

**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.**

**BCNEPA RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST 5.1 FROM  
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST 5.1:**

**In addition to information otherwise requested in this PID Request for Information that may be relevant to the issues addressed in this Section, provide the following information relating to 40 P.S. § 991.1402(f)(1)(i) for each applicable domestic insurer, which states: "After the merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control, the domestic insurer...would not be able to satisfy the requirements for the issuance of a license to write the line or lines of insurance for which it is presently licensed."**

**RESPONSE:**

BCNEPA certifies to the best of its information, knowledge and belief that it interprets this request as being directed to Highmark and therefore BCNEPA will not be providing a substantive response, because responding to this request requires specific knowledge of activities, plans and projections after the merger.

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