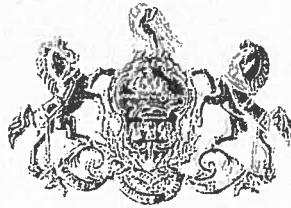


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**TO:** All Senators

**FROM:** Senator Don White <sup>*DW*</sup> & Senator Jay Costa <sup>*JC*</sup>

**DATE:** November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

**RE:** Co-sponsorship: Amendment to Act 94 regarding Highmark and UPMC

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In the near future, we will introduce legislation in an effort to protect the interests of consumers in the ongoing disagreement between Highmark and UPMC over their contractual relationship.

Our legislation will amend provisions of Act 94 to provide the Insurance Commissioner with greater authority to extend the terms of the existing contract between Highmark and UPMC, providing additional time for the health care marketplace in western Pennsylvania to adjust to the many changes occurring.

Specifically, we will amend Act 94 to:

- Ensure physician services are subject to Act 94. Such a change will ensure physician contracts for Highmark subscribers will not expire on June 30, 2012, if the Commissioner chooses to invoke Act 94.
- Clarify Act 94 as it pertains to contract expirations as well as terminations.
- Define Hospital Service Areas and provide the Commissioner with the authority to invoke Act 94 in instances where a hospital has 5% or greater share of the available beds in defined areas.
- Extend the timeframe the Commissioner may invoke Act 94 from 6 months to 36 months.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Senator White's office by the close of business on December 1, 2011. Allison Dutrey may be reached at 7-8724 or [adutrey@pasen.gov](mailto:adutrey@pasen.gov).

Thank you.