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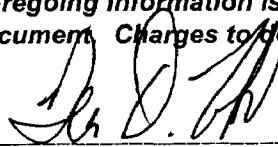
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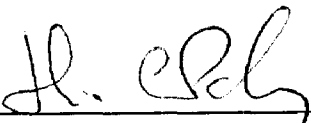
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ABPS Management, L.L.C.  
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By:   
Dr. Julio C. Palmaz, Its Manager

Date: 12.15.00

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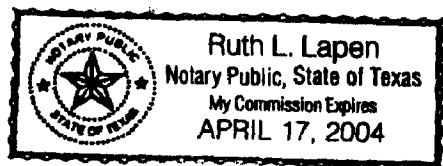
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, personally appeared Julin C. PALMAZ known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.



Ruth L. Lapen 12/15/00  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS