

**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 5.2.18.9 FROM
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

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With regard to any Joint Venture in effect since January 1, 2012: Please identify any current or past plans by any Highmark, Entity or BCNEPA Entity and/or a Joint Venture to affiliate with, purchase or otherwise Control a Health Care Provider.

RESPONSE:

Highmark certifies that to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, with regard to any Joint Venture in effect since January 1, 2012, it is not aware of any current or past plans by any Highmark Entity and/or Joint Venture to affiliate with, purchase or otherwise Control a Health Care Provider.

Highmark understands that BCNEPA will file a separate response to this Request with respect to the BCNEPA Entities and/or the Joint Ventures from BCNEPA’s perspective.

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