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## HIGHMARK, INC. CHALLENGES PA. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION

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**H**ighmark, Inc. has filed a lawsuit in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania challenging the legality of an ongoing Pennsylvania Insurance Department investigation involving potential anticompetitive conduct and/or unfair trade practices by Pennsylvania's Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies. The investigation grew out of the review by the Insurance Department of the potential merger between Highmark and Independence Blue Cross.

The Insurance Department has defended its investigation and disputes the validity of the lawsuit.

In matters such as this, it can be anticipated that hospitals, other health insurance companies, and various other participants in the health care marketplace may be contacted by the parties and/or potential intervenors seeking formal (e.g., subpoenas) and/or informal (e.g., interviews, affidavits) discovery that is potentially relevant to the action.

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