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Mr. Dwight Covaleskie
Probation Association of New Jersey
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Re: Horizon & American Specialty Health Network

Dear Mr. Covaleskie:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Banking and Insurance (the department) regarding the contract for a possible partnership between Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (BCBSNJ) and the American Specialty Health Network (ASHN), a licensed organized delivery system (ODS). We appreciate you bringing your concerns regarding this matter to our attention.

State regulation permits licensed organized delivery systems (ODSs) to handle the following responsibilities on behalf of an insurer: network management, credentialing, utilization management, continuous quality improvement, as well as, provider and member complaints. Once a contract is filed, the department reviews whether the ODS can effectively meet the obligations and standards outlined in the regulations. The department has 60 days from the date of receipt of a contract to approve or disapprove of the arrangement between an ODS and an insurer.

On August 16, 2019, the Department received a contract for its review regarding a possible partnership between Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and ASH for the Horizon BCBSNJ Chiropractic & Physical Medicine Services Program. The department reviewed it and, on October 11, 2019, disapproved the contract. Horizon and ASH may resubmit a new contract for the department's review.

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Thank you again for sharing your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Caride".

Marlene Caride
Commissioner

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via regular mail