



**Commissioner Donna Lee H. Williams**

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**DELAWARE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER RESPONDS TO  
MARYLAND LEGISLATION**

**DOVER, DE – Insurance Commissioner Donna Lee H. Williams announced today that she has signed and served a Rule to Show Cause Why the Affiliation Between BCBSD, Inc. and CareFirst, Inc., Should Not Be Terminated. This is an Order that directs BCBSD and CareFirst to appear at a hearing to explain whether or not, in light of Maryland legislation, which became law today, the affiliation between the two companies begun March 20, 2000, should now be ended. Commissioner Williams' Order identifies certain conflicts between her Affiliation Order of three years ago and particular provisions of Maryland's recently enacted CareFirst "reform" law.**

**Commissioner Williams stated, "It is my obligation to assure both the financial well being of BCBSD and to do what is necessary to protect the present rights of Delaware citizens who are subscribers of a BCBSD health insurance plan."**

**Commissioner Williams explained that she will decide who will be the hearing officer, after which a public hearing will be scheduled and the parties will have an opportunity to address whether or not the current affiliation of BCBSD and Care First should continue.**

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