Statement from Andrew Dreyfus, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts President & CEO, on Berkshire Medical Center Purchase of North Adams Regional Hospital

BOSTON — April 24, 2014 — Today's news of Berkshire Medical Center's agreement to purchase North Adams Regional Hospital, as well as reopen the emergency room within the next month is terrific for our members and the community. We are grateful to the leadership team at Berkshire Medical Center, led by David Phelps, for their commitment to ensuring that Blue Cross members affected by the North Adams Regional Hospital's closure have had continued access to excellent, high quality, patient-centered care, and we are proud to call them our partner.

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