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Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4:11 PM

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'Chronister, Ronald'

Subject:

UPE/Highmark Form A Filing: Public Comment from William Hawes

Mr. Chronister,

The following public comment concerning the subject filing is being forwarded to you for appropriate response.

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To Robert Brackbill
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From William D. Hawes 1025 Elm Court Oakdale, Pa 15071

Subject: Highmark & Quality Health care

Please find my comments which can be made public.

How do we divide or unite communities to have access to affordable, quality health care?

Either through provider contracts that divide by conflict or provider contracts that unite through cooperation

This becomes in my view the central question that need to be asked.

The second important question communities need to address.

Is it better to have insurance providers remain neutral as was the case for many years under the Blue Cross banner cooperating through a single provider contract?

Or as the case are now specific contracts to providers such as West Penn Allegheny.

Do community contracts still have a role to spread the risk in Community pools?

What role do physician plays in general and specialty care.

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These questions and others are important in Highmark's ability to provide quality health care.

Sincerely,

William D. Hawes