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**Pennsylvania
Insurance Department**

Mr. Robert Brackbill
Chief, Company Licensing Division
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1345 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Brackbill:

We are writing to express our support for the pending affiliation between Highmark and the West Penn Allegheny Health System.

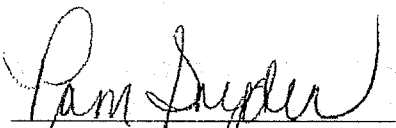
Preserving provider choice is a key factor in maintaining healthcare options for patients and in containing healthcare costs overall. It is our belief that the Highmark-WPAHS affiliation will preserve provider choice in an efficient, effective manner, and we call on you to approve this proposal as quickly as possible.

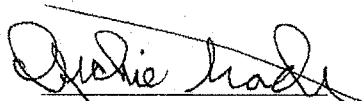
The residents and businesses located in Greene County want to continue to have access to high-quality services at affordable costs. We support Highmark and WPAHS working together to expand access to doctors, create more options for patients, and innovate to contain costs.

We hope you will support the Highmark-WPAHS affiliation, and we thank you for considering our thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Greene County Board of Commissioners


Pam Snyder, Chairman


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