to waive the Arbitration Hearing. The parties may mutually agree on the location of the Arbitration Hearing. If the parties fail to agree, the Arbitration Hearing shall be held in Chicago, Illinois, or at such other location determined by the Presiding Arbitrator to be most convenient to the participants. The Panel will determine the date(s) and time(s) of the Arbitration Hearing(s) after consultation with all parties and shall provide reasonable notice thereof to all parties or their representatives.

L. Arbitration Hearing Memoranda

Twenty (20) days prior to the Arbitration Hearing, each party shall submit to the other party (or parties) and to the Panel an Arbitration Hearing Memorandum which sets forth the applicable law and any argument as to any relevant issue. The Arbitration Hearing Memorandum will supplement, and not repeat, the allegations, information and documents contained in or with the Complaint, Answer, Counterclaim and Reply, if any. Ten (10) days prior to the Arbitration Hearing, each party shall submit to each other party a list of all expert and fact witnesses (but not including rebuttal fact witness) that such party intends to have testify at the Arbitration Hearing and a brief summary of the testimony each such witness is expected to give. In addition, no later than five (5) days prior to the Arbitration, each party may submit to each other party and to the Panel a Response Arbitration Hearing Memorandum which sets forth any response to another party's Arbitration Hearing Memorandum.

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M. Notice For Testimony

Ten (10) days prior to the Arbitration Hearing, any party may serve a Notice on any other party (or parties) requesting the attendance at the Arbitration Hearing of any officer, employee or director of the other party (or parties) for the purpose of providing noncumulative testimony. If a party fails to produce one of its officers, employees or directors whose noncumulative testimony during the Arbitration Hearing is reasonably requested by an adverse party, the Panel may refuse to allow that party to support or oppose designated claims or defenses, prohibit that party from introducing designated matters into evidence or, in extreme cases, decide an issue submitted for mandatory dispute resolution adversely to that party; provided, however, that a party may refuse to produce a director to testify if, within two (2) days of receiving a notice requesting the attendance of such director at the Arbitration Hearing, the party agrees to make the director available for a de bene esse deposition at a mutually convenient time at any location within fifty (50) miles of the director's primary residence chosen by the party requesting the director's testimony. This Rule may not be used for the purpose of burdening or harassing any party, and the Presiding Arbitrator may impose such orders as are appropriate so as to prevent or remedy any such burden or harassment.

Pursuant to, and consistent with, the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 9 *et seq.*, twenty (20) days or more prior to the Arbitration Hearing, a party may request the issuance of a subpoena on any third party, including but not limited to any third party Blue Plan, BCBSA or any officer, employee or director of a third party Blue Plan or BCBSA for the purpose of providing noncumulative testimony at the Arbitration Hearing, and, if good and sufficient cause is shown, the Panel shall issue such a subpoena; provided however, that a director of a third party Blue Plan or BCBSA may refuse to testify if, within two (2) days of receiving a subpoena requesting the attendance of such director at the Arbitration Hearing, the director agrees to make him/herself available for a de bene esse deposition at a mutually convenient time at any location within fifty (50) miles of the director's primary residence chosen by the party requesting the director's testimony. Each Blue Plan agrees to waive, on its own behalf and on behalf of its directors and officers, any objection it otherwise might have to any such subpoena based on service, venue or extraterritoriality.

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N. <u>Arbitration Hearing Procedures</u>

- i. Attendance at Arbitration Hearing: Any person having a direct interest in the proceeding is entitled to attend the Arbitration Hearing. The Presiding Arbitrator shall otherwise have the power to require the exclusion of any witness, other than a party or other essential person, during the testimony of any other witness. It shall be discretionary with the Presiding Arbitrator to determine the propriety of the attendance of any other person.
- ii. **Confidentiality**: The Panel and all parties shall maintain the privacy of the Arbitration Proceeding. The parties and the Panel shall treat the Arbitration Hearing and any discovery or other proceedings or events related thereto, including any award resulting therefrom, as confidential except as otherwise necessary in connection with a judicial challenge to or enforcement of an award or unless otherwise required by law.
- iii. **Stenographic Record**: Any party, or if the parties do not object, the Panel, may request that a stenographic or other record be made of any Arbitration Hearing or portion thereof. The costs of the recording and/or of preparing the transcript shall be borne by the requesting party and by any party who receives a copy thereof. If the Panel requests a recording and/or a transcript, the costs thereof shall be borne equally by the parties.
- iv. *Oaths*: The Panel may require witnesses to testify under oath or affirmation administered by any duly qualified person and, if requested by any party, shall do so.
- v. **Order of Arbitration Hearing**: An Arbitration Hearing shall be opened by the recording of the date, time, and place of the Arbitration Hearing, and the presence of the Panel, the parties, and their representatives, if any. The Panel may, at the beginning of the Arbitration Hearing, ask for statements clarifying the issues involved.

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Unless otherwise agreed, the complaining party (or parties) shall then present evidence to support their claim(s). The respondent(s) shall then present evidence supporting their defenses and Counterclaims, if any. The complaining party (or parties) shall then present evidence supporting defenses to the Counterclaims, if any, and rebuttal.

Witnesses for each party shall submit to questions by adverse parties and/or the Panel.

The Panel has the discretion to vary these procedures, but shall afford a full and equal opportunity to all parties for the presentation of any material and relevant evidence.

vi. **Evidence**: The parties may offer such evidence as is relevant and material to the dispute and shall produce such evidence as the Panel may deem necessary to an understanding and resolution of the dispute. Unless good cause is shown, as determined by the Panel or agreed to by all other parties, no party shall be permitted to offer evidence at the Arbitration Hearing which was not disclosed prior to the Arbitration Hearing by that party. The Panel may receive and consider the evidence of witnesses by affidavit upon such terms as the Panel deems appropriate.

The Panel shall be the judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence offered, and conformity to legal rules of evidence, other than enforcement of the attorney-client privilege and the work product protection, shall not be necessary. The Federal Rules of Evidence shall be considered by the Panel in conducting the Arbitration Hearing but those rules shall not be controlling. All evidence shall be taken in the presence of the Panel and all of the parties, except where any party is in default or has waived the right to be present.

Settlement offers by any party in connection with Mediation or MDR proceedings, decisions or recommendations of the selected mediators, and a party's position papers or statements furnished to the selected mediators shall not be admissible evidence or considered by the Panel without the consent of all parties.

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vii. *Closing of Arbitration Hearing*: The Presiding Arbitrator shall specifically inquire of all parties whether they have any further proofs to offer or witnesses to be heard. Upon receiving negative replies or if he or she is satisfied that the record is complete, the Presiding Arbitrator shall declare the Arbitration Hearing closed with an appropriate notation made on the record. Subject to being reopened as provided below, the time within which the Panel is required to make the award shall commence to run, in the absence of contrary agreement by the parties, upon the closing of the Arbitration Hearing.

With respect to complex disputes, the Panel may, in its sole discretion, defer the closing of the Arbitration Hearing for a period of up to thirty (30) days after the presentation of proofs in order to permit the parties to submit post-hearing briefs and argument, as the Panel deems appropriate, prior to making an award.

For good cause, the Arbitration Hearing may be reopened for up to thirty (30) days on the Panel's initiative, or upon application of a party, at any time before the award is made

O. Awards

An Award must be in writing and shall be made promptly by the Panel and, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or specified by law, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of closing the Arbitration Hearing. If all parties so request, the Award shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Award, and all other rulings and determinations by the Panel, may be by a majority vote.

Parties shall accept as legal delivery of the Award the placing of the Award or a true copy thereof in the mail addressed to a party or its representative at its last known address or personal service of the Award on a party or its representative.

Awards are binding only on the parties to the Arbitration and are not binding on any non-parties to the Arbitration and may not be used or cited as precedent in any other proceeding.

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After the expiration of twenty (20) days from initial delivery, the Award (with corrections, if any) shall be final and binding on the parties, and the parties shall undertake to carry out the Award without delay.

Proceedings to confirm, modify or vacate an Award shall be conducted in conformity with and controlled by the Federal Arbitration Act. 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.

P. Return of Documents

Within sixty (60) days after the Award and the conclusion of any judicial proceedings with respect thereto, each party and the Panel shall return any documents produced by any other party, including all copies thereof. If a party receives a discovery request in any other proceeding which would require it to produce any documents produced to it by any other party in a proceeding hereunder, it shall not produce such documents without first notifying the producing party and giving said party reasonable time to respond, if appropriate, to the discovery request.

4. Miscellaneous

A. Expedited Procedures

Any party to a Mediation may direct a request for an expedited Mediation Hearing to the Chairman of the Mediation Committee, to the selected Mediators, and to all other parties at any time. The Chairman of the Mediation Committee, or at his or her direction, the then selected Mediators, shall grant any request which is supported by good and sufficient reasons. If such a request is granted, the Mediation shall be completed within as short a period as practicable, as determined by the Chairman of the Mediation Committee or, at his or her direction, the then selected Mediators.

Any party to an Arbitration may direct a request for expedited proceedings to the Administrator, to the Panel, and to all other parties at any time. The Administrator, or the Presiding Arbitrator if the Panel has been selected, shall grant any such request which is supported by good and sufficient reasons. If such a request is granted, the Arbitration shall be completed within as short a time as practicable, as determined by the Administrator and/or the Presiding Arbitrator.

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B. <u>Temporary or Preliminary Injunctive Relief</u>

Any party may seek temporary or preliminary injunctive relief with the filing of a Complaint or at any time thereafter. If such relief is sought prior to the time that an Arbitration Panel has been selected, then the Administrator shall select a single Arbitrator who is a lawyer who has no interest in the subject matter of the dispute, and no connection to any of the parties, to hear and determine the request for temporary or preliminary injunction. If such relief is sought after the time that an Arbitration Panel has been selected, then the Arbitration Panel will hear and determine the request. The request for temporary or preliminary injunctive relief will be determined with reference to the temporary or preliminary injunction standards set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 65.

C. <u>Defaults and Proceedings in the Absence of a Party</u>

Whenever a party fails to comply with the MDR Rules in a manner deemed material by the Panel, the Panel shall fix a reasonable time for compliance and, if the party does not comply within said period, the Panel may enter an Order of default or afford such other relief as it deems appropriate. Arbitration may proceed in the event of a default or in the absence of any party who, after due notice, fails to be present or fails to obtain an extension. An Award shall not be made solely on the default or absence of a party, but the Panel shall require the party who is present to submit such evidence as the Panel may require for the making of findings, determinations, conclusions, and Awards.

D. Notice

Each party shall be deemed to have consented that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of a proceeding under these rules or for any court action in connection therewith may be served on a party by mail addressed to the party or its representative at its last known address or by personal service, in or outside the state where the MDR proceeding is to be held.

The Corporate Secretary and the parties may also use facsimile transmission, telex, telegram, or other written forms of electronic communication to give the notices required by these rules.

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E. Expenses

The expenses of witnesses shall be paid by the party causing or requesting the appearance of such witnesses. All expenses of the MDR proceeding, including compensation, required travel and other reasonable expenses of the Panel, and the cost of any proof produced at the direct request of the Panel, shall be borne equally by the parties and shall be paid periodically on a timely basis, unless they agree otherwise or unless the Panel in the Award assesses such expenses, or any part thereof against any party (or parties). In exceptional cases, the Panel may award reasonable attorneys' fees as an item of expense, and the Panel shall promptly determine the amount of such fees based on affidavits or such other proofs as the Panel deems sufficient.

F. Disqualification or Disability of A Panel Member

In the event that any Arbitrator of a Panel with more than one Arbitrator should become disqualified, resign, die, or refuse or be unable to perform or discharge his or her duties after the commencement of MDR but prior to the rendition of an Award, and the parties are unable to agree upon a replacement, the remaining Panel member(s):

- i. shall designate a replacement, subject to the right of any party to challenge such replacement for cause.
- ii. shall decide the extent to which previously held hearings shall be repeated.

If the remaining Panel members consider the proceedings to have progressed to a stage as to make replacement impracticable, the parties may agree, as an alternative to the recommencement of the Mandatory Dispute Resolution process, to resolution of the dispute by the remaining Panel members.

In the event that a single Arbitrator should become disqualified, resign, die, or refuse or be unable to perform or discharge his or her duties after the commencement of MDR but prior to the rendition of an Award, and the parties are unable to agree upon a replacement, the Administrator shall appoint a successor, subject to the right of any party to challenge such successor for cause, and the successor shall decide the extent to which previously held proceedings shall be repeated.

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G. Extensions of Time

Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 3.H.(viii), any time limit set forth in these Rules may be extended upon agreement of the parties and approval of: (1) the Mediator if the proceeding is then in Mediation; (2) the Administrator if the proceeding is in Arbitration, but no Arbitration Panel has been selected; or (3) the Arbitration Panel, if the proceeding is in Arbitration and the Arbitration Panel has been selected.

H. Intervention

The Plans, their Controlled Affiliates, and BCBSA, to the extent subject to MMDR pursuant to their License Agreements, shall have the right to move to intervene in any pending Arbitration. A written motion for intervention shall be made to: (1) the Administrator, if the proceeding is in Arbitration, but no Arbitration Panel has been selected; or (2) the Arbitration Panel, if the proceeding is in Arbitration and the Arbitration Panel has been selected. The written motion for intervention shall be delivered to the BCBSA Corporate Secretary (which shall also constitute service on the BCBSA if it is a respondent) and to any Plan(s) and/or Controlled Affiliate(s) which are parties to the proceeding. Any party to the proceeding can submit written objections to the motion to intervene. The motion for intervention shall be granted upon good cause shown. Intervention also may be allowed by stipulation of the parties to the Arbitration proceeding. Intervention shall be allowed upon such terms as the Arbitration Panel decides.

I. BCBSA Assistance In Resolution of Disputes

The resources and personnel of the BCBSA may be requested by any member Plan at any time to try to resolve disputes with another Plan.

J. Neutral Evaluation

The parties can voluntarily agree at any time to have an independent party render a neutral evaluation of the parties' respective positions.

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K. Recovery of Attorney Fees and Expenses

i.Motions to Compel

Nothwithstanding any other provisions of these Rules, any Party subject to the License Agreements (for purposes of this Section K and all of its sub-sections only hereinafter referred to collectively and individually as a "Party") that initiates a court action or administrative proceeding solely to compel adherence to these Rules shall not be determined to have violated these Rules by initiating such action or proceeding.

iiRecovery of Fees, Expenses and Costs

The Arbitration Panel may, in its sole discretion, award a Party its reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs associated with a filing to compel adherence to these Rules and/or reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs incurred in responding to an action filed in violation of these Rules; provided, however, that neither fees, expenses, nor costs shall be awarded by the Arbitration Panel if the Party from which the award is sought can demonstrate to the Arbitration panel, in its sole discretion, that it did not violate these Rules or that it had reasonable grounds for believing that its action did not violate these Rules.

iiiRequests for Reimbursement

For purposes of this Section K, any Party may request reimbursement of fees, expenses and/or costs by submitting said request in writing to the Arbitration Panel at any time before an award is delivered pursuant to Paragraph 3.O above, with a copy to the Party from which reimbursement is sought, explaining why it is entitled to such reimbursement. The Party from which reimbursement is sought shall have twenty (20) days to submit a response to such request to the Arbitration Panel with a copy to the Party seeking reimbursement.

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Calculation of Time and Deadlines

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed under these rules, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. When the period of time prescribed is less than six (6) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. As used in this rule, "legal holiday" includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and any other day appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

Legal Name	State
American Imaging Management, Inc. (d/b/a AIM Specialty Health)	Illinois
AMERIGROUP Arizona, Inc.	Arizona
AMERIGROUP Community Care of New Mexico, Inc.	New Mexico
AMERIGROUP Corporation (d/b/a AMERIGROUP CORPORATION; AGP Corporation; AMGP; AMGP Corporation; AMGP Missouri, Inc.; Amerigroup)	Delaware
AMERIGROUP Florida, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	Florida
Amerigroup Insurance Company	Texas
Amerigroup Kansas, Inc.	Kansas
AMERIGROUP Louisiana, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care; Amerigroup Community Care)	Louisiana
AMERIGROUP Maryland, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	Maryland
AMERIGROUP Nevada, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	Nevada
AMERIGROUP New Jersey, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	New Jersey
AMERIGROUP New York, LLC (HealthPlus Amerigroup; HealthPlus, an Amerigroup Company; AMERIGROUP Community Care)	New York
AMERIGROUP Ohio, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	Ohio
AMERIGROUP Pennsylvania, Inc.	Pennsylvania
Amerigroup Services, Inc.	Virginia
AMERIGROUP Tennessee, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	Tennessee
AMERIGROUP Texas, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP Community Care)	Texas
AMERIGROUP Washington, Inc.	Washington
AMGP Georgia Managed Care Company, Inc. (d/b/a AMERIGROUP; AMERIGROUP Community Care; AMERIGROUP Georgia; AMGP Georgia)	Georgia
Anthem, Inc.	Indiana
Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company	California
Anthem Financial, Inc.	Delaware
Anthem Health Insurance Company of Nevada	Nevada
Anthem Health Plans of Kentucky, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Kentucky
Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Associated Hospital Service)	Maine
Anthem Health Plans of New Hampshire, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	New Hampshire
Anthem Health Plans of Virginia, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Virginia
Anthem Health Plans, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Connecticut
Anthem Holding Corp. (d/b/a Anthem Properties, Inc.)	Indiana
Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Indiana
Anthem Kentucky Managed Care Plan, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid)	Kentucky
Anthem Life & Disability Insurance Company	New York - DOI
Anthem Life Insurance Company	Indiana
Anthem Southeast, Inc.	Indiana
Anthem UM Services, Inc.	Indiana
Anthem Workers' Compensation, LLC	Indiana
Arcus Enterprises, Inc.	Delaware
ARCUS HealthyLiving Services, Inc.	Indiana
Associated Group, Inc.	Indiana

Legal Name	State
ATH Holding Company, LLC	Indiana
Better Health, Inc.	Florida
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Georgia
Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Plan of Georgia, Inc. (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Georgia
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Wisconsin
Blue Cross of California (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross)	California
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.(d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan)	California
CareMore Health Group, Inc.	Delaware
CareMore Health Plan	California
CareMore Health Plan of Arizona, Inc.	Arizona
CareMore Health Plan of Colorado, Inc.	Colorado
CareMore Health Plan of Georgia, Inc.	Georgia
CareMore Health Plan of Nevada	Nevada
CareMore Health Plan of Texas, Inc.	Texas
CareMore Health System	California
CareMore Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
CareMore IPA of New York, LLC	New York
CareMore Medical Management Company, a California Limited Partnership	California
CareMore Services Company, LLC	Indiana
CareMore, LLC	Indiana
Cerulean Companies, Inc.	Georgia
Claim Management Services, Inc.(d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Wisconsin
CMMC Holding Company, LLC	Delaware
Community Insurance Company (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Ohio
Compcare Health Services Insurance Corporation (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Wisconsin
Crossroads Acquisition Corp.	Delaware
DeCare Analytics, LLC	Minnesota
DeCare Dental Health International, LLC	Minnesota
DeCare Dental Insurance Ireland, Ltd.	Ireland
DeCare Dental Networks, LLC	Minnesota
DeCare Dental, LLC	Minnesota
DeCare Operations Ireland, Limited	Ireland
DeCare Systems Ireland, Limited	Ireland
Designated Agent Company, Inc. (d/b/a Access Insurance Agency, Inc.)	Kentucky
EHC Benefits Agency, Inc.	New York
Empire HealthChoice Assurance, Inc. (d/b/a Empire Blue Cross; Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield)	New York - DOI
Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. (d/b/a Empire Blue Cross HMO; Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO)	New York
Forty-Four Forty-Four Forest Park Redevelopment Corporation	Missouri
Golden West Health Plan, Inc.	California
Government Health Services, L.L.C.	Wisconsin
Greater Georgia Life Insurance Company (d/b/a Anthem Life)	Georgia
Health Core, Inc.	Delaware
Health Management Corporation (d/b/a LiveHealth Online; HMC of Virginia; Health Management of Virginia)	New York

Legal Name	State
Health Ventures Partner, L.L.C.	Illinois
HealthKeepers, Inc.	Virginia
HealthLink HMO, Inc. (d/b/a HealthLink HMO)	Missouri
HealthLink, Inc.	Illinois
Healthy Alliance Life Insurance Company (d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Missouri
HMO Colorado, Inc. (d/b/a HMO Colorado; HMO Nevada)	Colorado
HMO Missouri, Inc. (d/b/a Amerigroup Missouri; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Missouri
Imaging Management Holdings, LLC	Delaware
Imaging Providers of Texas	Texas
Matthew Thornton Health Plan, Inc.	New Hampshire
Meridian Resource Company, LLC	Wisconsin
National Government Services, Inc. (d/b/a NGS of Indiana)	Indiana
National Telehealth Network, LLC	Delaware
OneNation Insurance Company (d/b/a Anthem Alliance Health Insurance Company)	Indiana
Park Square Holdings, Inc.	California
Park Square I, Inc.	California
Park Square II, Inc.	California
PHP Holdings, Inc.	Florida
R & P Realty, Inc.	Missouri
Resolution Health, Inc.	Delaware
RightCHOICE Managed Care, Inc. (d/b/a RightCHOICE Benefit Administrators; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Delaware
Rocky Mountain Hospital and Medical Service, Inc.(d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	Colorado
SellCore, Inc. (d/b/a SellCore Insurance Services, Inc.)	Delaware
Simply Healthcare Holdings, Inc.	Florida
Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (d/b/a Clear Health Alliance)	Florida
Southeast Services, Inc.	Virginia
State Sponsored Business UM Services, Inc.	Indiana
The Anthem Companies of California, Inc.	California
The Anthem Companies, Inc.	Indiana
TrustSolutions, LLC	Wisconsin
UNICARE Health Plan of Kansas, Inc.	Kansas
UNICARE Health Plan of West Virginia, Inc.	West Virginia
UNICARE Health Plans of Texas, Inc.	Texas
UNICARE Illinois Services, Inc.	Illinois
UniCare Life & Health Insurance Company	Indiana
UNICARE National Services, Inc.	Delaware
UniCare Specialty Services, Inc.	Delaware
UtiliMED IPA, Inc.	New York
WellPoint Acquisition, LLC	Indiana
WellPoint Behavioral Health, Inc.	Delaware
WellPoint California Services, Inc.	Delaware
WellPoint Dental Services, Inc.	Delaware
WellPoint Holding Corp.	Delaware
WellPoint Information Technology Services, Inc.	California
WellPoint Insurance Services, Inc.	Hawaii

Legal Name	<u>State</u>
WellPoint Military Care Corporation	Indiana
WellPoint Partnership Plan, LLC	Illinois
WPMI (Shanghai) Enterprise Service Co., Ltd.	China
WPMI, LLC	Delaware

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

- Form S-8 No. 333-73516 and Form S-8 No. 333-110503 pertaining to the Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan;
- Form S-8 No. 333-84906 and Form S-8 No. 333-129334 pertaining to the Anthem 401(k) Plan;
- Form S-8 No. 333-159830 pertaining to the Anthem Incentive Compensation Plan;
- Form S-8 No. 333-156099 pertaining to the Anthem, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
- Form S-8 No. 333-185675 pertaining to the AMERIGROUP Corporation 2009 Equity Incentive Plan; and
- Form S-3 No. 333-200749 pertaining to the Anthem, Inc. automatic shelf registration

of our report dated February 24, 2015, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Anthem, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Anthem, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014.

/S/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP Indianapolis, Indiana February 24, 2015

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND RULE 15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT RULES, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Joseph R. Swedish, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K of Anthem, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our
 conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by
 this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 24, 2015

/s/ JOSEPH R. SWEDISH

Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND RULE 15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT RULES, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Wayne S. DeVeydt, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K of Anthem, Inc.;
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact
 necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with
 respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our
 conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by
 this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 24, 2015 /s/ WAYNE S. DEVEYDT

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Anthem, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Joseph R. Swedish, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ JOSEPH R. SWEDISH

Joseph R. Swedish Chief Executive Officer February 24, 2015

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Anthem, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Wayne S. DeVeydt, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ WAYNE S. DEVEYDT

Wayne S. DeVeydt Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer February 24, 2015