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Response to Comment of William Kilgour

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Kilgour Response.pdf

Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment submitted to the Insurance Department by William Kilgour. I am also copying Mr. Kilgour with the response at the email address listed in his comment.

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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:

Highmark Inc.; First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.; Gateway Health Plan, Inc.; Highmark Casualty Insurance Company; Highmark Senior Resources Inc.; HM Casualty Insurance Company; HM Health Insurance Company, d/b/a Highmark Health Insurance Company; HM Life Insurance Company; HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., d/b/a First Priority Health; Intercounty Health Plan, Inc.; Intercounty Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; Keystone Health Plan West, Inc.; United Concordia Companies, Inc.; United Concordia Dental Plans of Pennsylvania, Inc.; United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Company

By UPE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

## Response of UPE to Comment of William Kilgour, Dated November 8, 2011

UPE is responding to the comment from William Kilgour dated November 8, 2011. The comment is numbered as Document 0044 on the Highmark/ West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Mr. Kilgour has stated his support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS") as he feels that the entire region will benefit.

UPE is in agreement with Mr. Kilgour and believes that this transaction is critical to ensuring the continued vitality of the West Penn Allegheny Health System and maintaining provider choice in our community. The ultimate plan is to build a new integrated health system that will deliver value, choice, and high-quality health care services to the Western Pennsylvania community.

UPE would like to thank Mr. Kilgour for his comments and support.

## **UPE**

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DATE: December 30, 2011

cc: William Kilgour