

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DURHAM

IN THE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
23 INS 00738

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF	)
NORTH CAROLINA,	)
	)
Petitioner,	)
	)
v.	)
	)
NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH	)
PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE	)
EMPLOYEES,	)
	)
Respondent,	)
	)
and	)
	)
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	)
	)
Respondent-Intervenor.	)

**DESIGNATION OF SECURE LEAVE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lee M. Whitman does hereby file this Designation of Secured Leave Period pursuant to Rule 26 of the North Carolina General Rules of Practice and 26 N.C.A.C. 3.0119.

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2. The secured leave periods are:
  - a. Monday, June 26, 2023 through Friday, June 30, 2023; and
  - b. Tuesday, August 1, 2023 through Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

3. The undersigned has not designated any other secured leave periods for the calendar year 2023.

4. The undersigned hereby states that the secured leave periods are not being designated for the purpose of delaying, hindering or interfering with the timely disposition of any matter in any pending action or proceeding.

5. The undersigned states that no actions have been scheduled, peremptorily set, or set for trial, hearing, deposition, or other proceeding during the designated secured leave periods.

Respectfully submitted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on the date shown below, the foregoing **DESIGNATION OF SECURE LEAVE** was served on the persons named below by electronic service as defined in 26 N.C.A.C. 03.0501(4), and via email addressed to the following:

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