

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

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

**Hospital Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania
d/b/a Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania;
First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.,
d/b/a First Priority Health**

By Highmark Inc.

**BCNEPA RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST 5.3.11 FROM
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST 5.3.11:

**Discuss any changes to the tax status of any Highmark Entity or BCNEPA
Entity as a result of the Transaction or anticipated within the next 5 years.**

RESPONSE:

BCNEPA certifies to the best of its knowledge, information and belief that
BCNEPA is not aware of any changes to the tax status of any BCNEPA Entity as a result
of the Transaction or anticipated within the next 5 years.

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