

BEFORE THE DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re:	:	Pursuant to Sections 1401, 1402,
	:	and 1403 of the Insurance
Application of Merck & Co., Inc.	:	Holding Companies Act, Article
Requesting Exemption from the	:	XIV of the Insurance Company
Requirements of 40 P.S. §991.1402 for the	:	Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921,
Change in Direct Control of Medco	:	P.L. 682, as amended, 40 P.S.
Containment Life Insurance Company	:	§§991.1401, 991.1402, and
	:	991.1403
	:	
	:	ID-RC-02-14

DECISION AND ORDER

AND NOW, on this __15th____ day of May, 2002, Stephen J. Johnson, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Deputy Commissioner”), hereby makes the following Decision and Order:

Pursuant to the Insurance Holding Companies Act and in consideration of the documents, presentations and reports received, as well as other inquiries and studies as permitted by law, the Deputy Commissioner hereby makes the following findings of fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Medco Containment Life Insurance Company (“Medco Life”) is a stock life insurance company organized pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.
2. Merck-Medco Managed Care, L.L.C. (Merck-Medco, LLC”) is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business located in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. Merck-Medco, LLC currently directly holds 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of Medco Life.

3. MedcoHealth Solutions, Inc. (“MedcoHealth”) is the anticipated name of a stock business corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal place of business located in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey .
4. Merck & Co., Inc. (“Merck”) is a business corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the state of New Jersey, with its principal place of business located in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey. Merck controls both Merck-Medco, LLC and MedcoHealth.
5. On April 15, 2002, the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Department”) received an initial request (which together with all material received subsequently is collectively referenced as “Request”) from Merck for approval to effectuate a corporate restructuring which will result in a change in the chain of control within the holding company system of Medco Life, although the ultimate controlling person will not change.
6. As described in the Request, Merck-Medco, LLC will transfer its holdings of Medco Life stock to MedcoHealth. The result will be MedcoHealth directly holding 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of Medco Life.
7. The Insurance Holding Companies Act, Article XIV of the Insurance Company Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921, P.L. 682, as amended, 40 P.S. §§991.1401 et seq. (“Insurance Holding Companies Act”), provides that all changes in control of domestic insurers must be filed with the Commissioner for approval or disapproval.
8. The Request was filed pursuant to Section 1402 of the Insurance Holding Companies Act.
9. As provided in the Request, the ultimate controlling person of Medco Life will remain Merck..
10. Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act provides for the exemption from the requirements of Section 1402(b) if the transaction does not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic insurer.
11. The Deputy Commissioner finds that the transaction described in the Request does not have the effect of changing or influencing the ultimate control of a domestic insurer.
12. If any of the above Findings of Fact are determined to be Conclusions of Law, they shall be incorporated in the Conclusions of Law as if fully set forth therein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Under Section 1402 of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Department has jurisdiction to review and approve the acquisition of voting securities of a domestic insurer if, after consummation thereof, the acquiring person would be in control of the domestic insurer.
2. The Request satisfies the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations.
3. The change in direct control proposed in the Request is not being contemplated to change or influence the ultimate control of Medco Life, and, therefore, is exempt from the requirements of Section 1402(b) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act.
4. If any of the above Conclusions of Law are determined to be Findings of Fact, they shall be incorporated in the Findings of Fact as if fully set forth therein.

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ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby makes the following Order:

An approving determination for the request for exemption from the requirements of 40 P.S. Section 991.1402 for the change in direct control of Medco Containment Life Insurance Company, as set forth in the Request, is hereby granted.

This Order is effective immediately and valid for one year from the date of signature, provided there are no significant changes from the Request.

STEPHEN J. JOHNSON
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Regulation of Companies