

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ACQUISITION )  
OF CONTROL OF WELLCHOICE ) ORDER APPROVING  
INSURANCE OF NEW JERSEY, INC. BY ) ACQUISITION  
WELLPOINT, INC. AND WELLPOINT )  
HOLDING CORP. )

I have read the Hearing Officer's report dated December 28, 2005 regarding the above-captioned matter and I concur with the recommendation contained therein. Accordingly, I hereby approve the proposal of WellPoint, Inc. and WellPoint Holding Corp. to acquire control of WellChoice Insurance of New Jersey, Inc.

12/28/05  
Date

/s/ Donald Bryan  
Donald Bryan  
Acting Commissioner