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NEWS RELEASE

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Comptroller Antonacci acknowledges "tip" that will lead to recovery of at least \$2.5 million from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

Comptroller Antonacci teams up with individual to recover money for Taxpayers

Robert E. Antonacci II, recognized the diligence of an individual who "heard a rumor" Excellus BlueCross BlueShield was making errors in certain client billings.

When Comptroller Antonacci confronted a vice president of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, the company official acknowledged billing errors in the system and actions were implemented to recover funds on behalf of Onondaga County.

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield has provided an estimate of the error. The comptroller's office will review the calculation.

"Either way we don't see it being below the amount already offered so we will record this revenue in our 2011 financial statements which makes our results even better. I hope some of that money is returned to the taxpayers of Onondaga County" Antonacci said.

At this time the individual wishes to remain anonymous.

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