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 5.6 FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST 5.6:

In addition to information otherwise requested in this PID Request for Information that may be relevant to the issues addressed in this Section, provide the following information relating to 40 P.S. \S 991.1402(f)(1)(vi)- "The merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control is likely to be hazardous or prejudicial to the insurance buying public."

RESPONSE:

BCNEPA certifies to the best of its knowledge, information and belief that BCNEPA is not aware of any information relating to 40 P.S. § 991.1402(f)(1)(vi) that is in addition to information otherwise requested in the PID Request for Information.

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