

WHEREAS, The Insurance Commissioner found that CareFirst matched or exceeded other nonprofit and for-profit insurers on capital spending and that CareFirst has adequate capital to fund its capital investment needs; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Article — Insurance~~

~~14-102.~~

~~(A) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS:~~

~~(1) TO REGULATE THE FORMATION AND OPERATION OF NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS IN THE STATE; AND~~

~~(2) TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION AND EXISTENCE OF NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS IN THE STATE THAT:~~

~~(I) ARE COMMITTED TO A NONPROFIT CORPORATE STRUCTURE;~~

~~(II) SEEK TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER GROUPS WITH THE MOST AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HEALTH INSURANCE POSSIBLE; AND~~

~~(III) RECOGNIZE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE OVERALL HEALTH STATUS OF MARYLAND RESIDENTS.~~

~~(B) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AS PROVIDED BY LAW.~~

~~(C) THE MISSION OF A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL BE TO:~~

~~(1) PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE AT AFFORDABLE PRICES THROUGH EMPLOYER AND OTHER GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS;~~

~~(1) PROVIDE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HEALTH INSURANCE TO THE PLAN'S INSUREDS AND THOSE PERSONS INSURED OR ISSUED HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS BY AFFILIATES OR SUBSIDIARIES OF THE PLAN;~~

~~(2) ASSIST AND SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE; AND~~

~~(3) PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF A STATEWIDE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF ALL MARYLAND CITIZENS.~~

~~(D) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL:~~

~~(1) DEVELOP GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES FOR CARRYING OUT ITS STATUTORY MISSION;~~

~~(2) REPORT QUARTERLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2003 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2006 TO THE JOINT BLUE CROSS AND BLUESHIELD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ITS PERFORMANCE; AND~~