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Florence J. Sheppard
Acting Director
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Dear Acting Director Sheppard,

On October 5th, the Senate Commerce and Health Committees held a joint hearing to discuss the creation of the OMNIA Health Alliance announced by Horizon BCBSNJ. The new Tiered Network Plan for members, which will dramatically change the insurance plans offered by the largest insurer in New Jersey, and the manner in which they were announced, has caused a great deal of confusion and anxiety in consumers and members of the health care community.

Despite the release by Horizon of public relations documents related to the plan, far too many questions remain about how the alliance was developed and the impact the new plans will have on consumers and hospitals around the state. We have been and will continue to consult participating government agencies to ensure consumers are given a clear picture of the make-up of this new plan.

We request that you provide all documents and communications between your office and Horizon regarding the introduction and implementation of the OMNIA plan into the SHBP and SEHBP marketplace. This would include information regarding plan design, as well as the dialogue that took place to initiate the inclusion of a tiered network plan design as one of the plan options offered to government employees. We believe this information will give us a greater understanding of the plans and their role in the marketplace.

Given that the open enrollment period for the SHBP and SEHBP has already started, please provide Phil R. Gennace (pgennace@njleg.org), OLS Committee Aide, with all requested documents by the close of business on October 16th, 2015.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance as we work to understand this new plan and its potential impacts on health insurance in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nia H. Gill in black ink.

Senator Nia H. Gill
Chair, Senate Commerce Committee

Handwritten signature of Joseph F. Vitale in black ink.

Senator Joseph F. Vitale
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