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Cigna Corp., which employs 1,500 people at its headquarters in downtown Philadelphia, said it may relocate to New Jersey when its lease expires in 2006. A company statement said it was "reasonably happy" with its current location, but was exploring other options, including a move to Camden, N.J. New Jersey officials are working to approve tax breaks to insurance companies and banks looking to expand or move to Camden. Philadelphia officials said they have presented a counteroffer.

The **Massachusetts Senate** is targeting thousands of residents suspected of illegally registering their cars in **New Hampshire** to avoid paying higher taxes, fees and insurance costs in their own state. State and local officials in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have said they suspect a significant number of post office boxes in New Hampshire border towns are being rented by Massachusetts residents, who use their Granite State addresses to avoid paying sales and excise taxes to Massachusetts, and to take advantage of the state's cheaper car insurance rates. "We estimate Massachusetts is losing at least \$50 million a year to New Hampshire, and we have to put a stop to it," state Sen. Steven A. Baddour, D-Methuen, told The Eagle-Tribune of Lawrence.

Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield and two **New Hampshire hospitals** have reached agreement on a four-year contract, the state Insurance Commissioner said. Both sides started talking last month under a department-facilitated mediation effort.

Insurance Commissioner Paula Rogers said mediation has allowed the parties to resolve disputed issues and achieve agreement on the contract.

Details of the agreement weren't immediately available. □