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Top Hat Exemption  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Room N-1513  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20210

RE: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Supplemental Executive  
Retirement Plan No. 2

To Whom It May Concern:

This Top Hat Notice is filed with respect to the above-referenced pension plan maintained by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island to qualify for an alternative form of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974, as amended.

Very truly yours,

BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD  
OF RHODE ISLAND

By its attorneys

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Enclosure

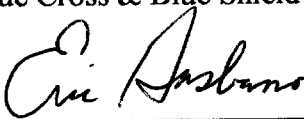
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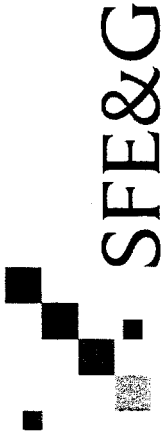
**BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF RHODE ISLAND  
TOP HAT PLAN EXEMPTION NOTICE**

1. Name and address of employer: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island,  
444 Westminster Street, Providence, R.I. 02903, Attention Eric Gasbarro
2. Employer Identification number; 05-0158952
3. Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island maintains the following two plans primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for select groups of management or highly compensated employees:
  - (a) Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan-9 participants.
  - (b) Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Supplemental Retirement Plan number 2-4 participants.

This information in the within statement filed with Secretary of Labor is current as of this 31st day of August, 2005

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island

By   
Eric Gasbarro, Vice President Human Resources



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