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Ms. Bybee,

Attached is a response to the public comment received by the Insurance Department from Representative Michael Doyle. I am providing a copy of the response to Representative Doyle.

Ron Chronister

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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 U.S. Representative Mike Doyle
Dated March 12, 2013**

UPE is responding to the comment from United States Representative Mike Doyle received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on March 18, 2013. The comment is numbered as Document 1284 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Representative Doyle has written to the Department regarding the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). Representative Doyle correctly points out that WPAHS plays a significant role in the region as both an employer and health care provider, and that a ruling on the proposed affiliation will provide the community with resolution to several very important issues.

UPE is in agreement with Representative Doyle's comments and believes that this transaction will ensure the continued vitality of WPAHS and provide economic stability for its 11,000 employees, retirees, and the businesses that depend on WPAHS.

UPE would like to thank Congressman Doyle for his comments.

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DATE: April 3, 2013

cc: U.S. Representative Mike Doyle