

**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 5.2.17.1 FROM
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST 5.2.17.1:

Please provide projected efficiencies and benefits from the Transaction by category or specific type (and the supporting documentation, data or expert opinion).

RESPONSE:

BCNEPA certifies to the best of its information, knowledge and belief that it did not prepare a projection of efficiencies and benefits from the Transaction, but anticipates that Highmark will provide a substantive response to this Request. BCNEPA has provided a description of the benefits of the Transaction in its confidential Response to Request 2.1.1 and in the “Overview of BCNEPA Business Perspective”, Tab F, of the Form A filing with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

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