STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMEN' OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

PREMERA BLUE CROSS (formerly Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska)

Order No. R00-04 **Granting Stay** Pursuant to AS 21.06.190

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On January 31, 2000, Premera Blue Cross submitted a timely demand for hearing under AS 21.06.190 on the director's Order of January 21, 2000. This order imposed retaliation under AS 21.09.270 for 1998 premium taxes, licenses, and fees and ordered Premera Blue Cross to pay a deficiency of \$925,592 within 30 days of the date of the order. Under AS 21.06.190, a demand for a hearing stays the effectiveness of the order pending the hearing and an order made thereon.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Order dated January 21, 2000 imposing retaliation and demanding payment of \$925,592 is stayed pending a hearing and entry of an order made thereon.
- 2. Pursuant to AS 21.06.180, the matter will be referred to a hearing officer for hearing unless the parties agree to postpone or otherwise stay this matter pending resolution of the civil action brought by Premera Blue Cross in Anchorage Superior Court, Case No. 3 AN-99-12217.

This order is effective February 11, 2000.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2000 at Anchorage, Alaska.

Robert A. Lohr

Director