

**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 5.2.18.4 FROM  
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

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**To the extent BCNEPA discussed any current Joint Venture or negotiated with respect to such a Joint Venture, how was the Joint Venture addressed? Please provide a copy of any Documents that reference any such discussions or negotiations.**

**RESPONSE:**

Highmark interprets this request as being directed to BCNEPA and therefore will not be providing a substantive response.

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