

**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 5.3.5.3 FROM  
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

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**Provide a full and complete copy of all studies, memoranda, opinions,  
process updates or other similar Documents prepared by investment bankers,  
financial analysts, consultants, advisors, employees, or others relating to the Merger  
on behalf of BCNEPA.**

**RESPONSE:**

Highmark interprets this request as being directed to BCNEPA and therefore will  
not be providing a substantive response.

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