## 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.

## HIGHMARK INC. ("Highmark") RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST 6.1.1.8 FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

## **REQUEST 6.1.1.8:**

For (i) the Applicant; (ii) BCNEPA; and (iii) each BCNEPA Affiliate provide copies of: IRS Determination Letter certifying the tax status and evidence that the tax exemption is in good standing/valid, if applicable.

## **RESPONSE**:

Highmark certifies that it not an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, that it has not received any IRS Determination Letter certifying its tax exempt status. Highmark understands that BCNEPA will be providing a separate response to this Request with respect to BCNEPA and the BCNEPA Affiliates.

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