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April 16, 2004

To Our Shareholders:

The Board of Directors joins me in extending to you a cordial invitation to attend the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Anthem, Inc. The meeting will be held at Anthem, Inc.'s principal executive offices at 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 11:00 a.m. Indianapolis time on Monday, May 17, 2004.

In addition to voting on the matters described in this Proxy Statement, we will review the Company's 2003 business results and discuss our plans for 2004 and beyond. There will be an opportunity to discuss matters of interest to you as a shareholder.

We hope many of our shareholders will find it convenient to be present at the meeting, and we look forward to greeting those personally able to attend. If you are unable to attend, it is still important that your shares be represented and voted. **THEREFORE, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU OWN, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND PROMPTLY RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED, OR YOU CAN VOTE THROUGH THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD.** No postage is necessary if the envelope is mailed in the United States. The prompt return of your proxy card will save the expense involved in further communications. Any shareholder attending the meeting may vote in person even if a proxy card has been returned.

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and are a registered shareholder, please bring the admission ticket attached to your proxy card. If your shares are registered in the name of a bank or your broker, please bring your bank or broker statement showing your beneficial ownership with you to the Annual Meeting.

We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting, and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

LARRY C. GLASSCOCK

Chairman of the Board, President and

Chief Executive Officer

ANTHEM, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD May 17, 2004

ANTHEM, INC.

120 Monument Circle

Indianapolis, IN 46204

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TIME AND DATE 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2004

PLACE Anthem, Inc.
120 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, IN 46204

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- (1) To elect four members of the Board of Directors for three-year terms.
- (2) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement.

RECORD DATE You can vote if you are a shareholder of record on March 19, 2004.

ANNUAL REPORT Our 2003 Summary Annual Report, which is not a part of the proxy solicitation material, and our Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is our Annual Report to Shareholders, are enclosed.

PROXY VOTING It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Meeting. You can vote your shares by completing and returning the proxy card sent to you. Most shareholders also have the options of voting their shares on the Internet or by telephone. If Internet or telephone voting is available to you, voting instructions are printed on your proxy card or included with your proxy

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materials. You can revoke a proxy at any time prior to its exercise at the Meeting by following the instructions in the accompanying Proxy Statement. **If you vote by telephone or on the Internet, you do not need to return your proxy card.**

By Order of the Board of Directors

Nancy L. Purcell

Secretary

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ANTHEM, INC.

120 Monument Circle

Indianapolis, IN 46204

PROXY STATEMENT

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

May 17, 2004

Purpose

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to shareholders on or about April 16, 2004 in connection with a solicitation by the Board of Directors of Anthem, Inc. (Anthem, the Company, we, us or our) of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and any adjournments or postponements, to be held at 11:00 a.m., Indianapolis time, Monday, May 17, 2004, at our principal executive offices at 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice. Shareholders will be admitted to the Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Record Date, Quorum and Vote Required

Record Date At the close of business on March 19, 2004, the record date for the Annual Meeting, there were 138,467,283 shares of Common Stock of the Company outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Quorum In order for business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting, a quorum must be present. A quorum will be present if 25% of the votes entitled to be cast on a matter are represented in person or by proxy.

Vote Required You will have one vote for each share held. Proposal 1, Election of Directors, will be determined by the vote of a plurality of the votes cast on such election. A proxy may indicate that all or a portion of the shares represented by such proxy are not being voted with respect to a specific proposal. This could occur, for example, when a broker is not permitted to vote shares held in street name on certain proposals in the absence of instructions from the beneficial owner. Shares that are not voted with respect to a specific proposal will be considered as not present and entitled to vote on such proposal, even though such shares will be considered present for purposes of determining a quorum and voting on other proposals. Abstentions on a specific proposal will be considered as present, but not as voting in favor of such proposal. As a result, with respect to Proposal 1, neither broker non-votes nor abstentions will affect the determination of whether the proposal will be approved.

Shareholders

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Shares of the Company Common Stock may be held directly in your own name or may be held through a stockbroker, bank or other nominee in street name. Summarized below are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially:

Shareholder of Record If your shares are registered directly in your name with the Company's transfer agent, Equiserve Trust Company, N. A., you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares and we are sending these proxy materials directly to you. As the shareholder of record, you have the right to vote in person at the Annual Meeting or to grant your voting proxy to the persons designated by us. We have enclosed a proxy card for you to use.

Beneficial Owner If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of the shares held in street name, and you have received these proxy materials from your broker, bank or other nominee who is considered the shareholder of record with respect to

the shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct the broker, bank or nominee on how to vote your shares and are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Your broker, bank or nominee is obligated to provide you with a voting instruction card for you to use. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you bring with you to the Annual Meeting a proxy, executed in your favor from the shareholder of record.

Employee Shareholder If you participate in the Anthem 401(k) Long Term Savings Investment Plan and you hold Company Common Stock in your account, you may give voting instructions to the plan Trustee as to the number of shares of Common Stock equivalent to the interest in the Company Common Stock credited to your account as of the most recent valuation date coincident with or preceding the record date. The Trustee will vote your shares in accordance with your instructions received by May 13, 2004 at 12:00 Noon EDT. If you do not send instructions, the Trustee will vote the number of shares equal to the share equivalents credited to your account in the same proportion that it votes shares for which it did receive timely instructions. You may also revoke previously given voting instructions by May 13, 2004 at 12:00 Noon EDT, by filing with the Trustee either written notice of revocation or a properly completed and signed proxy card bearing a later date. Your voting instructions will be kept confidential by the Trustee.

Voting

Whether you hold shares as a shareholder of record or as a beneficial owner you may vote before the Annual Meeting by granting a proxy or, for shares held in street name, by submitting voting instructions to your broker or nominee. Most shareholders will have a choice of voting through the Internet or by telephone or completing a proxy card or instruction form and returning it in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope. Please refer to the instructions below and on the accompanying proxy card or voting instruction card.

By Mail You may vote by mail by signing and dating your proxy card or voting instruction card provided by your broker, bank or nominee and mailing it in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope. If you provide specific voting instructions your shares will be voted as you instruct. **If you sign and date your proxy card, but do not provide instructions, your shares will be voted for the election of each of the Company's nominee directors listed on page 14 of this Proxy Statement.**

If you sign and date your voting instruction card with no further instructions, your shares will be voted as described on your broker voting instruction card.

By Internet You may vote by Internet by going to <http://www.eproxyvote.com/ath> and following the instructions. You will need to provide the number contained in the grey box on your proxy card or voting instruction card. If you want to vote through the Internet, you must do so before 11:59 p.m. (EDT), May 16, 2004. **If you vote on the Internet, you do not need to return your proxy card.**

By Telephone You may vote by touchtone telephone by calling (877) 779-8683. You will need to provide the number contained in the grey box on your proxy card or voting instruction card. If you want to vote by telephone, you must do so before 11:59 p.m. (EDT), May 16, 2004. **If you vote by telephone, you do not need to return your proxy card.**

Changing Your Vote

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You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to the Annual Meeting. If you execute more than one proxy, the proxy having the latest date will revoke any earlier proxy. If you attend the Annual Meeting you will be given the opportunity to revoke your proxy and vote in person.

Additional Matters

The Board has not received notice of, and knows of no matters, other than those described in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which are to be brought before the Annual Meeting. If other matters

properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy card to vote such proxy in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

Shareholder Proposals and Nominations for Next Year's Annual Meeting

In order to be considered at the 2005 Annual Meeting, shareholder proposals must comply with the advance notice and eligibility requirements contained in the Company's By-Laws.

Shareholder Proposal The By-Laws provide that for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must have the legal right and authority to make the proposal for consideration at the meeting and the shareholder must give timely written notice thereof to the Secretary of the Company. Such proposals also will need to comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations regarding the inclusion of shareholder proposals in the Company sponsored proxy materials if the shareholder would like the proposal to be so included.

Nomination of Candidate for Election as Director The By-Laws provide that a shareholder may nominate a person for election to the Company's Board of Directors, provided the shareholder is entitled to vote for the election of directors at the meeting and has given timely written notice of the nomination to the Secretary of the Company.

Timely Notice In order to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to the principal executive offices of the Company not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. In the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced by more than 30 days or delayed by more than 60 days from such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder must be delivered not earlier than the 120th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. The notice must contain specified information about each nominee or the proposed business and the shareholder making the nomination or proposal. The date by which shareholder proposals and nominations of candidates for elections as directors must be received by the Company for inclusion in proxy materials relating to the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders is December 18, 2004.

Copy of By-Law Provisions The specific requirements of these advance notice and eligibility provisions are set forth in Section 1.4 and Section 1.5 of the Company's By-Laws. You may contact the Corporate Secretary, Anthem, Inc., 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 for a copy of these relevant provisions of the Company's By-Laws.

Annual Meeting Admission

Either an admission ticket or proof of ownership of Company Stock, as well as a form of personal identification, must be presented in order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. If you are a shareholder of record, your admission ticket is attached to your proxy card. If you are a beneficial owner and your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you must bring a brokerage statement or other proof of ownership with you to the Annual Meeting, or you may request an admission ticket in advance by mailing a request, along with proof of your ownership of Company Stock, to Anthem Shareholders Services, 120 Monument Circle, Mail No. M3NF, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

No cameras, recording equipment, electronic devices, large bags, briefcases or packages will be permitted in the Annual Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DELIVERY OF SECURITY HOLDER DOCUMENTS

Householding Notice

The SEC has adopted rules that allow us to deliver a single annual report, proxy statement, proxy statement combined with a prospectus, or any information statement to any household at which two or more shareholders reside who share the same last name or whom we believe to be members of the same family. This procedure is referred to as householding.

If you share the same last name and address with one or more shareholders, from now on, unless we receive contrary instructions from you (or from one of these other shareholders), you and all other shareholders who have your last name and live at the same home address will receive only one copy of any of our Annual Report, Proxy Statement for our Annual Meeting of Shareholders, any proxy statement we file and deliver in connection with any other meeting of shareholders, any proxy statement combined with a prospectus or any information statement. We will include with the householded materials for our annual meetings, or any other shareholders meeting, a separate proxy card and Notice of Shareholders Meeting for each registered shareholder who shares your last name and lives at your home address.

If you object to householding or wish to revoke householding in the future, in order to receive individual copies of these documents, you may write or call our Corporate Secretary, Anthem, Inc., 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204 or telephone (800) 985-0999. You can call the same number or write to the same address if you participate in householding but wish to receive a separate copy of these documents or to request householding if shareholders are receiving multiple copies of the annual report, proxy statement or information statement. You may opt out of householding at any time prior to 30 days before the mailing of proxy materials each year, which you can measure by reference to the date 30 days before the mailing date of the proxy statement for the prior year's Annual Meeting of Shareholders. If you would like to opt out of householding for any other shareholders meeting that might be scheduled during a given calendar year, we will issue a press release notifying shareholders of the actual deadline for opting out of householding via either of the methods just described. If we do not hear from you, you will be deemed to have consented to the delivery of only one set of these documents to your household. We intend to household indefinitely, and your consent will be perpetual unless you revoke it. If you revoke your consent, we will begin sending you individual copies of these documents within 30 days after we receive your revocation notice.

Your participation in this program is encouraged. It will reduce the volume of duplicate information received at your household as well as the cost to us of preparing and mailing duplicate materials. You may wish to receive documents electronically. We have included below instructions for consenting to electronic delivery. If you consent to electronic delivery, we will not be householding so you need not call the phone number above to object to householding. In addition, we have been notified that certain intermediaries, i.e. brokers or banks, will household proxy materials. Beneficial shareholders can request information about householding from their banks, brokers or other holders of record.

Electronic Delivery of Proxy Materials

One of our main goals is to maximize shareholder value. In addition to aligning our businesses to focus on the unique issues and needs of our customers, we are harnessing technology to maximize cost savings. As an alternative to receiving printed copies of proxy materials in future years, we offer shareholders the opportunity to receive proxy mailings electronically. By consenting to electronic delivery of future annual reports and proxy statements, you will help us reduce printing and postage costs.

To take advantage of this offer, please indicate your consent by following the instructions provided as you vote by Internet or go to the website <http://www.eproxyvote.com/ath> and follow the prompts. You must have access to a computer and the Internet and expect to have access in the

future to be eligible. Selecting this option

means that you will no longer receive a printed copy of our annual report and proxy statement unless you request one.

Each year you will receive an email message with information regarding the Internet web site containing the annual report and proxy statement and the Internet web site to vote your proxy online. If the email is returned undeliverable, our transfer agent will mail the annual report and proxy statement to your address of record. If you consent to electronic delivery, you will be responsible for your usual telephone and Internet charges (e.g., online fees) in connection with the electronic delivery of the proxy materials and annual report.

Your consent will be effective until you revoke it. You may cancel your consent to electronic delivery at no cost to you at any time by written notification to our Corporate Secretary, Anthem, Inc., at 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204, or at the Internet site <http://www.eproxyconsent.com/ath>.

Cost of Solicitation

We will bear the cost of the solicitation of proxies and have engaged Georgeson Shareholder Communications, Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies. Georgeson will receive a fee of approximately \$5,500 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for this work. We also will reimburse banks, brokers or other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their expenses in forwarding the proxy materials to beneficial owners and seeking instruction with respect thereto. In addition, our directors, officers or other associates, without additional compensation, may solicit proxies from shareholders in person, or by telephone, facsimile transmission or other electronic means of communication.

GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY

We believe that the only results worth achieving are those achieved with integrity and a commitment to excellence.

Accordingly, we have long recognized the importance of and always placed a high priority upon having good corporate governance measures in place. We take great care to ensure that our measures align with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the rules promulgated by the SEC and the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

We believe it is important to disclose to you a summary of our major corporate governance practices. Many of these practices have been in place for several years and predate our conversion to a public company. Others were recently adopted in response to regulatory and legislative changes.

Among the practices we adhere to are the following:

We have adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are set forth in Appendix I and published on our website (www.anthem.com);

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We also have published on our website the charter of each standing committee of the Board;

A majority of our Board is comprised of independent directors;

Only independent directors serve on the Audit, Compensation and Governance Committees;

Non-employee directors meet in executive session without management present at almost every Board meeting;

We have designated a presiding independent director of the Board;

The lead partner of the Company's independent auditing firm is rotated at least every five years;

The Board, and each committee of the Board, has the authority to engage independent consultants and advisors at the Company's expense; and

The Company's board of directors, executive officers, associates and external business partners are governed by the Company's Standards of Business Conduct.

We will continue to assess and refine our corporate governance practices and share them with you.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

As reflected in our Governance Guidelines, our business, property and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board. Members of our Board are kept informed of our business through discussions with our Chairman and CEO and other officers, by reviewing materials provided to them, by visiting our offices and by participating in meetings of the Board and its committees.

As permitted by the rules of the NYSE, our Board has adopted categorical standards to assist it in making determinations of independence and whether or not a director has a material relationship with the Company. These standards are posted on our website at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab. Our Board has determined that each of the following directors meets these standards, has no material relationship with the Company, and is independent as defined by the NYSE listing standards: Susan B. Bayh, William B. Hart, Allan B. Hubbard, Victor S. Liss, L. Ben Lytle, William G. Mays, James W. McDowell, Jr., Donald W. Riegler, Jr., William J. Ryan, George A. Schaefer, Jr., John Sherman, Jr., Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr. and Jackie M. Ward.

During 2003, the Board held eleven meetings. At ten of the eleven meetings the Board met in executive session. During the period in 2003 for which he or she served as a director, no director attended fewer than 75% of the total meetings of the Board and each committee on which he or she served.

There are five standing committees of the Board. From time to time, the Board, in its discretion, may form other committees. The table below provides membership information for each of the Board committees as of December 31, 2003.

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>Audit Committee</u>	<u>Compensation Committee</u>	<u>Governance Committee</u>	<u>Planning Committee</u>
Lenox D. Baker, Jr., M.D.					X
Susan B. Bayh	X				X
Larry C. Glasscock	X				
William B. Hart		X			
Allan B. Hubbard	X			X	
Victor S. Liss	X	X			
L. Ben Lytle	X				X
William G. Mays			X	X	
James W. McDowell, Jr.			X	X	
Donald W. Riegler, Jr.			X		X
William J. Ryan	X		X		
George A. Schaefer, Jr.		X			
John Sherman, Jr.		X			
Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr.		X			
Jackie M. Ward			X	X	

Bold X Signifies Chairman of the Committee

Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

Set forth below are the primary responsibilities of each of the committees.

The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, assists the Board in its oversight of the Company's accounting, financial reporting and internal audit controls and procedures. In its oversight of the Company's financial statements and the independent audit thereof, the Committee is responsible for the selection, evaluation and, where deemed appropriate, replacement of the external auditors, and for the evaluation of the independence of the external auditors. The Committee is also responsible for the oversight of the Company's Compliance Program and Standards of Business Conduct. See Audit Committee Report.

A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is attached as Appendix II to this Proxy Statement and is available on the Company's website at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab.

The Audit Committee met seven times during 2003. At five of the seven meetings the Committee met separately with management, the senior vice president of internal audit and the independent auditors.

Members of the Audit Committee are: Victor S. Liss (Chairman), George A. Schaefer, Jr., William B. Hart, John Sherman, Jr. and Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr. The Board has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent as defined by the rules of the SEC and the NYSE listing standards. The Board has also determined that Mr. Liss is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the SEC's rules and all other members of the Audit Committee are financially literate as defined by the NYSE listing standards.

The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee assists the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's directors and executive officers, reviews and recommends to the Board the Company's overall compensation policy and oversees the Company's stock plans.

A copy of the Compensation Committee Charter is attached as Appendix III to this Proxy Statement and is available on the Company's website at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab.

The Compensation Committee met five times during 2003. At one of the five meetings the Committee met in executive session without management.

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Members of the Compensation Committee are: William J. Ryan (Chairman), William G. Mays, James W. McDowell, Jr. Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr., and Jackie M. Ward. The Board has determined that each of the members of the Compensation Committee is independent as defined by the NYSE listing standards.

The Governance Committee

The Governance Committee assists the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to Board composition and corporate governance by identifying and recommending individuals for nomination as members of the Board and developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles.

A current copy of the Governance Committee Charter is attached as Appendix IV to this Proxy Statement and is available on the Company's website at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab.

The Governance Committee met five times during 2003. At one of the five meetings the Committee met in executive session without management.

Members of the Governance Committee are: Allan B. Hubbard (Chairman), William G. Mays, James W. McDowell, Jr. and Jackie M. Ward. The Board has determined that each of the members of the Governance Committee is independent as defined by the NYSE listing standards.

Shareholder Nominees

The policy of the Governance Committee is to consider properly submitted shareholder nominations for candidates for membership on the Board as described below under Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors. In evaluating such nominations, the Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board and to address the membership criteria set forth under Director Qualifications. Any shareholder nominations proposed for consideration by the Governance Committee should include the nominee's name and qualifications for Board membership and should be addressed to Corporate Secretary, Anthem, Inc., 120 Monument Circle, Mail No. M3NF, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

For a description of the requirements regarding shareholder nominations and other proposals at annual meetings, see Shareholder Proposals and Nominations for Next Year's Annual Meeting on page 3.

Director Qualifications

The Governance Committee will look for candidates who possess qualifications that meet our strategic needs; possess high personal values, judgment and integrity; have an understanding of our business and the regulatory and policy environment in which we operate; and have diverse experiences in key business, financial and other challenges that face a publicly held health benefits company. In particular, the Governance Committee will look for candidates with special and diverse experience in areas such as management of public companies, entrepreneurial companies, and large companies, investment banking and banking industry experience, health care industry experience, public relations and mass marketing experience, accounting and audit experience, clinical health experience and technology and e-commerce experience. The candidates should be committed to enhancing shareholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties. Each director must represent the interests of all shareholders. The foregoing qualifications will be applied by the Governance Committee to all candidates for nominees, including candidates submitted by shareholders.

Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors

The Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Governance Committee regularly assesses the appropriate size of the Board, and whether any vacancies on the Board are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Governance Committee considers whether the vacancy should be filled and if so, various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Governance Committee through current Board members, professional search firms, shareholders or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Governance Committee, and may be considered at any point during the year. As described above, the Governance Committee considers properly submitted shareholder nominations for candidates for the Board. Following verification of the shareholder status of persons proposing candidates, recommendations are aggregated and considered by the Governance Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting, which is generally the first or second meeting prior to the issuance of the proxy statement for the Company's annual meeting. If any materials are provided by a shareholder in connection with the nomination of a director candidate, such materials are forwarded to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee may also review materials provided by professional search firms or other parties in connection with a nominee who is not proposed by a shareholder.

The Planning Committee

The Planning Committee reviews and monitors the Company's annual operating plan, recommends strategies to achieve the strategic plan, and reviews integration plans for mergers, acquisitions and other corporate transactions.

A current copy of the Planning Committee Charter is attached as Appendix V to this Proxy Statement and is available on the Company's website at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab.

The Planning Committee met two times during 2003.

Members of the Planning Committee are: Susan B. Bayh, (Chairman), Lenox D. Baker, Jr., M.D., L. Ben Lytle and Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

The Executive Committee

Between meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee has and may exercise the powers and authority of the full Board.

A copy of the Executive Committee Charter is attached as Appendix VI to this Proxy Statement and is available on the Company's website at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab.

The Executive Committee met three times during 2003. At all of the meetings the Executive Committee met in executive session without the Chief Executive Officer.

Members of the Executive Committee are: L. Ben Lytle (Presiding Director and Chairman), Larry C. Glasscock, Susan B. Bayh, Allan B. Hubbard, Victor S. Liss, and William J. Ryan.

Communications with the Board

Individuals may communicate with the Board by submitting an e-mail to the Company's Board at boardofdirectors@anthem.com. Communications that are intended specifically for non-management directors should be sent to the e-mail address above to the attention of the Presiding Director. Individuals may also communicate with the Board by submitting a letter to the Corporate Secretary, Anthem, Inc. 120 Monument Circle, Mail No. M3NF, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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In addition, individuals may communicate with the Chairman of the principal committees by submitting an email to:

Chairman of the Audit Committee: auditchair@anthem.com

Chairman of the Compensation Committee: compensationchair@anthem.com

Chairman of the Governance Committee: governancechair@anthem.com

The process for collecting and organizing security holder communications, as well as similar or related activities, has been approved by a majority of the independent directors.

Board Attendance at Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The policy of the Company is that Board members attend each annual meeting of Shareholders. All members of the Board attended the 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

COMPENSATION OF NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS
2003 Compensation Received by Non-Employee Directors¹

Directors	Annual Board/ Committee Retainer (\$)	Board Meeting Fees (\$)	Committee Meeting Fees (\$)	Total Cash Compensation (\$)	Stock Received ² (#)	Securities Underlying Options (#)
Lenox D. Baker, Jr., M.D.	\$ 20,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 41,810	285	5,000
Susan B. Bayh	\$ 25,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 50,410	285	5,000
William B. Hart	\$ 20,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,900	\$ 45,110	285	5,000
Allan B. Hubbard	\$ 25,210	\$ 17,700	\$ 10,800	\$ 53,710	285	5,000
Victor S. Liss	\$ 30,710	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,250	\$ 69,638 ³	285	5,000
L. Ben Lytle	\$ 96,580 ⁴	\$ 18,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 124,180	1,107	5,000
William G. Mays	\$ 23,210	\$ 16,500	\$ 9,600	\$ 49,310	285	5,000
James W. McDowell, Jr.	\$ 23,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 13,200	\$ 54,410	285	5,000
Donald W. Riegler, Jr.	\$ 18,210	\$ 16,200	\$ 9,720	\$ 48,981 ⁵	285	5,000
William J. Ryan	\$ 25,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 52,810	285	5,000
George A. Schaefer, Jr.	\$ 20,210	\$ 16,500	\$ 11,700	\$ 48,810	285	5,000
John Sherman, Jr.	\$ 20,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,900	\$ 51,110	285	5,000
Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr.	\$ 20,210	\$ 16,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 81,329 ⁶	285	5,000
Jackie M. Ward	\$ 20,210	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 50,210	285	5,000

¹ Employee directors are not paid a fee for their service as a director.

² One-half of the annual retainer fees are paid in the Company's Common Stock. Non-Employee Directors may also elect to receive all or a part of their other fees, including their remaining retainer, in the Company's Common Stock.

³ Excludes \$17,250 deferred pursuant to the Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan but does include \$21,678 paid to Mr. Liss pursuant to the Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

⁴ The annual retainer fee for the Presiding Director is \$140,000.

⁵ Excludes \$4,851 deferred pursuant to the Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

⁶ Includes \$34,118 paid to Mr. Sullivan pursuant to the Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

The compensation of our Non-Employee Directors is paid in the form of an annual retainer, meeting and chair fees and stock-based awards. Each Non-Employee Director receives:

an annual retainer fee of \$40,000 (one-half in cash and one-half in Company Common Stock), paid in equal quarterly installments;

a meeting fee of \$1,500 for attendance at each Board meeting;

a meeting fee of \$1,500 for attendance at each Audit Committee meeting;

a meeting fee of \$1,200 for attendance at each other standing or special committee meeting;

an additional annual retainer of \$7,500 for the chairperson of the Audit Committee; and

an additional annual retainer \$5,000 for each chairperson of the other standing committees.

Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan

Cash fees paid to directors may be deferred under the Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, which provides a method of deferring payment until a date selected by the director. Cash fees deferred accrue interest at the same rate as in effect from time to time under the Deferred Compensation Plan for employees. Fees paid to directors in Company Common Stock may also be deferred under the Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, which provides a method of deferring payment until a date selected by the director.

Board of Directors Equity Compensation and Stock Ownership Guidelines

In addition, the Board approved an annual grant of non-qualified stock options to purchase shares of Common Stock, with the exercise price to be equal to the fair market value of a share of stock on the date of grant, beginning in 2003, to each Non-Employee Director of 5,000 shares, and grants to new Non-Employee Directors upon their election to the Board, of an option for 10,000 shares, all of which options vest in three equal annual installments. Each director has an obligation to own three times the annual retainer fee in Company Common Stock at the end of a five year period commencing on the later of the date such director joined the Board or May 3, 2002.

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF
CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth as of January 31, 2004, the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company beneficially owned by each of the Company's directors, by each of the Company's CEO and the Company's four other most highly compensated executive officers, based on salary and bonus earned during 2003 (the Named Executive Officers), and by all directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated below, each individual owns such shares of Common Stock directly with sole investment and sole voting power.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of Shares Beneficially Owned</u>	<u>Percent of Class (if more than 1%)</u>	<u>Number of Shares Supplementally Owned¹</u>	<u>Percent of Class (if more than 1%)</u>
Larry C. Glasscock	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	82,259 ²	*	45,000	*
Lenox D. Baker, Jr.	Director	70,739 ³	*		*
Susan B. Bayh	Director	5,504 ⁴	*		*
William B. Hart	Director	5,439 ⁴	*	65	*
Allan B. Hubbard	Director	5,504 ⁴	*		*
Victor S. Liss	Director	5,439 ⁴	*	65	*
L. Ben Lytle	Presiding Director	15,123 ⁵	*		*
William G. Mays	Director	5,539 ⁴	*	65	*
James W. McDowell, Jr.	Director	6,104 ⁴	*		*
Senator Donald W. Riegler, Jr.	Director	5,539 ⁴	*	65	*
William J. Ryan	Director	6,504 ⁴	*		*
George A. Schaefer, Jr.	Director	5,504 ⁴	*		*
John Sherman, Jr.	Director	30,501 ⁶	*	65	*
Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr.	Director	6,372 ⁴	*	32	*
Jackie M. Ward	Director	29,151 ⁷	*	65	*
David R. Frick	Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer	22,468 ⁸	*	12,300	*
Michael L. Smith	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer	19,895 ⁹	*	12,300	*
Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	President, Anthem Southeast	525,290 ¹⁰	*		*
Keith R. Faller	President, Anthem Midwest	19,280 ¹¹	*	12,000	*
All current directors and executive officers as a group (26 persons)		932,208 ¹²	*		*

* Less than 1%

¹ For Named Executive Officers this number represents awards of restricted stock made in 2002. The restricted shares were awarded at \$71.86 per share, the closing price on May 3, 2002. One-half of the restricted shares vest on December 31, 2004 and 2005 respectively. The Named Executive Officers have voting but not investment power over the shares of restricted stock shown as supplementally owned by them. For directors this number represents annual retainer paid in shares of Company Common Stock deferred by the director pursuant to the Anthem Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. The directors do not have voting or investment power over the shares of Company Common Stock deferred.

- 2 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 66,666 shares of Company Common Stock.
- 3 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 33,667 shares of Company Common Stock
- 4 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 5,000 shares of Company Common Stock.
- 5 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 8,333 shares of Company Common Stock.
- 6 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 26,091 shares of Company Common Stock.
- 7 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 18,504 shares of Company Common Stock.
- 8 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 16,666 shares of Company Common Stock.
- 9 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 16,666 shares of Company Common Stock and 1,029 shares held in Mr. Smith's 401(k) plan account.
- 10 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 485,826 shares of Company Common Stock (resulting from the conversion of options to purchase Trigon Healthcare, Inc. shares of common stock at the time of the acquisition of Trigon by the Company) and 7,857 shares held in Mr. Snead's 401(k) plan account.
- 11 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 13,333 shares of Company Common Stock and 1,578 shares held in Mr. Faller's 401(k) plan account.
- 12 Includes currently exercisable options to purchase 788,092 shares of Company Common Stock.

Under the Indiana demutualization law, for a period of five years following the effective date of the Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. (Anthem Insurance) demutualization, no person may acquire beneficial ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock without the prior approval of the Indiana Insurance Commissioner and the Board. The effective date of Anthem Insurance's demutualization was November 2, 2001. The Indiana Insurance Commissioner has adopted rules under which, during this five year period, passive institutional investors could purchase 5% or more but less than 10% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock with the prior approval of the Board and prior notice to the Indiana Insurance Commissioner. However, as of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Company is not aware that any shareholder beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board currently consists of fifteen directors divided into three classes containing five directors each. The term of one class of directors expires each year. Generally, each director serves until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in the year that is three years after such director's election and until such director's successor is elected and has qualified.

Four directors are to be elected at the meeting because one director is retiring, each to hold office for a term to expire at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. It is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy to vote such proxy for the election to the Board of Directors of Victor S. Liss, James W. McDowell, Jr., George A. Schaefer, Jr., and Jackie M. Ward. Each of the nominees for director is presently a director, has consented to being named as a nominee in this Proxy Statement and has indicated a willingness to serve if elected. However, if any such person is unable or unwilling to accept nomination or election, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy to nominate such other person as director as they may in their discretion determine, in which event the shares will be voted for such other person.

Vote Required

Election of directors will be determined by the vote of a plurality of the votes cast on such election.

Recommendation

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR RE-ELECTION AS DIRECTORS OF VICTOR S. LISS, JAMES W. MCDOWELL, JR., GEORGE A. SCHAEFER, JR., AND JACKIE M. WARD.

Unless otherwise indicated below, the principal occupation of each director or nominee has been the same for the last five years. There is no family relationship between any of the directors or executive officers of the Company.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

Three-year term to expire at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Victor S. Liss, age 67, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1997 to May 2003. He was Chief Executive Officer of Trans-Lux Corporation (electronics) from 1993 until his retirement in April 2002. Mr. Liss continues to serve as Vice Chairman and a director of Trans-Lux Corporation and is a director of Honey Hill Care Center (nursing care facility), an advisory board member of Sacred Heart University and is a trustee of Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut.

James W. McDowell, Jr., age 62, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1993 to May 2003. He founded McDowell & Associates (business management consulting) in 1992 after serving as Chief Executive Officer of Dairymen, Inc. from 1980 to 1992. Mr. McDowell is a director of Fifth Third Bank, Kentucky, Navigator Telecommunications and Starsat (telecommunications) and also serves as Chairman of Heusen Hearing Institute. Mr. McDowell was Chairman of the Board of the former Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kentucky.

George A. Schaefer, Jr., age 58, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1995 to May 2003. He has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Fifth Third Bancorp since 1990. Mr. Schaefer is a director of Fifth Third Bancorp, Kenton County Airport and Ashland, Inc. (petroleum and chemical business) and is a trustee of the Board of the University of Cincinnati and the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jackie M. Ward, age 65, has been a director of the Company since 2002 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 2002 to May 2003. Ms. Ward had served on the former Trigon Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors from 1993 until its merger with the Company in July 2002. She was a founder and served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Atlanta-based Computer Generation Incorporated (CGI) from 1970 to 2000. Since December 2000, Ms. Ward has served as outside managing director of Intec Telecom Systems, which purchased CGI. Ms. Ward is a director of Bank of America Corporation, Sanmina SCI Corporation (manufacturer of electric components), Equifax, Inc. (information management), PRG-Schultz International, Inc. (recovery auditing and process improvement services), Flowers Foods, Inc. (distribution) and SYSCO Corporation (distribution).

DIRECTORS CONTINUING IN OFFICE

Term expiring at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2005

Allan B. Hubbard, age 56, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1999 to May 2003. He has been President of E&A Industries (management company for various manufacturing companies) since 1993. From 1991 to 1992, Mr. Hubbard served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States. Mr. Hubbard is a director of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Indiana Manufacturers Association, CHOICE Charitable Trust (educational assistance program), Medical Savings Insurance Company, Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Foundation for Better Health and Park Tudor School.

William G. Mays, age 58, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1993 to May 2003. He has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Mays Chemical

Company, Inc. (chemical distribution) since 1980. Mr. Mays is a director of Vectren Corporation (gas and electric utility), First Indiana Corporation (bank holding company), United Way of Central Indiana, the Indianapolis Art Museum, the Indiana University Foundation and the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr., age 66, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1999 to May 2003. In April 2001, he joined APCO Worldwide as Chairman of APCO Government Affairs. From 1995 to 2001, he was Deputy Chairman of Shandwick International (global communications). He served in the U.S. Senate from 1976 through 1994 and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967 through 1975. Mr. Riegle is a director of Rx Optical (eye care and visual products), Tri-Union Development Corporation (oil and gas development company) and Stillwater Mining Company (mining company).

William J. Ryan, age 60, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 2000 to May 2003. He has served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Banknorth Group, Inc. since 1990. Mr. Ryan is a director Central Maine Power (utility company) and Maine Machine Products (manufacturing company) and a member of the board of advisors of the University of New England. Mr. Ryan is also a trustee of Colby College, Portland Museum of Art and the Libra Foundation. He served as Chairman of the Board of the former Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maine.

John Sherman, Jr., age 58, has been a director of the Company since 2002 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 2002 to May 2003. Mr. Sherman had served on the former Trigon Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors from 2000 until its merger with the Company in July 2002. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. (investment banking) from January 1996 to August 2002. Mr. Sherman is the Vice Chairman and director of Scott & Stringfellow and a director of Albemarle Corporation.

Term expiring at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2006

Lenox D. Baker, Jr., M.D., age 62, has been a director of the Company since 2002 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 2002 to May 2003. Dr. Baker had served on the former Trigon Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors from 1985 until its merger with the Company in July 2002. He is a cardiac and thoracic surgeon, and has been President of the Mid-Atlantic Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Ltd., since 1979. Dr. Baker is a trustee of Johns Hopkins University and a member of the Board of Trustees of Johns Hopkins Medicine (which includes Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System), as well as serving on the Board of Trustees of Episcopal High School and Hermitage Foundation Museum.

Susan B. Bayh, age 44, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1998 to May 2003. Mrs. Bayh has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Business Administration at Butler University since 1994. She was a member of the International Joint Commission between the United States and Canada from 1994 to 2001. Mrs. Bayh is a director of Dendreon Corporation (biotechnology), Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (biotechnology), Curis, Inc. (biomedical), Emmis Communications Corporation (telecommunications), Golden State Foods (distributor), Dyax Corporation (biopharmaceutical company) and ebank (internet banking). Mrs. Bayh is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Butler University.

Larry C. Glasscock, age 55, has served as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company since 2001 and as President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of Anthem Insurance since 1999. He joined Anthem Insurance in April 1998 as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He was named President and Chief Operating Officer in April 1999 and succeeded L. Ben Lytle as Chief Executive Officer upon Mr. Lytle's retirement in October 1999. In May 2003 he became the Chairman of the Board of the Company. Prior to joining Anthem Insurance, Mr. Glasscock served as Chief Operating Officer of CareFirst, Inc. from January 1998 to April 1998. Mr. Glasscock was President and Chief Executive Officer of

Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., which did business as Blue Cross Blue Shield of the National Capital Area, from 1993 to January 1998 and oversaw its affiliation with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maryland. Prior to moving to the health insurance industry, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer and a director of First American Bank, N.A. (Washington, DC) from 1991 until 1993 when the bank was sold. During 1991, Mr. Glasscock was President and Chief Executive Officer of Essex Holdings, Inc. (an Ohio-based capital investment firm). He also held various executive positions during his twenty-year tenure with Ameritrust Corporation, a Cleveland, Ohio bank holding company. Mr. Glasscock is a director of Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (orthopaedic industry).

William B. Hart, age 60, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 2000 to May 2003. He was President of The Dunfee Group (capital consulting firm) from 1986 to 1998. Since 1999, he has been Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (philanthropic organization) and Mr. Hart is Treasurer of the American Academy in Rome (philanthropic foundation). Mr. Hart served as Chairman of the Board of the former Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Hampshire.

L. Ben Lytle, age 57, has been a director since 2001 and was the Chairman of the Board of the Company from 2001 to May 2003 at which time he became Chairman Emeritus and Presiding Director. He was a director of Anthem Insurance from 1987 to May 2003 and Chairman of the Board of Anthem Insurance from 1997 to May 2003. Mr. Lytle served as President of Anthem Insurance from March 1989 to April 1999 and as Chief Executive Officer of Anthem Insurance from March 1989 to October 1999, when he retired. He is an Executive-in-Residence at the University of Arizona School of Business, Adjunct Fellow and trustee of the American Enterprise Institute. Mr. Lytle is a director of Duke Realty Corporation (real estate investment firm), USI, Inc. (insurance broker), Healthx.com (privately held company providing internet services to small insurance companies) and Monaco Coach Corporation (manufacturer of motor coaches and recreational vehicles).

DIRECTOR RETIRING FROM OFFICE

Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr., age 72, has been a director of the Company since 2001 and a director of Anthem Insurance from 1995 to May 2003. He is an Executive Counselor for Dan Pinger Public Relations, a position he also held from April 1993 to September 2000. Mr. Sullivan served as interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Gaylord Entertainment Company from September 2000 to May 2001. He is a director of International Technegroup, Incorporated (technologies for concurrent product/manufacturing process development).

Under the Company's current governance guidelines regarding retirement age, a director may not stand for re-election if he or she has attained the age of 70 prior to the annual meeting of shareholders at which he or she is nominated for election as a director. A director who attains the age of 70 during his or her term may continue as a director until his or her term ends. Mr. Sullivan attained the age of 70 during his term as a director and will continue as a director until his term ends at the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Pursuant to the governance guidelines he will not stand for reelection and effective upon his retirement the size of the Board of Directors will be reduced by one to a total of fourteen.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The firm of Ernst & Young LLP served as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. A representative of Ernst & Young LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will be given an opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires and is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions. Ernst & Young LLP will serve as the Company's auditor through the closing of the pending merger with Wellpoint Health Networks Inc. In light of the pending merger with Wellpoint, the Audit Committee plans to select an independent auditor for the Company after the closing of the transaction.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FEES

Audit Fees

Fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of the consolidated financial statements of Anthem, Inc., review of quarterly financial statements, insurance statutory audits, and review of registration statements and periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other accounting and reporting consultation were \$2,970,533 and \$2,710,098 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Audit-Related Fees

Fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP for employee benefit plan audits, due diligence related to the WellPoint Health Networks Inc. and Trigon Healthcare, Inc. mergers and other audit-related services were \$942,120 and \$372,240 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Tax Fees

Fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, including consultation regarding the Trigon Healthcare, Inc. merger were \$150,492 and \$427,527 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

All Other Fees

Fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP for business continuity planning and agreed upon procedures in connection with the Company's compliance with certain agreements with the United States government were \$52,048 and \$182,012 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

All services performed by Ernst & Young LLP and identified under Audit Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees were approved by the Audit Committee and/or subsequent to adoption were approved pursuant to the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy. The Audit Committee did not approve any services pursuant to the de minimis exception set forth in 17 CFR 210.2-01(c)(2)(i)(C).

AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICY

The Audit Committee of the Board has adopted a policy concerning the pre-approval of audit and non-audit services (the Policy). Pursuant to the Policy, unless a type of service to be provided by the independent auditor has received a general pre-approval in connection with the audit engagement letter or related fees are less than \$50,000, such service requires a specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. In addition, the Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval to the Chairman of the Audit Committee for engagements of up to \$500,000. The Chairman must report any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at the next scheduled quarterly meeting of the Audit Committee. Procedures have been established which require all requests for pre-approval to be submitted to the Audit Committee or Chairman by both the independent

auditor and the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Controller or other designated officer.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee of the Board is composed of five independent directors as that term is defined by the NYSE listing standards and SEC rules. The Board has determined that Mr. Liss is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the SEC's rules. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board which details the responsibilities of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee reviews the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. The Company's management is responsible for the Company's financial statements and reporting process, including the system of internal controls, and has represented to the Audit Committee that the Company's consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The independent auditors are responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements and expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited consolidated financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements with the Company's management and the independent auditors. This review included a discussion of the quality and acceptability of the Company's financial reporting and controls, including the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements. The Audit Committee discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees), the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related SEC and NYSE rules. In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the auditors' independence from the Company and its management, including the matters in the written disclosures which were received by the Audit Committee from the independent auditors as required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees).

The Audit Committee further discussed with the Company's internal auditors and independent auditors the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Audit Committee meets periodically with the internal auditors and independent auditors, with and without management present to discuss the results of their audits, their evaluations of the Company's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the inclusion of the audited consolidated financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee

Victor S. Liss, Chairman

William B. Hart

George A. Schaefer, Jr.

John Sherman, Jr.

Dennis J. Sullivan, Jr.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
Larry C. Glasscock	55	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors
David R. Frick	59	Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer
Samuel R. Nussbaum, M.D.	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer
Michael L. Smith	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer
Mark L. Boxer	44	Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer
Marjorie W. Dorr	41	President, Anthem East
Keith R. Faller	56	President, Anthem Midwest
Michael D. Houk	59	President, National Accounts
Caroline S. Matthews	44	Chief Operating Officer, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Colorado and Nevada
John M. Murphy	52	President, Specialty Business
Jane E. Niederberger	44	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	50	President, Anthem Southeast

The following is biographical information for our executive officers:

Larry C. Glasscock See biographical information under Directors Continuing in Office at page 15.

David R. Frick has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer of the Company since 2001. He joined Anthem Insurance in 1995 as Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer. Prior to joining Anthem Insurance, he served as a director. Mr. Frick was a partner at the law firm of Baker & Daniels from 1982 to 1995, and he was managing partner from 1987 to 1992. He was Deputy Mayor of the City of Indianapolis from 1977 to 1982. He is a director of Artistic Media Partners, Inc. (radio stations) and The National Bank of Indianapolis Corporation (bank holding company).

Samuel R. Nussbaum, M.D. has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Company since 2001. From 1996 to 2000, Dr. Nussbaum served both as Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and System Integration at BJC Health System of St. Louis and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Health Partners of the Midwest. Prior to that, Dr. Nussbaum was President and Chief Executive Officer of Physician Partners of New England, Senior Vice President for Health Care Delivery at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and a professor at Harvard Medical School.

Michael L. Smith has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer of the Company since 2001. He has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Anthem Insurance since 1999. From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Smith served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of American Health Network, Inc., a former Company subsidiary. He was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mayflower Group, Inc. (transport company) from 1989 to 1995. He is a director of First Indiana Corporation (bank holding company), First Internet Bank of Indiana (internet banking), Finishmaster, Inc. (auto paint distribution) and Intermune, Inc.,

(biopharmaceutical).

Mark L. Boxer has served as Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer since May 2003. He held various executive positions since joining the Company in 2000. From 1996 to 2000, he was a Senior Vice President with CIGNA.

Marjorie W. Dorr has served as President of Anthem East since 2000. She has held numerous executive positions since joining Anthem Insurance in 1991, including Vice President of Corporate Finance; Chief Financial Officer of Anthem Casualty Insurance Group; President of Anthem Prescription Management, LLC; and Chief Operating Officer of Anthem Health Plans, Inc. in Connecticut.

Keith R. Faller has served as President of Anthem Midwest since 1997. He has held numerous executive positions since joining Anthem Insurance in 1970, including Senior Vice President for Customer Administration; President of Acordia of the South; Executive Vice President, Health Operations; Chief Executive Officer, Anthem Life Insurance Companies, Inc.; and President and Chief Executive Officer, Acordia Small Business Benefits, Inc.

Michael D. Houk has served as President of National Accounts for Anthem Insurance since 2000. He has held various executive positions since joining Anthem Insurance in 1979, including Vice President of Sales and President and Chief Executive Officer of Acordia of Central Indiana. He is a board member of Ball State University's Entrepreneur Program and Consortium of Health Plans Program.

Caroline S. Matthews has served as Chief Operating Officer of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Colorado and Nevada since 2000. She has held various executive positions since joining Anthem Insurance in 1988, including Vice President of Corporate Finance; Vice President of Planning and Administration for Information Technology; and Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Acordia of the South.

John M. Murphy has served as President, Specialty Business since 2000. He has held various executive positions since joining Anthem Insurance in 1988, including Vice President of Operations of Anthem Insurance; President and Chief Executive Officer of Anthem Life Insurance Company; and President and Chief Executive Officer of Acordia Senior Benefits, Inc. He is also a director of Ivy Tech Foundation.

Jane E. Niederberger has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer since 1999. She joined Anthem Insurance in 1997. From 1983 to 1996, she held various executive positions with Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Thomas G. Snead, Jr. has served as President of Anthem Southeast since the merger with Trigon Healthcare, Inc. in 2002. Mr. Snead had been Chief Executive Officer of Trigon from 1999 to 2002 and President and Chief Operating Officer from 1997 to 1999. He is also a director of LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc. (title insurance company).

The above information includes business experience during the past five years for each of the Company's executive officers. Executive officers of the Company serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. There is no family relationship between any of the directors or executive officers of the Company.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

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Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of the Common Stock, to file reports of ownership with the SEC. Such persons also are required to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on our review of copies of such forms received by us, or written representations from certain reporting persons, we believe that during 2003, our executive officers, directors, and greater than 10% shareholders complied with all applicable filing requirements.

STANDARDS OF BUSINESS CONDUCT

The Company has adopted Standards of Business Conduct (the Code) for directors, management and other associates of the Company. The purpose of the Code is to focus on areas of ethical risk, provide guidance in recognizing and dealing with ethical issues, provide mechanisms to report unethical conduct and help foster a culture of honesty and integrity. The Code is posted on the Company's web site at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab.

Everyone is expected to act in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Waivers of the Code for any director, the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer and other executive officers may only be made by the Board or by a Board committee composed of independent directors. Any such waiver and any amendment to the Code will be posted on the Company web site at www.anthem.com under the Corporate Governance tab and otherwise disclosed as required by law. During fiscal year 2003 there were no waivers of the Code for any director, the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer or any other executive officer of the Company.

COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth certain information regarding compensation paid during each of the Company's last three years to the Company's Named Executive Officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation			Long Term Compensation			All Other Compensation \$ ⁵
		Salary \$	Bonus \$ ¹	Other Annual Compensation \$ ²	Awards Restricted Stock Awards ³	Payouts Securities Underlying Options/ SARs (#) LTIP Payouts \$ ⁴		
Larry C. Glasscock	2003	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 2,311,845	\$ 273,006	\$ 21,243,000	200,000	\$ 21,243,000	\$ 101,868
President and Chief Executive Officer	2002	980,000	2,352,000	197,877	3,233,700	200,000	0	94,262
	2001	900,000	2,160,000	100,880	0	0	12,431,458	83,213
David R. Frick	2003	\$ 500,000	\$ 740,976	\$ 65,386	\$ 8,060,700	50,000	\$ 8,060,700	\$ 37,778
	2002	475,000	760,000	56,425	883,878	50,000	0	33,932
Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer	2001	410,000	691,000	73,039	0	0	6,356,634	32,820
Michael L. Smith	2003	\$ 500,000	\$ 740,976	\$ 126,165	\$ 8,060,700	50,000	\$ 8,060,700	\$ 37,756
	2002	475,000	760,000	101,953	883,878	50,000	0	33,905
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer	2001	410,000	656,000	82,820	0	0	4,214,884	30,038
Keith R. Faller								

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President,	2003	\$ 500,000	\$ 777,720	\$ 139,044	\$ 5,958,225	40,000	\$ 5,958,225	\$ 37,254
	2002	465,000	744,000	114,957	862,320	40,000	0	33,071
Anthem Midwest	2001	400,000	640,000	80,870	0	0	3,781,110	26,375
Thomas G. Snead, Jr. ⁶								
President,	2003	\$ 500,000	\$ 777,720	\$ 3,418,864	\$ 2,182,500	40,000	\$ 2,182,500	\$ 137,100
	2002	351,442	425,000	4,055,731	0	0	765,000	48,507
Anthem Southeast	2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ The amounts in this column represent the Annual Incentive Plan awards earned during the specified year, which are paid in the following year. The amounts shown for 2001 also include any discretionary bonuses paid in 2001.

- ² For 2003: Mr. Glasscock received \$42,000 in cash and \$10,000 in reimbursements as part of the Directed Executive Compensation Program and \$26,124 in legal expenses, which were paid for by the Company. None of the other Named Executive Officers received perquisites or other personal benefits in excess of the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of their total salary and bonus. Amounts include the above-market portion of interest paid on the deferred compensation for Mr. Glasscock (\$107,956), Mr. Frick (\$43,191), Mr. Smith (\$9,985) and Mr. Faller (\$38,810) and the above-market portion of interest paid on the deferred long-term incentive payments for Mr. Glasscock (\$86,926), Mr. Frick (\$22,195), Mr. Smith (\$116,179) and Mr. Faller (\$100,233). Amounts for Mr. Snead include non-compete payments as a result of the merger with Trigon Healthcare, Inc. (\$2,548,921), Tax Code Section 280G excise taxes and tax gross-ups paid by the Company (\$867,625) and Medicare tax gross-up on the Trigon 401(k) Restoration Plan Company matching contributions (\$2,318). For 2002: Mr. Glasscock received \$42,000 in cash and \$13,001 in reimbursements as part of the Directed Executive Compensation Program. None of the other named individuals received perquisites or other personal benefits in excess of the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of the total of their salary and bonus. Amounts include the above-market portion of interest paid on the deferred compensation for Mr. Glasscock (\$72,715), Mr. Frick (\$38,358), Mr. Smith (\$7,378) and Mr. Faller (\$33,363) and the above-market portion of interest paid on the deferred long-term incentive payments for Mr. Glasscock (\$70,161), Mr. Frick (\$18,067), Mr. Smith (\$94,575), and Mr. Faller (\$81,594). Amounts for Mr. Snead include non-compete payments as a result of the merger with Trigon Healthcare, Inc. (\$2,340,682), Tax Code Section 280G excise taxes and tax gross-ups paid by the Company (\$1,714,055) and Medicare tax gross-up on the Trigon 401(k) Restoration Plan Company matching contributions (\$994). For 2001: None of the named individuals received perquisites or other personal benefits in excess of the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of the total of their salary and bonus. Amounts include the above-market portion of interest paid on the deferred compensation for Mr. Glasscock (\$5,267), Mr. Frick (\$33,997), Mr. Smith (\$614) and Mr. Faller (\$3,174). The above market interest paid on deferred compensation was reported incorrectly in the 2001 Proxy Statement based on an error in calculating the above market interest paid. The amounts have been reduced in this Proxy Statement to properly reflect the above market interest paid. Amounts include the above-market portion of interest paid on the deferred long-term incentive payments for Mr. Glasscock (\$95,613), Mr. Frick (\$39,042), Mr. Smith (\$82,206) and Mr. Faller (\$77,696).
- ³ For 2003: No restricted stock grants were made to the Named Executive Officers in 2003, however, pursuant to the 2001 LTIP for the 2001-2003 performance period, an award in restricted stock was granted to Mr. Glasscock, Mr. Frick, Mr. Smith, Mr. Faller and Mr. Snead. In 2004, Mr. Glasscock was awarded 232,189 shares, Mr. Frick was awarded 88,104 shares, Mr. Smith was awarded 88,104 shares, Mr. Faller was awarded 65,124 shares and Mr. Snead was awarded 23,855 shares. The restricted shares were awarded at \$91.49 per share, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the NYSE on April 2, 2004. The awards were made in 2004 pursuant to the terms of the 2001 LTIP. One-half of the restricted stock will vest on April 2, 2005 and April 2, 2006, respectfully. The Company currently has no plans to pay dividends on the restricted stock. For 2002: A special recognition award was made in restricted stock to Mr. Glasscock, Mr. Frick, Mr. Smith and Mr. Faller. Mr. Glasscock was awarded 45,000 shares, Mr. Frick was awarded 12,300 shares, Mr. Smith was awarded 12,300 shares and Mr. Faller was awarded 12,000 shares. The restricted shares were awarded at \$71.86 per share, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the NYSE on May 3, 2002. One-half of the restricted stock will vest on December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2005, respectfully. The Company currently has no plans to pay dividends on the restricted stock. For 2003: At December 31, 2003, Mr. Glasscock held 45,000 shares of restricted stock valued at \$3,375,000; Mr. Frick held 12,300 shares of restricted stock valued at \$923,000; Mr. Smith held 12,300 shares of restricted stock valued at \$923,000 and Mr. Faller held 12,000 shares of restricted stock valued at \$900,000.
- ⁴ Except as otherwise noted, the amounts in this column represent Long-Term Incentive Plan payouts earned in the year indicated for prior performance cycles but not paid until the following year.

For 2003: Amounts represent awards earned for the 2001-2003 performance period under the 2001 LTIP but not paid until 2004.
 For 2002: The amount for Mr. Snead represents the payout received in 2003 for the Trigon 2000-2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
 For 2001: Amounts include the Long-Term Incentive Plan payout received or deferred in 2001 for a three year performance period 1998-2000.

⁵ The amounts in this column represent matching contributions under the Company's 401(k) and Deferred Compensation Plans.

⁶ Mr. Snead was appointed President of Anthem Southeast, effective August 1, 2002, as a result of the merger of the Company and Trigon which was completed July 31, 2002. Mr. Snead had previously been the Chairman and CEO of Trigon.

OPTION GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

The following table sets forth information about stock options granted to the Named Executive Officers in fiscal year 2003.

Name	Individual Grants			Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term ⁴		
	Number of Securities Underlying Options/SARs Granted (#) ^{1,2}	% of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year ³	Exercise or Base Price (\$/Sh)	Expiration Date	5% (\$)	10% (\$)
Larry C. Glasscock	200,000	11.1%	\$ 71.70	05/12/2013	\$ 9,018,349	\$ 22,854,267
David R. Frick	50,000	2.8%	\$ 71.70	05/12/2013	\$ 2,254,587	\$ 5,713,567
Michael L. Smith	50,000	2.8%	\$ 71.70	05/12/2013	\$ 2,254,587	\$ 5,713,567
Keith R. Faller	40,000	2.2%	\$ 71.70	05/12/2013	\$ 1,803,670	\$ 4,570,853
Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	40,000	2.2%	\$ 71.70	05/12/2013	\$ 1,803,670	\$ 4,570,853

¹ No stock appreciation rights were granted in 2003.

² For each of the Named Executive Officers options were granted as of May 12, 2003 as part of the Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, and vest in equal annual installments over three years beginning May 12, 2004. All options were granted at an exercise price equal to the fair market value based on the closing market value of the Company's Common Stock on the NYSE on the date of grant.

³ Based on an aggregate of 1,809,750 options granted to associates during fiscal year 2003.

⁴ The dollar amounts under these columns are assumed rates of appreciation only, based on the rules set by the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not represent the Company's estimate or projection of the price of the Company's Common Stock in the future. Actual gains, if any, on stock option exercises depend upon the actual future price of the Company's Common Stock and the continued employment of the option holder throughout the vesting period. Accordingly the potential realizable values set forth in this table may not be achieved.

**AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN THE LAST FISCAL
YEAR AND FISCAL YEAR-END OPTION VALUES**

The following table sets forth certain information about exercises by the Named Executive Officers during fiscal year 2003 and the stock options held by the Named Executive Officers at fiscal year end. No SARs were exercised or outstanding in fiscal year 2003.

	Shares Acquired On Exercise (#)	Value Realized (\$)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at Fiscal Year-End (#)		Value of Unexercised In- The-Money Options at Fiscal Year-End (\$)¹	
			Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisable	Unexercisable
Larry C. Glasscock	0	\$ 0	66,666	333,334	\$ 209,331	\$ 1,078,669
David R. Frick	0	0	16,666	83,334	52,331	269,669
Michael L. Smith	0	0	16,666	83,334	52,331	269,669
Keith R. Faller	0	0	13,333	66,667	41,867	215,733
Thomas G. Snead	235,000	10,753,329	500,826	40,000	22,820,622	132,000

¹ In accordance with SEC rules, the value at fiscal year-end is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate trading price of the Company's Common Stock on the NYSE on December 31, 2003 (\$75.00) of all shares subject to the options, and (ii) the aggregate option price. The actual amount realized from unexercised options is dependent upon the price of the Company's Common Stock at the time the shares obtained upon exercise of such options are sold and, as to unexercisable options, whether restrictions of such options lapse.

ANTHEM COMPENSATION PLANS

Anthem Annual Incentive Plan

Under the Anthem Annual Incentive Plan (the "AIP"), associates are eligible to receive cash awards based upon the achievement of performance measures established by the Compensation Committee. Such cash awards are stated as a percentage of salary payable to the eligible associates, with a range of targets from 5% to 120%. Actual amounts payable are adjusted up or down for performance at or above targeted levels of performance, with a threshold award of 50% of target if minimum results are achieved and a maximum award of 200% of target if maximum results are achieved. Amounts payable under the AIP were paid during 2004, the year immediately following the performance year and were payable only upon approval of the Compensation Committee. An associate must have been employed before October 1, 2003 in order to receive a payment under the AIP. Also, associates must have been actively employed by the Company on the last business day of the plan year to receive an award. In the event of a death, disability or an approved retirement of an associate, a prorated amount may be payable in accordance with administrative guidelines.

Anthem 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan

The Anthem 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2001 LTIP") was established prior to the Company's initial public offering in November 2001. Senior executives, as were recommended by the CEO and approved by the Compensation Committee, were participants in the 2001 LTIP. The

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2001 LTIP operated during successive three-year periods. Senior executives who were actively employed by the Company on the last business day of the period could receive an award. Under the 2001 LTIP, the Compensation Committee established performance goals for the Company at the beginning of each three-year performance period, which include specific strategic objectives such as growth in net income, operating margin and comparison of performance against peer companies. At the end of the period, the Compensation Committee judged the performance of the Company against the established goals. For each participant, a target award was established from 30% to 150% of the annual base salary for each year of the three-year period. Actual amounts payable were adjusted up or down for performance above or below targeted levels of performance with an expected threshold award of 50% of target if

minimum results were achieved. Awards under the 2001 LTIP in each three-year period became payable upon approval of the Compensation Committee and were paid in the year immediately following the end of the period, with the executive having the option to defer payment.

For the three year performance period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003, there was no maximum limitation on the amount of payout under the 2001 LTIP. As a result of the Company's performance during such period as compared to our peers and goals previously established by the Compensation Committee, payouts in 2004 were approximately 9.7 times the estimated Target Award for each Named Executive Officer. The payout amounts (50% in Restricted Common Stock vesting in two equal annual installments commencing April 2005 and 50% in cash paid in 2004) were as follows: Mr. Glasscock (\$42,486,000), Mr. Frick (\$16,121,400), Mr. Smith (\$16,121,400), Mr. Faller (\$11,916,450) and Mr. Snead (\$4,365,000).

Since the shareholders approved the Anthem Incentive Program at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 12, 2003, the 2001 LTIP terminated after completion of the 2001-2003 performance period and payout of any awards in 2004. The amount of the payout was determined after the end of fiscal year 2003.

Anthem Long-Term Incentive Plan

The Anthem Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") was approved by the Board on January 27, 2003 as part of the Anthem Incentive Program and approved by the shareholders at the 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 12, 2003. The first awards under the LTIP were granted beginning in January 2004.

Senior executives, as are recommended by the CEO and approved by the Compensation Committee, are participants in the LTIP. Generally, senior executives must be actively employed by the Company on the last business day of the performance period to receive an award, provided, however, if the individual is not actively employed at the end of the performance period due to retirement, death or disability, the individual (or his or her beneficiary) is entitled to a pro rata amount of the award.

Under the LTIP, the Compensation Committee establishes performance goals related to performance criteria for the Company at the beginning of each performance period, such as asset growth; combined net worth; debt to equity ratio; earnings per share; revenue; investment performance; operating income (with or without investment income or income taxes); cash flow; margin; net income (before or after taxes); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization; return on total capital, equity, revenue, or assets; medical loss ratio; number of policyholders or insureds; quality of service metrics; customer service metrics; productivity; administrative expense management; or improved health of members. At the end of the performance period, the Compensation Committee judges the performance of the Company against the established goals. For each participant, a target award is established from 30% to 150% of the annual base salary for each year of the performance period. Actual amounts payable are adjusted up or down for performance above or below targeted levels of performance with an expected threshold award of 50% of target if minimum results are achieved.

Awards under the LTIP in each performance period become payable upon approval of the Compensation Committee and are paid in the year immediately following the end of the performance period, with the executive having the option to defer payment. Awards may relate to, and upon vesting be paid in the form of non-restricted stock, restricted stock, cash or partly in non-restricted stock and/or restricted stock and partly in cash, as the Compensation Committee may determine. Any use of non-restricted stock or restricted stock will be made through the Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. Payment of any award or portion thereof regardless whether vested (other than deferred vested awards) to a participant requires the participant to refrain from engaging in any activity which is competitive with the Company. In the event of a change of control of the Company, an amount may be payable at the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

The table below provides information concerning estimated target awards for the 2004 year depending upon achievement of the performance goals.

Long-Term Incentive Plan

Name	Performance Period ¹	Estimated Future Payouts under Non-Stock Price-Based Plan		
		Threshold	Target	Maximum
Larry C. Glasscock	2004	\$ 780,000	\$ 1,560,000	\$ 3,120,000
David R. Frick	2004	300,000	600,000	1,200,000
Michael L. Smith	2004	300,000	600,000	1,200,000
Keith R. Faller	2004	225,000	450,000	900,000
Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	2004	225,000	450,000	900,000

¹ The Compensation Committee has established a one year performance period as a transition because of the pending merger with WellPoint Health Networks Inc.

Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan

The Company adopted the Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan as amended and restated on January 1, 2003 (the "Stock Plan"), to promote the interests of the Company and its shareholders and to further align the interests of the Company's associates with its shareholders. Directors, executives and associates, as selected by the Compensation Committee, participate in the Stock Plan. The Compensation Committee administers the Stock Plan and has discretion to determine whether to grant incentive awards, the types of incentive awards to grant and any requirements and restrictions relating to incentive awards. The Stock Plan is an omnibus plan, which allows for the grant of stock options, stock, restricted stock, phantom stock, stock appreciation rights and performance awards. The Committee is also authorized to grant shares of restricted and unrestricted Common Stock in lieu of obligations to pay cash under other plans and compensatory arrangements including the AIP, the 2001 LTIP and the LTIP.

The Stock Plan reserves for issuance 18,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock for incentive awards to associates and Non-Employee Directors. In addition, 2,000,000 shares have been reserved solely for issuance under grants of stock options to substantially all of the Company's associates (and for issuance under similar grants that may be made to new associates) other than executive officers participating in the Company's LTIP. Options covering 1,479,000 of these shares were granted to substantially all associates at the time of the initial public offering. If any grant is for any reason canceled, terminated or otherwise settled without the issuance of some or all of the shares of Common Stock subject to the grant, such shares will be available for future grants.

Trigon Stock Incentive Plans

The Trigon 1997 Stock Incentive Plan and the Trigon Non-Employee Directors Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plans") were approved by its shareholders on April 16, 1997 and February 19, 1997, respectively. Under the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, employees of Trigon received equity-based compensation, including performance awards, restricted stock, performance stock, options and stock appreciation rights. Under the Trigon Non-Employee Directors Stock Incentive Plan, Non-Employee Directors received options to purchase Trigon Common Stock. Upon the

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approval by the shareholders of Trigon of the merger agreement by and among the Company, AI Sub Acquisition Corp. and Trigon dated April 28, 2002 (the Merger), the stock options under the Plans became vested and fully exercisable. At the completion of the Merger each Trigon employee or director stock option outstanding under the Plans was converted into fully vested options to purchase the Company's Common Stock. All other terms of the Trigon stock options remained unchanged after the conversion. The

Company assumed Trigon's obligations with respect to the stock options that were converted into Company options. No additional equity based compensation may be issued from the Plans.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Stock Purchase Plan") is intended to comply with Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code") and to provide a means by which to encourage and assist associates in acquiring a stock ownership interest in the Company. The Company implemented the Stock Purchase Plan in June 2002. The Stock Purchase Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee, and the Committee has complete discretion to interpret and administer the Stock Purchase Plan and the rights granted under it. Any associate of the Company is eligible to participate, as long as such associate's customary employment is more than 20 hours per week, more than five months in a calendar year, and the associate does not own stock totaling 5% or more of the voting power or value of the Company. No associate will be permitted to purchase more than \$25,000 worth of stock in any calendar year. This value is determined based on the fair market value of the stock on the first trading day of the plan quarter, regardless of the fact that the number of shares purchased may be based on the value on the last trading day of the plan quarter. The Stock Purchase Plan reserves for issuance and purchase by associates of 3,000,000 shares of stock.

Associates become participants by electing payroll deductions from 1% to 15% of gross compensation. Payroll deductions are accumulated during each plan quarter and applied toward the purchase of stock on the last trading day of each plan quarter. Once purchased, the stock is accumulated in the associate's investment account. The purchase price per share equals 85% (or such higher percentage as may be set by the Compensation Committee) of the lower of the fair market value of a share of Common Stock on (i) the first trading day of the plan quarter, or (ii) the last trading day of the plan quarter.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

Securities authorized for issuance under the Company's equity compensation plans at December 31, 2003 are as follows:

Plan Category ¹	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options ²	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans ³
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	4,171,605	\$ 64.05	17,881,687

¹ The Company has no equity compensation plans not approved by security holders.
² Excludes 1,940,971 shares to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding stock options under the Trigon 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, the Trigon Non-Employee Directors Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and certain options granted to consultants to Trigon assumed by the Company as part of the acquisition of Trigon on July 31, 2002. The weighted average exercise price of these options was \$35.89.
³ Excludes securities reflected in the first column, "Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options". Includes 15,361,907 shares available for issuance as stock options, restricted stock awards, performance stock awards, performance awards and stock appreciation rights under the Anthem 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. Includes 2,519,780 shares of common stock available for issuance under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

401(k) Plan

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On July 1, 1979, the Company established the Anthem 401(k) Long Term Savings Investment Plan (the 401(k) Plan), a defined contribution plan. The 401(k) Plan is designed to provide all of the Company s associates with a tax-deferred, long-term savings vehicle. During 2003 the Company made matching

contributions in an amount equal to 50% of the first 6% of the associate's salary that an associate contributed. Effective January 1, 2004, the Company makes matching contributions in an amount equal to 100% of the first 3% of the associate's annual earnings that an associate contributes and 50% of the next 3% of the associate's annual earnings that an associate contributes. Company matching contributions begin the first quarter following one year of service. None of the Company's matching contributions is in the form of the Company's Common Stock. During 2003 Associates could elect to contribute from 1% to 20% of their annual earnings. Effective January 1, 2004, Associates can elect to contribute from 1% to 50% of their annual earnings. Associates have a choice of ten investment funds in which to invest their contributions. The Company Common Stock is an investment option under the 401(k) Plan. The Company also provides a Self-Managed Account option. The Self-Managed Account option offers 401(k) Plan participants the opportunity to invest in over 3,000 mutual funds of their choice. Associate contributions and the Company matching contributions vest immediately.

Trigon 401(k) Plan

The Company also had the Employees' 401(k) Thrift Plan of Trigon Insurance Company (Trigon 401(k)) under which substantially all employees of Anthem Southeast could elect to save up to 50% of their annual earnings on a pretax basis, subject to certain limits in the Trigon 401(k). Participants had the option of investing in a variety of domestic and international investment funds as well as the Company Common Stock after July 31, 2002 and Trigon Common Stock prior to August 1, 2002. During 2003 the Company contributed an amount equal to 50% of the participant's contributions limited to a total of 3% of the employee's compensation. Effective January 1, 2004, the Company made matching contributions in an amount equal to 100% of the first 3% of the associate's salary that an associate contributes and 50% of the next 3% of the associate's salary that an associate contributed. These Company contributions were invested in the investment options using the same allocations selected by the participants for their contributions. Participants were eligible immediately and were fully vested in the Company's contributions after three years of service. The Company could make discretionary profit sharing contributions to the participants with such contributions initially invested in the Company Common Stock investment option. Once made, participants could reallocate their profit sharing account balance among the Trigon 401(k)'s other investment funds. On January 31, 2004 the Trigon 401(k) Plan was merged into the 401(k) Plan and the Trigon 401(k) ceased to exist.

Deferred Compensation

Generally, highly compensated employees, as defined in the Tax Code, are eligible to participate in an unfunded non-qualified deferred compensation plan once the participant has reached the maximum contribution amount for the 401(k) Plan. Thereafter, the elected contributions will be deferred into the deferred compensation plan and those contributions are matched at the same rate as they would have been in the Company's 401(k) Plan. The Annual Incentive Deferral Option allows an additional deferral of annual incentive compensation and is matched at the same rate as the rate for the Company's 401(k) Plan.

The declared interest rate on deferred amounts is the average of the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note monthly average rates for the 12-month period ending on September 30 of the previous year, plus 150 basis points. Interest is accrued daily, posted monthly and compounded annually. The retirement rate is credited at 125% of the declared interest rate when the participant reaches the age of 55. Distributions are made 30 days after the end of the quarter of termination or retirement based on the participant's filed distribution election or as otherwise specified in the plan document. Limited in-service withdrawals are available in the event of unforeseeable financial emergencies.

The Company also maintains the Trigon Insurance Company 401(k) Restoration Plan (Trigon Restoration Plan), a non-qualified plan for certain individuals to restore the pretax contribution opportunity and Company match otherwise lost due to the Tax Code limits on pretax contributions. The Trigon Restoration Plan operates the same as the deferred compensation plan, however, the investment options under the Trigon Restoration Plan mirror the investment options under the 401(k) Plan.

Retirement Plan

The Company sponsors a non-contributory pension plan for certain associates that is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Tax Code and subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (the "Qualified Plan"). The Company also sponsors the Anthem Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP") which provides additional benefits payable out of the Company's general assets to certain participants. The benefits under the SERP are equal to the benefits those participants cannot receive under the Qualified Plan because of the Tax Code limits on benefits and restrictions on participation by highly compensated employees, as defined in the Tax Code.

On January 1, 1997, the Company converted the Qualified Plan from a final average compensation pension plan into a cash balance pension plan. The Qualified Plan covers substantially all full-time, part-time and temporary associates, including executive officers, and provides a set benefit at age 65, the normal retirement age under the Qualified Plan.

Under the Qualified Plan, at the end of each calendar quarter, a bookkeeping account for each participant is credited with (1) an amount based on the participant's compensation and years of service (the "Pay Credit"), and (2) interest based on the average of the monthly yields for 10-year U.S. Treasury Security Constant Maturities for the twelve month period ending on September 30 of the preceding plan year. The Pay Credit equals a percentage of the participant's compensation for the plan year and is determined according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Pay Credit</u>
Up to and including 4	3%
5 - 9	4%
10 - 19	5%
20+	6%

The definition of compensation in the Qualified Plan is the participant's total earned income, including base salary, commissions, overtime pay, cash bonuses and payment of accrued paid time off days at termination, before it is reduced by any before-tax contributions the participant makes to the 401(k) Plan and flexible benefit plan. Compensation does not include imputed income, car allowances, non-qualified deferred compensation, severance payments, payments under the Directed Executive Compensation Program, or similar items.

The SERP continues the calculation of the retirement benefits on a uniform basis. Any excess benefit accrued to a participant under the SERP will be payable according to one of five payment options available under the SERP at termination or retirement.

Messrs. Glasscock, Frick, Smith, Faller and Snead receive benefits under both the Qualified Plan and the SERP. The estimated benefits, under both the Qualified Plan and the SERP, payable in a lump sum upon retirement at normal retirement age are as follows: Mr. Glasscock (\$3,046,416), Mr. Frick (\$745,913), Mr. Smith (\$1,088,346), Mr. Faller (\$4,035,800), and Mr. Snead (\$8,010,093). These estimates use 2003 base pay and annual bonus for all future years and assume that the Named Executive Officers remain actively employed until normal retirement age.

In addition, the employment agreements for Messrs. Glasscock, Frick and Smith set forth a Replacement Ratio SERP benefit, calculated as a retirement at age 62 or the date of termination, if later than age 62, in an amount equal to 50% of the executive's average annual pay during the three highest consecutive calendar years of his final five calendar years of employment. The benefit will be offset by the amount payable under the Qualified Plan and the SERP. The estimated replacement ratio SERP benefit payable upon retirement at age 65 is as follows: Mr. Glasscock

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(\$1,429,236 annually), Mr. Frick (\$564,456 annually), and Mr. Smith (\$533,820 annually). These estimates use 2003 base salary and annual bonus for all future years and assume that such Named Executive Officers remain actively employed until normal retirement age. Additionally, the employment agreement for Mr. Snead provides for a one-time SERP benefit of \$1,164,597 upon retirement.

Trigon Retirement Plan

Trigon sponsored a non-contributory retirement program (the Trigon Retirement Plan) for certain employees that was qualified under Section 401(a) of the Tax Code and subject to ERISA. Trigon also sponsored a Trigon Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, which provides additional benefits, payable out of general assets to certain employees. The benefits are equal to the benefits these employees cannot receive under the qualified Trigon Retirement Plan because of the Tax Code limits on benefits and compensation for highly compensated employees. The Trigon Retirement Plan and the Trigon Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan were assumed by the Company at the completion of the Merger.

Employment Agreements

The Company has entered into employment agreements with certain of its executive officers, including Messrs. Glasscock, Frick, Smith, Faller, and Snead, that provide for each executive's continued employment with the Company. The current terms of the employment agreements are effective through December 31, 2005.

Under these agreements, each eligible executive's terms and conditions of employment, including rate of base salary, incentive compensation opportunities, participation in associate benefit plans and perquisites are addressed.

The employment agreements provide that the Company will have the right at any time to terminate an executive's employment and that any executive will have the right to terminate his or her employment at the Company. Under the employment agreements with Messrs. Glasscock, Frick, Smith and Snead, the Company will provide them for the remainder of the term with the following benefits in the event of termination by the Company other than for cause, in the event of an approved retirement or in the event of termination by the executive for good reason (as those terms are defined in the employment agreements):

salary;

all unvested prior long-term incentive awards;

annual incentive and long-term incentive awards for the year of termination based upon the achievement of the performance goals for the plans for the entire year of termination prorated to reflect the full number of months the executive was employed;

an amount equal to 80% of any target annual incentive and target long-term incentive opportunities;

an amount equal to 20% of any target annual incentive and target long-term incentive opportunities if the executive is available for consultation up to a maximum of eight days each quarter of the year;

medical and dental plan benefits and directed executive compensation for which the executive would otherwise have been eligible to receive; and

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the Replacement Ratio SERP Benefit described under Retirement Plan.

The employment agreements for Messrs. Glasscock, Frick, Smith and Snead also state that the foregoing benefits are limited to either the greater of two years or the remainder of the term.

Section 280G and Section 4999 of the Tax Code limit deductions by a company for compensation paid to certain senior executives if the payment is contingent on a change of ownership or effective control of a corporation. This deduction is limited to the average taxable compensation of the affected executive for the five years prior to the year that the change of control occurred. If the payments to the executive equal or exceed three times such average taxable compensation, the deduction is limited pursuant to Tax Code Section 280G and these payments are referred to as golden parachute payments. In addition, Tax Code Section 4999 imposes a 20% nondeductible excise tax on the executive on all nondeductible payments.

Pursuant to their employment agreements, in the event Messrs. Glasscock, Frick, Smith or Snead is a recipient of a golden parachute payment, the Company will make an additional gross-up payment to the executive in order to put him in the same after tax position that he would have been had no excise tax been imposed. The gross-up will result in the Company paying not only the excise tax payable by the executive but also the income and excise taxes on the additional payments.

Under the employment agreement for Mr. Faller, the Company will provide him with the following benefits in the event of termination by the Company other than for cause:

salary;

all unvested prior long-term incentive awards;

annual incentive and long-term incentive awards for the year of termination based upon the achievement of the performance goals for the plans for the entire year of termination prorated to reflect the full number of months the executive was employed;

an amount equal to 50% of any target annual incentive and target long-term incentive opportunities; and

medical and dental plan benefits for which the executive would otherwise have been eligible to receive.

The employment agreement for Mr. Faller also states that the foregoing benefits are limited to either the greater of two years or the remainder of the term.

Under these agreements, Messrs. Glasscock, Frick, Smith, Faller and Snead agree not to compete as an equity owner or associate with the Company or its subsidiaries for the greater of (i) two years after the executive's termination for any reason or (ii) the remainder of the term after their termination by the Company other than for cause, after an approved retirement or after termination by the executive for good reason.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Compensation Committee, among other things, approves compensation for the Company's executive officers. The Compensation Committee members during 2003 were: William J. Ryan, William G. Mays, James W. McDowell, Jr., Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr. and Jackie M. Ward. None of the Compensation Committee members was involved in a relationship requiring disclosure as an interlocking director, or under Item 404 of Regulation S-K, or as a former officer or associate of the Company.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee is composed of five directors. All members of the Compensation Committee are outside directors within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Tax Code, Non-Employee Directors within the meaning of Section 16b-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and independent within the meaning of the NYSE listing standards.

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The main objective of our executive compensation program is to pay for performance that increases shareholder value based upon competitive market pay practices. We pay executives, including Named Executive Officers, through:

Base Salary

Annual Bonus

Long-Term Incentive