

**PUBLIC HEARING:
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware and Highmark Proposed Affiliation**

Highmark Inc. (“Highmark”), a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, has filed with Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart, pursuant to the Commissioner’s general regulatory authority under 18 *Del. C.* § 301 *et seq.*, a proposed plan to affiliate with BCBSD, Inc. (“BCBSD”), a Delaware nonprofit health service corporation. The Hearing Officer will hold a public hearing to consider the merits of the affiliation proposal as follows:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 6, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 7, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

**Delaware Department of Insurance
Hearing Room
841 Silver Lake Boulevard
Dover, DE 19904**

The purpose of the public hearing is to determine whether the Commissioner should approve the affiliation of BCBSD with Highmark. Any person, whether or not a party to the proceeding, may appear at the hearing and present testimony in aid of the inquiry; provided, however, that the Hearing Officer shall have the right to limit any testimony which the Hearing Officer determines is unduly repetitive, plainly irrelevant, immaterial, or privileged. The Hearing Officer has designated the final day of the public hearing, Friday, October 7, 2011, 9:00am, for members of the public to have the opportunity to comment orally on the proposed affiliation. Upon arrival at 9:00am on October 7, all persons wishing to comment must sign in.