

# Hearings Announced on Conversion of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

*Pursuant to Title 6.5 of the Maryland State Government Article, the Insurance Commissioner will hold public hearings to determine if the conversion of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield to a for-profit entity is in the public interest.*

## Opportunities for Public Comment

The following are the dates and locations for Opportunities for Public Comment. CareFirst representatives will be on-hand to explain why the company wants to convert to for-profit status and be acquired by WellPoint Health Networks, Inc. Testimony at all Opportunities for Public Comment become part of the official hearing record and will be transcribed.

- \* All sessions will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. (except March 14 at UMBC)
- \* Citizens may come at any time during the four hours and sign-up to express their opinions about the proposed conversion and sale of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.
- \* Time limits may be imposed to accommodate everyone who wants to speak.
- \* Links have been provided to the websites of all locations for driving directions and parking information.
- \* A sign language interpreter will be provided at all locations.
- \* All locations are handicapped accessible.

**Monday, February 4**      5 to 9 p.m.      **Harford Community College**  
Chesapeake Center Theatre  
401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air  
410-836-4000

Directions and parking information at [www.harford.cc.us](http://www.harford.cc.us)

**Thursday, February 7**      5 to 9 p.m.      **Chesapeake College**  
Kent Humanities Bldg. 117  
Routes 50 and 213, Wye Mills  
410-822-5400

Directions and parking information at [www.chesapeake.edu](http://www.chesapeake.edu)

**Monday, February 11**      5 to 9 p.m.      **Montgomery College**  
Theatre Arts Arena  
51 Mannakee Street, Rockville  
301-279-5000

Directions and parking information at [www.mc.cc.md.us](http://www.mc.cc.md.us)

**Wednesday, February 13**      5 to 9 p.m.      **Hagerstown Community College**  
Classroom Bldg. 111, Parking lot L  
11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown  
301-790-2800

Directions and parking information at [www.hjc.cc.md.us](http://www.hjc.cc.md.us)

**Thursday, March 14** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **UMBC**  
University Center Ballroom  
1000 Hilltop Circle, Catonsville  
410-1000

Directions and parking information at [www.umbc.edu](http://www.umbc.edu)

A location and date for Prince George's County and Southern Maryland will be announced at a later date.

## **Hearing**

The first hearing involving testimony from CareFirst, WellPoint, experts and others involved in the conversion and acquisition will be held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in Catonsville, just outside of Baltimore City. All or part of the third day will be an Opportunity for Public Comment.

\* A link to the [UMBC website](#) is provided for driving directions and parking information.

\* Visitors are asked to park on the top level of Lot 10 on Administration Drive or in Lot 17 at Hilltop Circle and Poplar Avenue and take the shuttle bus (Wave N Ride) which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with lunch break from noon to 12:35 p.m.). Ask driver for exit nearest the University Center.

\* A sign language interpreter will be provided for all days of the hearing.

\* The University Center is handicapped accessible.

**Monday, March 11** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **University of Maryland Baltimore County**  
University Center Ballroom.  
1000 Hilltop Lane, Catonsville  
410-455-1000

**Wednesday, March 13** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **UMBC**

**Thursday, March 14** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **UMBC**

*Written comments on the application should be directed to:*

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Please include your name, address, telephone number and name of organization (if applicable) you represent in this matter.