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 5.2.14.3 FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST 5.2.14.3:

Provide detail concerning your selection of the appropriate geographic markets, including a full and complete copy of all Documents regarding your selection of the appropriate geographic markets.

RESPONSE:

BCNEPA certifies to the best of its information, knowledge and belief that BCNEPA did not do a market share analysis of the Transaction. Highmark retained an economist to assist it in performing that analysis. Any requests concerning that analysis should be directed to Highmark.

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