

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
233 RICHMOND STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING BLUE CROSS PLAN 65
MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PREMIUM RATES**

Notice is hereby given that the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (“OHIC”) will accept **written public comment until Friday, October 5, 2007** regarding a filing for an increase in premium rates for individual Plan 65 Medicare Supplement subscribers submitted by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (“Blue Cross”) on August 10, 2007 (“the Filing”). The Filing proposes the following premium rate increases effective February 1, 2008: a 4.4% rate increase for Plan 65 Medigap Plan A, a 6.0% rate increase for Plan 65 Medigap Plans B and C, a 3.5% rate increase for Plan 65 Select B, a 9.0% rate increase for Plan 65 Select C, and a 1.7% rate increase for Plan 65 Select L. A copy of the Filing is available on the OHIC website (www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/healthinsurance) and may be reviewed at the OHIC offices, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call (401) 222-5424 in advance to schedule a time to review the Filing. In addition, copies of the Filing may be requested (copying charges may apply) by calling (401) 222-5424. The dollar amounts of the current and proposed rates may be viewed at Blue Cross’ Plan 65 website which may be accessed through www.bcsri.com. Alternatively, the rates may be obtained by calling the Blue Cross Customer Service Department at (401) 459-5000 or 1-800-639-2227.

All interested persons may submit their comments to OHIC regarding the proposed rate increases for Plan 65 subscribers in writing, either by delivering the same in person or by United States mail with postage prepaid to OHIC, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI 02903, attention John Aloysius Cogan Jr., Esq., or by e-mail to jcogan@ohic.ri.gov.

All written submissions must be received by OHIC no later than October 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Christopher F. Koller
Commissioner