



NYS Department of Financial Services

08/27/2012 10:40 AM

To PremiumRateIncreases@dfs.ny.gov

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Subject Prior Approval Submission

I have received notice that Aetna proposes rate increases next year ranging from 10.7 to 11.4 percent. Yet we are in a recession, with low inflation rates. Our health insurance increases have become burdensome, with little justification provided to the consumer. Moreover, it is impossible to ascertain how much services cost when we visit our provider. This is insane. Please do not approve such incredible increases in our health insurance fees. We are making far less money than we did four years ago, yet the costs of insurance has continued to increase. thanks.



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Aetna is removing coverage from all 3 hospitals in a reasonable radius of Poughkeepsie. As such I don't see why I should be paying them more money when I won't even be able to use a hospital near me. I strongly am against providing them any increase.



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In my view, allowing Aetna a rate increase is ill advised as they are have stated effective 9/1 I will not have hospital coverage within a 50 mile radius of my home due to contract disputes with HealthQuest (dutchess county). This is especially a problem because I'm having a baby 4/1 and as of now have no local options for delivery. I've been stone walled by Aetna in efforts to get information or understand my alternatives. I'm told it's healthquest's 'fault'. Allowing them a rate increase would only further increase the power of a company that has little regard for it's members.



08/29/2012 02:26 PM

To "PremiumRateIncreases@dfs.ny.gov" <PremiumRateIncreases@dfs.ny.gov>



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Subject

Dear Sir,

I received a letter notifying me of another rate increase by 10% for 2013 for my group. I am a physician myself and i know most of the premium dollars are used up in bureaucratic costs and CEO salaries and bonuses and not for patient care or for physician payments. Kindly disallow this rate increase as this causes tremendous hardship on a small practice and business. Thank you,



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I strongly protest the proposed rate hike by AETNA. Most of the premium dollars is taken in by bureucratic costs and CEO salaries and not patient care. Kindly deny this rate increase application by AETNA





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To <premiumrateincreases@dfs.ny.gov>

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Subject [REDACTED] | Rate Increase Comments

To Whom It May Concern

I am a business owner with one employee.

Because I believe that everybody should have healthcare, as of April 1, 2012 I am covering the cost of health insurance at my company.

This amounts to \$21,120 a year.

As a small business owner this is a huge amount of money. In addition, we are still required to meet certain deductibles within the plan.

I was hoping Aetna small business plans were about helping small businesses be able to provide health insurance for their employees and was expecting and hoping that once we signed on we wouldn't be subjected to the usual yearly rate increase without much to show for it.

I ask that in these difficult times, where we are all struggling to get by and treat our employees as best as possible that you do not allow this increase.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely