

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**Statement Regarding the Acquisition of Control of or Merger with
Domestic Insurers:**

**Hospital Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania
d/b/a Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania;
First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.,
d/b/a First Priority Health**

By Highmark Inc.

**HIGHMARK INC. (“Highmark”) RESPONSE TO INFORMATION
REQUEST 5.3.12.1 FROM
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST 5.3.12.1:

**Discuss any changes in credit rating or outlook for any Highmark Entity or
BCNEPA Entity related to the Transaction.**

RESPONSE:

Highmark certifies that to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, Highmark does not expect any changes to the credit rating or outlook for any Highmark Entity related to the Transaction.

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