RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOROUGHS ASSOCIATION
FAVORING THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION REQUIRING INSURANCE
COMPANIES TO CONTRACT WITH ANY WILLING PROVIDER OF
AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TO PAY THE PROVIDER DIRECTLY FOR
THE SERVICES PROVIDED

Whereas, Allegheny County has a large number of elderly among its population who
need ambulance transportation frequently; and

Whereas, the dominant insurance company in Allegheny County, Highmark, Inc.,
currently uses just one provider for medical transportation and prohibits other entities
from contracting directly with Highmark; and

Whereas, Emergency Medical Services operated by Boroughs and other entities are
placed in an untenable position when asked to transport medical patients covered by
Highmark; and

Whereas, this situation has resulted in patient choice not being respected; customer
service appears to not be a priority on the part of the insurance carriers; unnecessary
delays occur in patient transportation; hospital diversion increases; the financial base of
local ambulance services is eroded; loss of membership and subscription revenue by local
EMSs; loss of membership benefits to patients; and loss of revenue for non-emergency
ambulance transports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Boroughs
Association urges the Pennsylvania State General Assembly to enact legislation that will
require insurance carriers to contract with any willing provider of medical transportation
and to make direct payment to the transportation provider for the services provided, and
the Allegheny County Boroughs Association requests that this Resolution be presented to
the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs for adoption of a similar Resolution by
PSAB at its Annual Conference in June of 2006.

ADOPTED by the Allegheny County Boroughs Association this 6 day of April,
2006.

ATTEST:

M. Richard Dunlap
Executive Secretary

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOROUGHS ASSOCIATION

President