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## **NAPIER ANNOUNCES STATE TREASURY NETS \$127.3 MILLION FROM SALE OF ANTHEM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD STOCK**

***Proceeds from Liquidation Exceed Governor's Projections by \$29.3 Million;  
State Received Shares from Company's Demutualization***

State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that the State Treasurer's Office has concluded the sale of stock received by the State of Connecticut as a result of the demutualization of Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, earning the State a total of \$127.3 million. The total proceeds exceed by \$29.3 million the \$98 million included in the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2003 budget for the sale of the Anthem stock.

The State received a total of 2,233,501 shares of Anthem stock earlier this year, which were provided to the Office of State Comptroller, the Department of Social Services and the Board of Education and Services for the Blind.

The shares sold at an average price of \$56.98 per share, which brought the State total proceeds of \$127.3 million. The initial public offering price at the time of demutualization on October 30, 2001 was \$36.00. The per share price on December 28, at the start of Anthem's large shareholder program which permitted the sale of Anthem stock, was \$47.57. The Treasury began the sale of Anthem stock in February 2002 – when the price was \$56.20 per share -- in accordance with the requirements of state law and a management plan developed by Nappier.

All the proceeds have been credited to a fiduciary agency fund established by the Office of State Comptroller and have been invested in the Treasury's Short-Term Investment Fund. The Treasurer said proceeds will remain in a separate fund "so that legal and policy issues can be resolved to determine how the proceeds from the sale of some or all of the stock should be distributed."

"The sale was conducted in a prudent and orderly manner, consistent with the provisions of state law," Nappier said. "The proceeds of the sale, \$127.3 million, represents a solid return given that the stock price was considerably lower at the time of demutualization."

The sale resulted in proceeds of \$93.8 million for the 1,645,773 shares provided to the Comptroller's Office, \$33.4 million for the 587,049 shares provided to Department of Social Services, and \$38,146 for the 679 shares provided to the Board of Education and Services for the Blind, as a result of a direct contractual relationship between the Board and Anthem. The liquidation of shares was completed on April 2, 2002.

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