



# **BCBSNC Contracting Process**

**Board of Trustees' Meeting  
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The Claims Processing Contract was last put out for bid in 1996 and BCBSNC was the sole bidder. The RFP # was 601905 and was issued on 4-19-1996 by Barbara Stone-Newton (P&C), who is now retired. The Plan maintains copies of the RFP and the response from BCBSNC.

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This Claims Processing Contract that was entered into in 1996, applied to the Comprehensive Major Medical or Indemnity Plan. It is currently in a claims run out period, since all members have shifted to the PPO. The Indemnity Contract will remain in effect until run out is complete, which is at least 18 months from June 30, 2008. The PPO Contract was effective February 28, 2006. It will expire June 30, 2013.

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The PPO Contract was not procured under a competitive bid process. The Plan exercised its statutory authority, as outlined at that time in G.S. 135-39.5(b), titled “Optional plans” and now repealed, which stated in part, “Contracts for an optional program under this subsection are not subject to Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.”

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For future contracts, please note that G.S. 135-43(b) which states in part, "...The design, adoption and implementation of the preferred provider contracts, network and optional...health benefit plans...are not subject to the requirements of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes." This provision could be invoked in the future.