

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION )  
OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN PHYSICIANS ) ORDER GRANTING A REQUEST  
HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND ) FOR A STAY  
HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL )  
& VIRTUA WEST JERSEY HOSPITAL SYSTEM)

THIS MATTER having been opened by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services (hereafter, "DHSS") in accordance with her authority at N.J.S.A. 26:1A-15, and N.J.S.A. 26:2J-1 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner issued an Order on February 7, 2001 ("OMC Order 2001-01") against Physicians Health Services, a/k/a PHS Health Plans, Inc., (hereafter, "PHS"), ordering PHS to pay a monetary penalty of \$15,000 by check or money order made payable to the State Treasurer of New Jersey no later than March 9, 2001 for certain violations set forth in OMC Order 2001-01, pursuant to Section 1 of OMC Order 2001-01;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of OMC Order 2001-01 provides that Sections 1 would not become effective until such time as a hearing regarding OMC Order 2001-01 was concluded and a final decision rendered by the Commissioner if PHS submitted a written request for a hearing and to Stay the Order on or before March 9, 2001;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has determined that granting a stay of Section 1 of OMC Order 2001-01 would not endanger the health, safety and welfare of PHS members; and

WHEREAS, PHS requested a hearing and a stay of Section 1 of OMC Order 2001-01 on February 28, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED on this 6th day of March 2001 that:

1. The effect of Section 1 of OMC Order 2001-01 shall be stayed until the conclusion of a hearing on the matter, and a final agency decision is rendered by the Commissioner; and

2. Section 1 OMC Order 2001-01 may be modified by the final agency decision.

For: CHRISTINE GRANT, COMMISSIONER  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND SENIOR SERVICES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARILYN DAHL  
SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

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DATE

*Effective March 6, 2001*