#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### No. 39 MAP 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, by Josh Shapiro, Attorney General; PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, by Jessica K. Altman, Insurance Commissioner and PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, by Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health,

v.

UPMC, a nonprofit corp.; UPE, a/k/a HIGHMARK HEALTH, a nonprofit corp.; and HIGHMARK, INC., a nonprofit corp.,

Appeal of: Commonwealth by Josh Shapiro, Attorney General

# REPRODUCED RECORD VOLUME IV

APPEAL FROM THE ORDER OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT ENTERED ON APRIL 3, 2019 AT NO. 334 MD 2014

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Dear Tom & Tom:

Yen Lucas and I have worked to try to achieve an agreement satisfactory to us and to each of your respective organizations. We believe the enclosed achieves that goal on behalf of western Pennsylvania consumers that our respective agencies have represented during these negotiations. In addition, in the interests of fairness, we have been preparing two separate documents on parallel tracks and trying to the best of our ability to mirror the documents so that each company is essentially under the same obligation. Attached are copies of each of your respective Term Sheets with the language about releases and compliance of law still being drafted.

The Term Sheets reflects some of the changes that each of you have requested over the past 24-hours. We have made a number of accommodating changes to better reflect the thus far collaborative process to try to resolve outstanding issues and to formulate a pro-consumer transition plan. The OAG, however, reserves the right to pursue still outstanding issues related to the charitable/nonprofit status of your respective institutions as well as consumer protection measures that are not addressed in these documents. While there will be ongoing opportunities and negotiations between the parties to resolve some of the open items as part of Highmark's Transition Plan, high level agreement around core principles must be resolved now. With regard to the attached, however, we would emphasize that this represents the Commonwealth's last, best and final terms around these core principles.

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Our respective principals have set today as the date by which the parties must reach agreement on the Term Sheets. If we do not have agreement by today, we will commence joint litigation against both parties. Our strong desire, however, is to bring this matter to an amicable resolution and so we encourage you to work with your senior management and boards to gain approval to move forward with the attached.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

James A. Donahue, III

Executive Deputy Attorney General

#### Enclosures

cc: Attorney General Kane

Michael F. Consedine, Commissioner of Insurance

Michael Wolf, Secretary of Health

Jim Schultz Yen Lucas

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  - 3. \*Dispute Resolution Process Where required in this term sheet, UPMC and Highmark shall negotiate in good faith. If parties are unable to reach agreement to any of the issues raised in this term sheet by July 15, 2014 or such other date as may be set by OAG, PID and DOH then the terms or rates shall be subject to the following:

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- For the period, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, rates for all innetwork services covered in this term sheet, except for those rates currently being arbitrated by UPMC and Highmark, shall revert to the last mutually agreed upon rates or fees by UPMC and Highmark with applicable medical market basket index (MBI) increase applied January 1, 2015.
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- iv. Any agreement or award as to rates and fees will be binding on both UPMC and Highmark, meaning that each will bill and make payments consistent with the agreement or award.
- b. Non-Rate Term Disputed terms set forth in this term sheet and related to consent decree and unrelated to rate and reimbursement shall be subject to mediation before the OAG, PID and DOH. If mediation does not result in resolution within 30 days or such other time set by the OAG, PID and DOH, UPMC and Highmark shall engage in binding arbitration to resolve the dispute as to terms.

#### 4. Key Transition Issue Agreements

- a. \*Continuity of care UPMC and Highmark mutually agree that the continuation of care of a Highmark member in the midst of a course of treatment at UPMC shall be on an in-network basis at in-network rates. The need for a continuing course of treatment shall be determined, in the first instance, by the patient's treating physician acting in consultation with and in accordance with the wishes of the patient or the patient's representative. While undergoing a continuing course of treatment with UPMC the services covered in-network will include all services reasonably related to that treatment, including but not limited to testing and follow-up care. In the event that Highmark disputes the opinion of the treating physician that a continuation of care is medically appropriate, or disputes the scope of that care, the DOH or its designated representative will review the matter and make a final, non-appealable determination.
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physician and appropriate continuity of care services for CHIP, Highmark Signature 65, Medigap and commercial retiree carve out as long as Highmark does not make unilateral material changes to these programs. UPMC shall treat all Medicare participating consumers as in network regardless of whether they have Medicare as their primary or secondary insurance. UPMC reserves the right to withdraw from these arrangements if Highmark should take the position that it has the authority to revise the rates and fees payable under those arrangements unilaterally and materially.

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     place, they shall so advise UPMC and give UPMC 20 days to cure the violation.
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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, J. Bart DeLone, Chief Deputy Attorney General, do hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing volume of the Reproduced Record by electronic service via PACFile on all counsel listed on the docket.

/s/ J. Bart DeLone
J. BART DeLONE
Chief Deputy Attorney General

Date: April 30, 2019