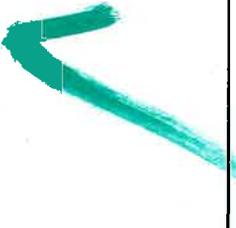


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January 22, 2008

Emma Forkner, Director
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Dear Director Forkner:

Please accept this as BlueChoice HealthPlan's Letter of Intent to participate as a Managed Care Organization in the separate, stand-alone plan being developed under the authority of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). As in the Medicaid Managed Care Program, BlueChoice HealthPlan will join with WellPoint Partnership Plan for delivery of the product.

We look forward to joining with the Department in the launching of this new program.

Sincerely,



Ann H. Weldon
Assistant Corporate Secretary
& Compliance Officer

CC: Jennifer Campbell