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Ms. Bybee,

Attached is a response to the public comment received by the Insurance Department from Ms. Laura Beeken. I am providing Ms. Beeken 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:

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
Comments of Laura Beeken**

UPE is responding to comments received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department from Laura Beeken on July 28, 2012.

Ms. Beeken has affirmed her support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). UPE is in agreement with the comments of Ms. Beeken and believes this transaction to be essential to ensuring the continued vitality of WPAHS and that it will provide value, choice, and high-quality health care services to the Western Pennsylvania community.

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

UPE
120 Fifth Avenue
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DATE: August 2, 2012

cc: Laura Beeken

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