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Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment received by the Insurance Department from members of the Board of Directors of the Forbes Health Foundation. I am also copying the Forbes Health Foundation Board with the response by mail at the address appearing in the letterhead of the letter in support of the affiliation of Highmark Inc. and the West Penn Allegheny Health System.

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**BEFORE THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Statement Regarding the Acquisition of Control of or Merger with Domestic Insurers:

Highmark Inc.; First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
Gateway Health Plan, Inc.; Highmark Casualty Insurance Company;
Highmark Senior Resources Inc.; HM Casualty Insurance Company;
HM Health Insurance Company, d/b/a Highmark Health Insurance Company;
HM Life Insurance Company; HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.,
d/b/a First Priority Health; Inter-County Health Plan, Inc.;
Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; Keystone Health Plan West, Inc.;
United Concordia Companies, Inc.; United Concordia Dental Plans of Pennsylvania, Inc.;
United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Company

By UPE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

Response of UPE to
Comment of Forbes Health Foundation Board of Directors
Received March 16, 2012

UPE is responding to the comment from Forbes Health Foundation Board of Directors ("Board") received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on March 16, 2012. The comment is numbered as Document 0256 on the Highmark/ West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

The Board, as members of the Forbes Hospital Foundation, has offered its support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). The Board supports the affiliation noting that it will ensure the citizens of the community have continued access to the high-quality health care that Forbes Regional Hospital has provided for over 30 years.

UPE is in agreement with the comments of the Board and finds this transaction essential to ensuring the continued vitality of Forbes Regional Hospital and WPAHS so that they can continue to deliver value, choice, and high-quality health care services to the Western Pennsylvania community.

UPE would like to thank the Board for its comments and support.

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