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Nancy Wohlhart, VP, IL Medicaid Operations  
BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois  
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**RE: Notice of Sanction: \$50,000 Financial Penalty**

Dear Ms. Wohlhart:

This letter serves as notification to BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois (“BCBSIL”) of sanction pursuant to Section 7.16.6 of the Contract for Furnishing Health Services by a Managed Care Organization (“contract”) between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (“Department”) and BCBSIL:

**“7.16.6 Failure to submit Encounter Data.** The Department and Contractor acknowledge and agree that they will work in good faith to implement mutually agreed-upon system requirements resulting in the complete and comprehensive transfer and acceptance of Encounter Data, and that such mutual agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. Contractor shall submit complete and accurate data quarterly to the Department in accordance with the Illinois Medicaid Health Plan Encounter Utilization Monitoring (EUM) requirements document, as set forth in Attachment XXIII, for each evaluation period. If Contractor does not meet the standards by the evaluation date as set forth in Attachment XXIII, the Department, without further notice, may:

- 7.16.6.1 impose a monetary penalty of up to US \$100,000;
- 7.16.6.2 impose an enrollment hold on Contractor; or
- 7.16.6.3 impose both.”

BCBSIL’s score of 81.72% for the Transportation category was below the 85% threshold related to the \$50,000 Financial Penalty outlined in Attachment XXIII. The Department is hereby providing written notice that BCBSIL failed to meet the established expectation and is therefore fining BCBSIL in the amount of \$50,000. BCBSIL is to issue a check payable to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for \$50,000. In the memo section of the check, please indicate “Re EUM 2018 Eval 4”. Please send the check by 3/8/2019 to:

Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Bureau of Fiscal Operations, Attn: Matthew Duff  
2200 Churchill Road, Building A2  
Springfield, IL 62702

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Paul Stieber at 312-793-1045.

Sincerely,



Robert Mendonsa, Deputy Administrator  
Division of Medical Programs

cc: Amy Roberts, Donavon Patton, Eugenia Gonzalez, Laura Phelan, Matthew Duff & Paul Stieber