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**Some State Health Plan, Former BlueChoice HealthPlan HMO Members
May Have Been Affected by Anthem Inc., Data Breach**

Columbia, S.C. – February 25, 2015 – On Monday, February 23, 2015, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBSSC) informed the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) that some current and former State Health Plan members and former BlueChoice HealthPlan HMO members may have been affected by the Anthem Inc., data breach that was announced January 29, 2015.

Neither PEBA's nor BCBSSC's computer systems were breached. PEBA's commitment to data security remains constant and is always at the forefront of the agency's operations.

Anthem, an affiliate of the BlueCross BlueShield Association, provides services related to the system-wide BlueCard® program. In some cases, current and former State Health Plan members and former BlueChoice HealthPlan HMO members may have received medical care outside of the BCBSSC service area and in Anthem's service area. When members receive care outside of South Carolina, information is securely passed between the BCBSSC and the affiliate's systems to process claims.

Data that was breached includes information for members who received services as part of the BlueCard® program in one of the 14 states in which Anthem operates: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin. PEBA encourages current or former State Health Plan member or former BlueChoice HealthPlan HMO members who know they received health care provider services in one of the states listed above and believe they may have been impacted to read the information on Anthem's website at www.anthemfacts.com and www.anthemfacts.com/faq.

Federal law requires that affected members be notified by mail. Those letters will let affected members know about the breach and any free identify repair and credit monitoring services to be provided by Anthem.

PEBA is closely monitoring this situation and will provide updates as additional details become available. For now, more information about the breach may be found at www.anthemfacts.com and www.anthemfacts.com/faq.

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