

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION )  
OF THE CONTRACTS BETWEEN ) ORDER RESCINDING A PRIOR  
HORIZON HEALTHCARE OF NJ, INC. AND ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
VIRTUA HEALTH SYSTEM AND SHORE )  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL )

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

WHEREAS, DHSS received notice by electronic mail from a representative of Horizon BlueCross BlueShield of New Jersey, Inc. ("BCBSNJ"), and Horizon Healthcare of NJ, Inc. ("Horizon"), on or about January 8, 2003 regarding the termination of the contract with Virtua Health System ("Virtua") and Shore Memorial Hospital ("Shore"), indicating that Virtua and Shore had each terminated participation with Horizon and BCBSNJ on or about December 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS, DHSS issued an order against Horizon assessing a monetary penalty and requiring other action to be taken by Horizon for failing to provide DHSS with appropriate notice in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:38-2.7 (OMC Order 2003-02, entitled In the Matter of the Termination of the Contracts between Horizon Healthcare of NJ, Inc., and Virtua Health System and Shore Memorial Hospital); and

WHEREAS, subsequent information obtained from Horizon indicates that the January 8, 2003 information was erroneous, and neither Virtua nor Shore terminated their contracts with Horizon on December 31, 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED on this 7th day of May, 2003 that OMC Order 2003-02 (In the Matter of the Termination of the Contracts between Horizon Healthcare of NJ, Inc., and Virtua Health System and Shore Memorial Hospital) is rescinded in its entirety.

Questions regarding this Order should be submitted to Marilyn Dahl, Senior Assistant Commissioner (609-984-3939), or Sylvia Allen-Ware (609-633-0660), Director of the Office of Managed Care.

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*/s/ Marilyn Dahl*