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Hearing Officer
Mr. Robert Brackbill
Chief, Company Licensing Division
1345 Strawberry Square
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed affiliation of Highmark and West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) for the following reasons:

- I believe this affiliation will set an example of how to improve the U.S. health care system.
- I believe this affiliation will help not only southwestern Pennsylvanians, but also will serve to expand access to doctors and hospitals and help to rein in health care costs.
- I believe this affiliation will deliver value, choice and high-quality health care.
- I believe this affiliation will help preserve thousands of jobs in the West Penn Allegheny Health System.

For these reasons, I ask the Pennsylvania Insurance Department to approve Highmark's filing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Margaret Lubawy

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