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Ms. Bybee,

Attached please find a response to the public comment received by the Insurance Department from Basil Cox. By copy of this email, I am sending the response to Mr. Cox as well.

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 Basil Cox Dated April 9, 2013**

UPE is responding to the comment from Basil Cox received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on April 9, 2013. The comment is numbered as Document 1322 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Mr. Cox has stated his support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). Mr. Cox notes that the proposed affiliation will ensure that health care delivery and insurance in the region will remain focused on patients.

UPE is in agreement with Mr. Cox and believes that this transaction will ensure continued vitality of the West Penn Allegheny Health System, maintain provider choice in our community, and help control rising medical costs.

UPE would like to thank Mr. Cox for his comments and support.

UPE
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DATE: April 22, 2013

cc: Basil Cox