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Attached please find Highmark Inc.'s response to the public comment received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department from Ms. Tricia DiBiasi Thomas. I am providing Ms. Thomas with a copy of the response with this email.

Ron Chronister

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**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

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Highmark Inc.

**Response of Highmark Inc. to
Comment of Tricia DiBiasi Thomas dated June 11, 2014**

Highmark Inc. (“Highmark”) is responding to the comment from Ms. Tricia DiBiasi Thomas received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on June 11, 2014. The comment is numbered as Document 0369 on the Highmark/BCNEPA Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Ms. Thomas has offered her comments in support of the proposed merger of Highmark and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania (“BCNEPA”) noting how important continued commitment to the local community is to her organization.

Highmark understands that community support and social mission activities are important parts of BCNEPA’s history. Highmark’s history is similar. Highmark believes that this merger will ensure that local organizations and communities in the northeastern and north central Pennsylvania region will continue to benefit from the combined company’s commitment to a shared mission, vision and values.

Highmark Inc. would like to thank Ms. Thomas for her comments and support.

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DATE: July 8, 2014

cc: Tricia DiBiasi Thomas