

August 27, 2003

**APPROVE SETTLEMENT RESOLVING REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENTS
TO BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

DESCRIPTION: Law Department attorneys are negotiating a settlement, subject to the Board's approval, with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois ("Blue Cross") regarding disputes regarding payment of insurance

relating to renal dialysis overpayments. The overpayments are the result of Blue Cross' failures to enforce the provisions of its discount arrangements with renal dialysis providers during the 1996-2000 time period.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.


AFFIRMATIVE

ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Credit Settlement Amount to Sundry Units, all Operating Funds, Sundry Programs, Hospitalization Insurance (Object 5680)

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer and the General Counsel to negotiate and execute a release agreement and any ancillary documents related thereto.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

Approved,

RUTH M. MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel