



STATE OF NEW YORK
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
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George E. Pataki
Governor

Gregory V. Serio
Superintendent

October 8, 2002

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In the Matter of the
Amended Plan of Conversion

Of

EMPIRE HEALTHCHOICE, INC.
D/B/A/
EMPIRE BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD

From a Not-For-Profit Article 43 Health Service Corporation
into a
For-Profit Accident and Health Insurance Company

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I, Gregory V. Serio, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, hereby certify that on October 8, 2002, I approved a plan to convert Empire HealthChoice, Inc. d/b/a Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield from a not-for-profit Article 43 Health Service Corporation into a for-profit Accident and Health Insurance Company, pursuant to the authority vested in the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York by Sections 4301 and 7317 of the Insurance Law.

A notice of Proposed Agency Action was published in the State Register on June 19, 2002, pursuant to the provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act.

Gregory V. Serio
Superintendent of Insurance