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 6.1.1.7 FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST 6.1.1.7:

For (i) the Applicant; (ii) BCNEPA; and (iii) each BCNEPA Affiliate provide copies of: A full and complete copy of Form 1023 filed to apply for recognition under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, if applicable, and any communication (whether by letter, e-mail or otherwise) and/or other document provided and/or received by the entity regarding any Form 1023 filing and any amendments thereto.

RESPONSE:

Highmark certifies that it has not applied for recognition under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore has no communication and/or other document provided and/or received regarding any Form 1023 filing. Highmark understands that BCNEPA will be providing a separate response to this Request with respect to BCNEPA and the BCNEPA Affiliates.

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