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Ms. Bybee,

Attached please find Highmark Inc.'s response to the public comment received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department from David Kellar. I am providing Mr. Kellar with a copy of the response with this email.

Ron Chronister

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**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., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

**Response of Highmark Inc. to
Comment of David Kellar Dated August 25, 2014**

Highmark Inc. is responding to the comment from David M. Kellar received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on August 25, 2014. The comment is numbered as Document 0642 on the Highmark/ BCNEPA Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Mr. Kellar has offered comments on the proposed merger of Highmark and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BCNEPA) supportive of the merger based on his belief that a successful merger will allow Highmark to expand hospital and physician networks from outside BCNEPA's traditional service area.

Highmark Inc. is in agreement with the comments that this merger will provide for greater services and products for residents of northeast and north central Pennsylvania. As the comment indicates, Highmark and BCNEPA are long term business partners whose merger will cultivate innovation.

Highmark Inc. would like to thank Mr. Kellar for his comments and support.

Highmark Inc.
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DATE: September 16, 2014

cc: David M. Kellar