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To: Bybee, Cressinda
Subject: Response to Comment of Lisa Kleiger
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Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment received by the Insurance Department from Lisa Kleiger. I have copied Ms. Kleiger with the response by mail at the address contained in her comment.

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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:

Highmark Inc.; First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
Gateway Health Plan, Inc.; Highmark Casualty Insurance Company;
Highmark Senior Resources Inc.; HM Casualty Insurance Company;
HM Health Insurance Company, d/b/a Highmark Health Insurance Company;
HM Life Insurance Company; HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.,
d/b/a First Priority Health; Intercounty Health Plan, Inc.;
Intercounty Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; Keystone Health Plan West, Inc.;
United Concordia Companies, Inc.; United Concordia Dental Plans of Pennsylvania, Inc.;
United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Company

By UPE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

Response of UPE to
Comment of Lisa Kleiger, Dated November 9, 2011

UPE is responding to the comment from Lisa Kleiger dated November 9, 2011.
The comment is numbered as Document 0046 on the Highmark/ West Penn Cumulative
Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Ms. Kleiger has stated her support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc.
("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS").

UPE is in agreement with Ms. Kleiger and believes that this transaction is critical
to ensuring the continued vitality of the WPAHS and maintaining provider choice in our
community. The ultimate plan is to build a new integrated health system that will deliver
value, choice, and high-quality health care services to the Western Pennsylvania
community.

UPE would like to thank Ms. Kleiger for her comments and support.

UPE
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DATE: December 30, 2011

cc: Lisa Kleiger

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