

**Brackbill, Robert**

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Mr. Brackbill:

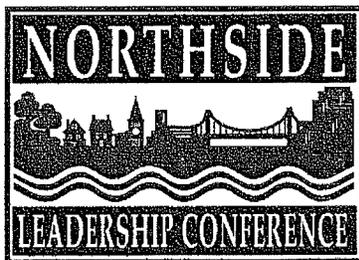
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March 8, 2012

Robert Brackbill  
Chief, Company Licensing Division  
Pennsylvania Insurance Department  
1345 Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Proposed Affiliation of Highmark Inc. and West Penn Allegheny Health System

Dear Mr. Brackbill,

The members of Northside Leadership Conference (NSLC) respectfully submit this letter of support in favor of the West Penn Allegheny Health System-Highmark Inc. affiliation.

The NSLC is a coalition of community-based organizations, committed to addressing mutual concerns through a united approach in order to promote and enhance the vitality, quality of life and image of Pittsburgh's North Side.

NSLC serves 20% of the City and operates seven business lines, making NSLC the largest and most comprehensive community development corporation in Pittsburgh.

The Allegheny General Hospital (AGH)-Northside Partnership Agreement was formed in 1989 in recognition of the critical importance of Allegheny General Hospital in the health, welfare and future vitality of our communities. The agreement provides a context in which a mutually beneficial relationship has flourished between AGH and North Side communities. Together, we have promoted the North Side, addressed physical development issues on the AGH campus and advocated for investment in the community. We have ongoing collaborations to assess and address community health needs, to insure that North Side residents have access to employment opportunities at AGH and to maximize purchasing opportunities for North Side suppliers.

The Northside Leadership Conference supports this transaction and encourages you to proceed expeditiously to insure choice and access for patients and providers in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Gloria Rayman  
President, Northside Leadership Conference  
Board President

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