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Subject: Response to Comment Letter from Freda Rosko
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Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment received by the Insurance Department from Freda Rosko. I am also copying Ms. Rosko with the response by mail sent to the address in her comment letter.

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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 Freda Rosko Dated April 12, 2012**

UPE is responding to the comment from Freda Rosko of Avonmore, PA dated April 12, 2012. The comment is numbered as Document 0466 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Ms. Rosko has expressed concerns about the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). Ms. Rosko is concerned that the proposed affiliation may diminish her ability to access her current health care providers.

UPE understands Ms. Rosko's concerns and believes that the proposed affiliation will ultimately provide more choices for all customers by maintaining WPAHS as one of the premier healthcare providers in the state in addition to other facilities. Highmark remains committed to providing quality, affordable healthcare to the consumers of Western Pennsylvania which is why it remains open to contracting with all providers.

UPE would like to thank Ms. Rosko for her comments.

UPE
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DATE: May 14, 2012

cc: Freda Rosko