

**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 5.3.12.1 FROM  
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST 5.3.12.1:**

**Discuss any changes in credit rating or outlook for any Highmark Entity or  
BCNEPA Entity related to the Transaction.**

**RESPONSE:**

BCNEPA certifies to the best of its information, knowledge and belief that the documents submitted with BCNEPA's confidential response to Request 5.3.12 discuss any changes in credit rating or outlook of BCNEPA related to the Transaction.

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