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August 22, 2025

Nancy Wohlhart, CEO
Blue Cross Community Health Plans

RE: BCBS HCI Late May 2025 IP Payment Sanction

Dear Ms. Wohlhart:

This letter serves as written notification to Blue Cross Community Health Plans (Blue Cross) of sanction pursuant to Section 7.16.2 of the Contract for Furnishing Health Services by a Managed Care Organization between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("Department") and Blue Cross.

Blue Cross failed to submit its May 2025 IP Payment, on or before July 25, 2025, as requested by the Department under the email title of "BCBS MCO ACCT MGR: May 2025 FY25 bills for MCOs IP Individual Provider". In addition, Blue Cross did not request an extension to the payment due date. As such, the Department is sanctioning Blue Cross \$5,000. Blue Cross is to issue an electronic payment to the Department, by either ACH or Wire Transfer, no later than Friday, September 19, 2025. The electronic payment shall include the following fields for payment identification and tracking purposes by the Department:

ORIG CO NAME: **Health Care Service Corp**
ORIG ID: **[REDACTED]**
ENTRY DESCR: this is to be left blank
ENTRY CLASS: **CCD**
TRACE NO: **Bank Information**
ENTRY DATE: **yymmdd**
IND ID NO: **Bank Information**
IND NAME: Health Care Service Corp
REMARK: **May 2025 IP Payment**
ORIG BANK: **Bank Name**

*The information highlighted in yellow is specific to the Department and payment detail requirements, and shall not be changed or modified by the MCO.

*The information in gray is the banking information.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact your HFS Account Management team Keshonna Lones at Keshonna.Lones@illinois.gov, or Stephanie Hunter at Stephanie.Hunter2@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administrator, Managed Care Performance
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cc: Courtney Boileau, Caitlin Hutchinson, Lilia Velazquez, Amy Roberts, Keshonna Lones, Rich Allen, Leigh Anne Ochs, Stephanie Hunter, Joe Merwin and Adam Lewis