

**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 5.1.3 FROM THE
PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST 5.1.3:

Provide references to the Pennsylvania Insurance Code, Hospital Plan Corporation Act and/or Professional Health Services Plan Corporation Act for applicable licensing standards for each Highmark Entity and BCNEPA Entity that operates in Pennsylvania.

RESPONSE:

BCNEPA certifies that to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief that set forth below is a full and complete list of references to the Pennsylvania Insurance Code, Hospital Plan Corporation Act and/or Professional Health Services Plan Corporation Act for applicable licensing standards for each BCNEPA Entity that operates in Pennsylvania:

Section 215 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921, P.L., No. 284 (as amended, 40 P.S. § 405), set forth the standards for the issuance of a certificate of authority to a Pennsylvania domestic insurance company.

Section 630 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921, P.L. 682, No. 284 (as amended, 40 P.S. § 764(a)), sets forth the standards for the approval of an applicant to commence operations as a preferred provider organization (“PPO”).

Section 5 of the Health Insurance Maintenance Organization Act of December 29, 1972, P.L. 1701, No. 364 (as amended, 40 P.S. § 1555.1), sets forth the standards for the issuance of a certificate of authority to a health insurance organization.

Section 6102 of the Health Plan Corporations Act of November 15, 1972, P1063, No. 271, (40 Pa. C.S. § 6102(d)), sets forth the standards for the issuance of a certificate of authority to operate a nonprofit hospital plan.

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