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Ms. Bybee,

Attached is a response to the public comment received by the Insurance Department from Ms. Barbara Dilettuso. I am providing Ms. Dilettuso with a copy of this 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:

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; Inter-County Health Plan, Inc.;
Inter-County 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 Barbare Dilettuso Dated April 9, 2013

UPE is responding to the comment from Barbara Dilettuso, received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on April 9, 2013. The comment is numbered as Document 1324 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Ms. Dilettuso has expressed her support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). Ms. Dilettuso emphasizes that this affiliation will provide the people of southwestern Pennsylvania with greater choice in healthcare. Ms. Dilettuso also recognizes WPAHS for the level of care she received recently at Allegheny General Hospital and appreciates the talent and professionalism of the medical and facilities staff.

UPE is in agreement with the comments of Ms. Dilettuso, and believes the proposed affiliation is necessary to preserve choice and the level of care that the community deserves and has come to expect. UPE further believes that the proposed affiliation is essential in sustaining WPAHS as an employer and positive economic asset in the region.

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

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DATE: April 17, 2013

cc: Barbara Dilettuso