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 6.1.3 FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST 6.1.3:

Explain the current or anticipated use by or among one or more Highmark and BCNEPA Entities of "most favored nation" clauses or similar provisions ("MFNs"), whether or not currently used, in any contract by or among one or more Highmark and BCNEPA Entities, including, but not limited to, provider and/or health care services payment or reimbursement contracts. Provide samples of MFN language used in existing provider or other agreements. Explain the impact of the Transaction on existing or contemplated MEN agreements.

RESPONSE:

Highmark certifies that to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, Highmark does not currently use or anticipate using any "most favored nation" clauses or similar provisions in any contract, including but not limited to provider and/or health care service or reimbursement contracts, nor does it anticipate the use of any such clauses or provisions by any of the BCNEPA Entities following the closing of the Transaction.

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