

**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 2.1.1 FROM
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

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Discuss separately the economic benefits and risks of the Transaction from the perspective of Highmark, BCNEPA, FPLIC and FPH. Provide a full and complete copy of all Expert Opinions and/or external consultant reports supporting or not supporting the reasonableness of each response.

RESPONSE:

Highmark certifies that to the best of its knowledge, information and belief the economic benefits and risks of the Transaction from the perspective of Highmark are discussed in the Confidential Supplement to the Form A Filing at Tab 6, pages 16-18. Highmark’s analysis of these issues was conducted internally. Highmark did not seek or obtain any third party Expert Opinions or external consultant reports to support or not support the reasonableness of its internally prepared analysis.

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