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To Whom it may Concern:

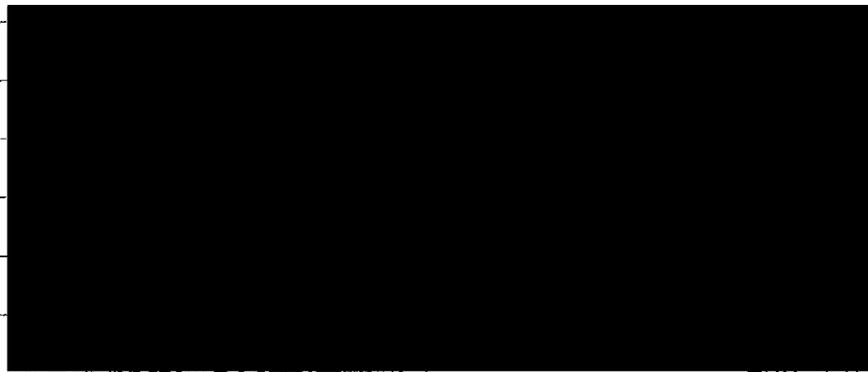
AGAIN The United Health Service wants another increase in their insurance. Last year they did the same and got it.

How long most New Yorkers who pay in to this company have to put up with their increases. Good is their only policy.

many New Yorkers are on Social Security and pay great monies on these companies (United Health is one).

if they get another increase many seniors will have to drop their policies (me also) cause i only have Social Security money to live on. I cannot pay for food and the high cost of these policies by the insurance Co.

Last year they got a way with it do not let them get away this year because a lot of senior people will be with out health insurance. The price of this increase is on you heads.



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ALBANY, NEW YORK

Health Bureau- premium rate adj.  
N. Y. state dept of financial services  
One commerce Plaza  
Albany N.Y. 12257

Re: 065945479-1

To whom it may concern,

Good day to you,

I am in receipt of your letter announcing a proposed rate increase. Currently my wife [REDACTED] and I are living on \$2,400 in combined social security plus monies taken from our savings that we draw down from each month.

This proposed rate increase will bring our supplementary health insurance cost to \$522.00 per month or 22% of our sis income. Our monthly rent at \$1,338 represents 56% of the total sis dollars coming in. Our saving will be gone in 5 years.

The combined rent and supplemental health cost represents 78% on our sis funds. At the age of [REDACTED], I find this very frightening and now I will have to seek employment to keep up with the increased costs of living. If you review our usage of the supplemental health insurance you will notice that we really don't use much of this high expense. We only have it to keep peace of mind. The insurance coverage although comforting in one way is threatening our existence.

Please help us to hold down any more increases.

Thank you  
[REDACTED]

To:  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: Fw: Write the Superintendent e-Form Submission

**Write the Superintendent e-Form Submission**

**Superintendent** to: [REDACTED]

07/30/2013 02:07 PM

Dear [REDACTED]

Your inquiry and comment submitted via the Department 'Write The Superintendent' webpage have been received and will be reviewed promptly

The information you entered is as follows:

Your Company/Organization:  
NYSID Licensee: No

Your Contact Information:

[REDACTED]

You are a(n): CONSUMER

Your Questions and/or Comments have been recorded as follows:

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I am not sure if this is where I address this but my mom has AARP UniteHealthcare Insurance. she received a letter that her rates may go up again in 2014, (note they just increased in 2013!!)

The Letter states there is a 30 day comment period at this website.

On behalf of my mom - she is requesting that this increase be disapproved. How can the elderly survive on all these increases on a fixed income of social security. Two increases in such a short period of time doesn't seem right. Insurance companies seem to keep increasing the rates and the poor consumer has no choice (as a 70 plus individual can't just switch carriers at their age!!).

Thanking you for your time and consideration in this matter!!

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Sincerely,

Benjamin M. Lawsky  
New York State Department of Financial Services.

[REDACTED]

July 29, 2013

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Ref: United Healthcare Insurance Increase

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am a middle class Senior Citizen covered by Medicare with a supplementary insurance policy with United Healthcare under the aegis of AARP. I am most grateful for Medicare, and have had no problems with AARP supplementary coverage except for the outrageous increases over the past 2 years!

Enclosed are the letters announcing these increases – 7.5% from 2012 to 2013 and now a request for an additional 3.3% for 2013 – 2014, which I am hoping will not be approved – tho if past history is any clue, all indications are that it will be! That is over 10% increase in 2 years with no end in sight.

I am begging you to have your health offices investigate these increase and assist those of us on fixed income to put a halt on these excessive increases by the private health insurance companies.

I take this opportunity to mention I highly approve of your work for us New Yorkers as Governor, and thank you for all your efforts on our behalf.

Again, thank you for your attention to our plight.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

cc: Health Bureau Premium Rate Adjustments  
NY State Department of Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, NY 12257

# UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company

July 25, 2013

## Important Health Insurance Rate Information

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Tracy DiMatteo*

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Director, Operations  
Insurance Solutions  
UnitedHealthcare

Member Name	Plan Code	Current Rate*	Proposed Rate*	Proposed % Change
[REDACTED]	N	\$173.00	\$178.75	3.3%

\* Rates displayed below are monthly rates without discounts

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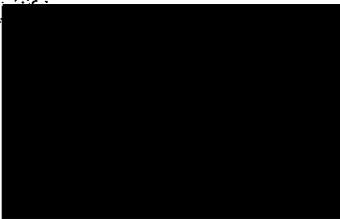
I have been notified that the premiums for my supplemental insurance coverage for Medicare under United Health Care Insurance Company are going to be raised to \$209.75 per month. I am a 91 year old widow living under an income of \$23,000 per year. I qualify for Heap benefits and Lifeline as well, *+ Epic*

It is difficult living under these circumstances. I feel the insurance company could cut down on some of their other expenditures. They send me copious amounts of literature that are often duplications and impossible to read and unnecessary.

They do have cheaper policies with co-pay which would only make my arrangements more difficult.

Please consider carefully granting this rate increase.

Sincerely,



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Re: 053348 719-1

ALBANY, NEW YORK

Aug. 3, 2013

To whom it may concern,

My supplemental Ins. with United Health Care Ins. Co. became effective 1/10/11. Shortly thereafter, I received an increase in my insurance rate. Now, once again, I have been notified of an intent to increase my monthly rates.

Albeit nonprofit Medicare's rate of \$99 per month covers 80% of my medical coverage, while my private supplemental Ins. covers only 20% @ a rate of \$257 currently. This rate will become \$261 per month.

As a private company they are certainly entitled to a reasonable profit but they are apparently making a considerable profit at the expense of the elderly and infirm.

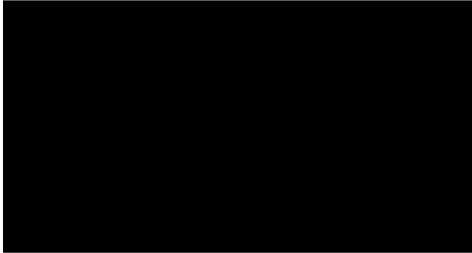
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An additional increase is overkill,  
An unreasonable profit!

Please reconsider.

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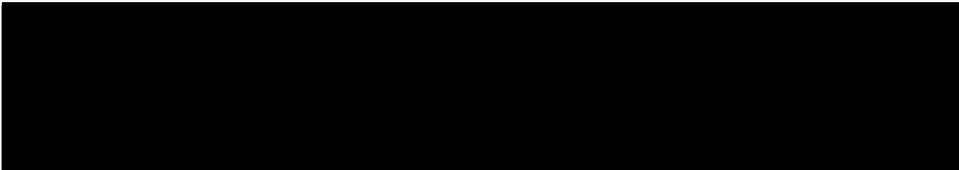
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NYS Dept. of Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany NY 12257

RE: INCREASE IN RATES AGAIN

My husband and I are currently paying over \$500. mo/\$6,000.  
year for AARP Supplement Health Coverage.

AARP/UNITED HEALTH need to do something to keep the quality  
of coverage we now have affordable. As retirees our incomes  
don't increase; how are we expected to constantly deal with  
increased costs in insurance and all other household expenses?



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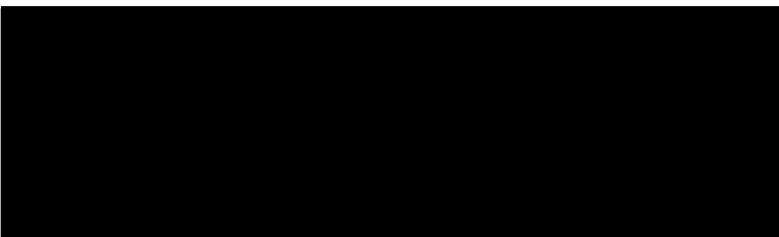
Health Bureau Premium Rate Adjustments  
New York State Department of Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, NY 12257

ALBANY, NEW YORK

Dear Officer: I am writing re: the proposed rate increases by AARP on health insurance premiums. I find it both irritating and morally incorrect to have the health premiums for seniors, most of us on fixed income, to be increased yearly. After years and years of payments for health insurance, we deserve to have our premiums not increased. This slow steady increase every year does not ease the pain or the financial hardship.

I will be forced to consider other insurance plans if these increases continue to come.

I ask you not to allow this increase on our premiums. AARP is to be our lobby group but I do not see how they can legitimately serve as our advocate if they are steadily and yearly increasing benefits. Do not allow these increases.



CC. United Healthcare Insurance Company

P.O. Box 1023

Montgomeryville, Pa. 18936-1012

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August 2, 2013

ALBANY, NEW YORK

Dear Sir,

Again this year United Healthcare  
Insurance Company of New York (NAIC # 60093)  
wants to raise there rates. They just raised  
them in April of 2013. I thought with  
Obama care, Insurance Companies were  
not suppose to keep raising there rates.

I hope you will take in  
consideration that older people can't  
continue to pay these higher prices.

Our income is not going up enough  
to pay for every thing else that is,

so please consider the hard times  
older people are having to pay all  
these bills.

Thank you,



July 31, 2013

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AUG 05 2013

Dear Sir:

ALBANY, NEW YORK

This letter is in response to United Healthcare request for another rate increase.

United healthcare states the request is because of increased benefit costs.

As a retired senior I cannot request increases every year costs increase. I don't think this increase is justified so soon after their last increase.

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We feel that  
no rate changes  
should be made.

We are already  
paying \$177.00 medicare  
plus \$77.00 each of us  
that is \$254.00 each  
a month total of  
\$508 a month for  
both of us.

How much more  
can seniors pay?



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My wife and I have had a secondary insurance policy with AARP since 4-1-97  
Our combined monthly rate at that time was \$287 monthly

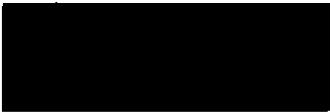
In April 1999 we moved to Florida and the rate increased to \$346 monthly

In September 2009 we moved to NY and the rate jumped 35% to \$465 monthly

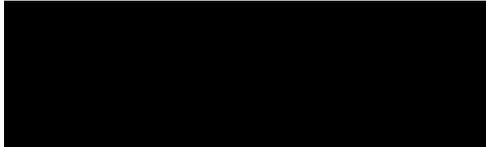
In December 2009 I was advised of another rate increase to \$478 in 2010

In April 2012 another increase to \$514

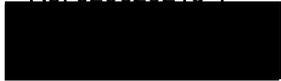
And now they are asking you to approve yet another increase of 1.6% to \$522  
When will you put a stop to this greed.



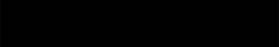
# UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company



July 25, 2013  
Re: 025629213-1



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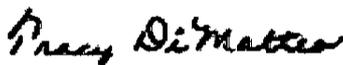
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ALBANY, NEW YORK

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tracy DiMatteo  
Director, Operations  
Insurance Solutions  
UnitedHealthcare

Member Name	Plan Code	Current Rate*	Proposed Rate*	Proposed % Change
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New York State Dept of Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, NY 12257

Dear Sir:

I am 91 years of age and I have been paying exceedingly high premiums for the last 25 years for only a 20%, 20%, 20% coverage. The premium cost this year for my wife and me are \$5,730 for a 20%, 20% coverage. On that basis, if AARP was being paid for 100% coverage, the entire cost would be \$28,650 per year, which is outrageous!!!!

My wife and I have already paid premiums in excess of \$100,000 for our 20% coverage. I do not believe that we have received \$5,000 in benefits over the last 25 years.

I am sure that one of the biggest expense of the insurance company is the tremendous cost of continuous advertising, especially on TV.

AARP is being paid a substantial sum each year because "they approve of your exceeding high charge for your 20% payout.

I am sure that the premium would be substantially less if they would advertise less, stop paying AARP for the approval of their outrageous cost and if the salary of the C.O. of United Healthcare Insurance Company was less.

Very truly yours

if such advertising often adds little in the way of useful information, it certainly adds to health care costs. Hospitals with more than 400 beds spent an average of \$2.18 million on advertising in 2010, surveys have found.

"We're pushing \$3 billion in health care

How much does the Insurance company pay  
for ADVERTISING ???

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RE: AARP Insurance Rate Increase

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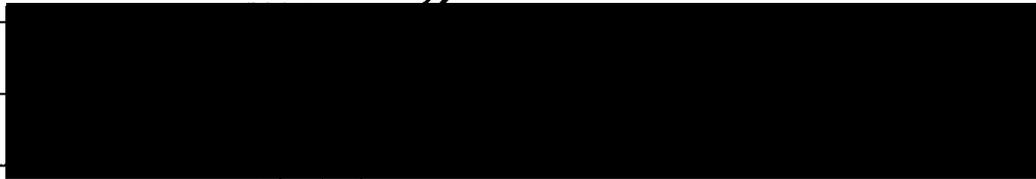
At home care who is genuinely  
[redacted] as well as all the  
other insured AARP recipients,  
absolutely can not afford to  
pay another rate increase.  
Those of you who are still  
able to work and have not lost  
an employment income, the food  
increase may be irrelevant  
to you. So for us who are on a  
fixed income, that is below  
poverty level, please vote

"NO"

for the requested health care  
premium increase. They

AAR I just received a plain-  
junk piece please in 2013.

Fire Dept,



To: Health Bureau- Premium Rate Adjustments  
New York State Department of Financial Services  
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From:



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Reference: United Healthcare Insurance Co.  
Individual Policy holder  
Supplemental Medicare Insurance

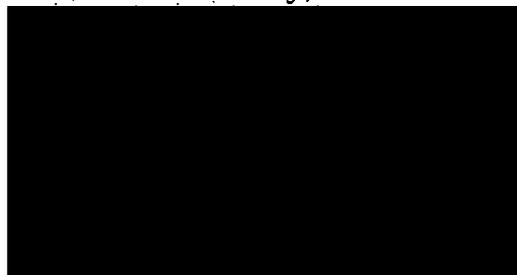
ALBANY, NEW YORK

Date: August 1, 2013

Dear Sir { Ms },

I have reservations and objections to United Healthcare Insurance Company raising their rate on supplemental health insurance for the following reasons. I subscribed to their supplemental health insurance two years ago at a price of \$159 per month thru ACH withdrawal from my checking account...the next year they went up 7-½% to \$171 per month....they now are proposing a rate increase to \$178.75 for next year.....I object to such an increase because every source of media that I watch and listen to such as CNBC and Bloomberg News and the read in the newspapers say that we have no inflation....Now I check their stock and see that this company has increased its profits more than analysts projections each quarter they report for the last 5 years...Their stock has risen from the low 20s to the low 70s in five years....in just the last two years their stock has risen from the low 40s to the low 70s....I am sure that they have cost cutting measures in place that have allowed them to be more than profitable with increased revenues and do not need to increase their rates.....I believe these rates are an excuse to arbitrarily increase every year whether they need it or not to just line their wallets at the expense of the policy holder....when inflation does come, will you allow them 10 to 20 % increases in their rates and consider that fair?...Thanks for your attention in this matter.....

Yours truly,





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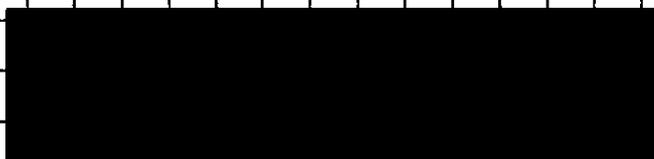
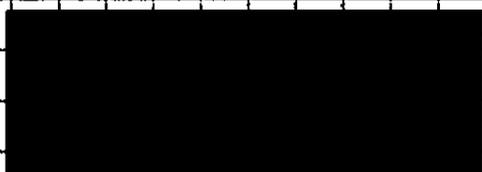
In reference to the attached; it's easy for you to approve these rate increases because you're not paying the premiums.

In 2002, our rate per person was \$109<sup>25</sup> per month. It is now \$165<sup>75</sup> with an increase on the horizon.

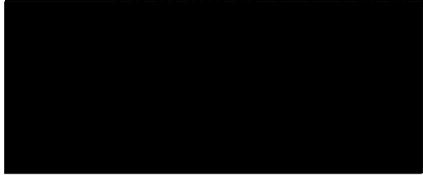
In addition, the co-pay and deductible has gone up. This is nothing less than corporate greed, and thus far, you have condoned it.

I'm 81 years old and on a fixed income; Our health care <sup>cost</sup> is now in excess of \$6,000<sup>00</sup> per year.

I respectfully suggest that the time has come for you to show some compassion for the consumer.



# UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company



July 25, 2013  
Re: 027527231-1



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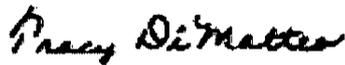
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tracy DiMatteo  
Director, Operations  
Insurance Solutions  
UnitedHealthcare

Member Name	Plan Code	Current Rate*	Proposed Rate*	Proposed % Change
[REDACTED]	G	\$165.75	\$168.25	1.5%
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New York State Department of Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, NY12257

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**ALBANY, NEW YORK**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I received a letter from United Health Care advising of a pending rate increase and providing your web site as a place to make a comment. This added insult to injury. First off for an annual increase to be automatically passed when the insurer is an extremely profitable company that should be required to limit cost increases under such circumstances is the insult. The injury comes from going to your site and finding it impossible to locate any place to register a comment. Unfortunately, it is just such experiences which causes me to feel that government functions totally inefficiently and question just how much is done for the public by such departments as yours.

This letter will probably go immediately in to the waste basket but I urge you to realize that you are also a member of the public and receive the same lack of service with other agencies supposedly acting you your behalf.

[REDACTED]

United Health Care  
P.O. Box 1012  
Montgomery, PA 18936

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ALBANY, NEW YORK July 31, 2013

Tracy De Matteo  
Director Operations  
Insurance Solutions  
United Health Care

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Dear Tracy De Matteo:

Your letter of July 25 does not afford much time for deliberations but you should know some facts of which I am currently experiencing. I enclose photostats of key payment amounts to substantiate my facts.

In 2009 I had been paying AARP the sum of \$177.50 per month. In this year starting in March I paid and currently pay \$239 per month.

That is an aggregate increase of \$744 over less than a 4-year period. It is suggested this amount should be \$780.

Fortunately I am quite healthy for my years and obviously fortunately for AARP as well.

Florida has many more seniors than here so means testing cannot possibly apply.

This does not include the Medicare payments which are an added cost. Also, an increase of more than \$160 is an annual deduction for Medicare.

There is a substantial amount of revenue spent on publications which AARP sends to all, superfluous in nature and costly to produce. An additional charge for their membership card of \$15 per year is added.

Surely you can see the need for restraint in adding increasing amounts to my current costs for health coverage.

The favor of a reply is requested.

Sincerely,



cc: Health Bureau  
NY State Dept of Financial Services  
One Commercial Plaza  
Albany, NY 12257

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[REDACTED]  
United Health Care Ins. Co. ALBANY, NEW YORK

I received your recent letter of  
Medicare Supplement rate increase  
for 2014.

It has really upset me of the  
proposed increase.

I live on a very fixed income  
of \$766.00 a month. This increase  
makes it harder for me to be  
able to manage to pay it. As it  
is now I do not even go to a  
Dentist or doctor hardly ever.

So I hope you will reconsider  
the increase as it is so hard for me.  
I realize it isn't that much of an  
increase but you do this every year.  
Please reconsider this rate change.

Thank you [REDACTED]



Gentlemen; (Ladies too!)

Regarding possible rate increases in the coming year I ask that you consider my economic circumstance. My monthly Social Security check is for \$617- and nearly one third goes to United Health Care.

I am eighty-four years of age and very health conscious.

Please do not find it necessary to increase my premium.

Most Sincerely



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information on the proposed rates within 30 days of the rates being submitted. (You may contact UnitedHealthcare for the start and end dates of the 30 day comment period.) Comments may be sent to the New York Department of Financial Services at the following address:

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*No more increases  
take care of your person  
who worked for it*



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July 25, 2013

## Important Health Insurance Rate Information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for allowing UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York (NAIC# 60093) to bring you quality health insurance. UnitedHealthcare works hard to offer valuable coverage and helpful customer service.

### Rates May Be Changing in 2014

We are notifying you of the 2014 proposed Medicare Supplement plan rates which will be submitted to your state within ten days of the date of this letter. On the second page of this letter, please find a chart which contains your current Medicare Supplement plans, the current monthly rate, and the proposed monthly rate and rate change.

After we submit the proposed rates:

- We will provide 60 days advance written notice of any rate change. The new rates are for the calendar year of 2014 and we've proposed to implement any rate change on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- We will send you billing information for your coverage as soon as rates have been finalized.

### 30 day Comment Period

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Members displayed below are monthly rates without discounts

[REDACTED]	F	\$257.00	\$261.00	1.6%
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*Can't afford increases  
paying less and paying  
support services  
+ we*

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Dear Sirs

I have been with the "United Healthcare Ins. Co." for several years now. I have made calls to them about their increases each year. This year there is another increase. How high could they go, before they're stopped. I'll soon be 91 years of age. I see my physician every three months for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I asked them why I should be paying these premiums and they tell me it's because I live in Queens. Does this make sense?

My surprise is that AARP sanctions them and do nothing about their yearly increases.

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07 - 219.25

08 - 225.75

09 - 232.25

10 - 239.00

11 - 249.50

12 - 249.50

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Albany, NY 12257

To Whom it may concern:

I writing to tell you Not to  
give another raise to United  
Healthcar Ins. Co. They only pay  
20% of my Heath Care.

People like me cannot afford  
these rate changes.

Again I'm begging you Not  
to give in to these company.

Thank you

July 29, 2013

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ALBANY, NEW YORK

Dear Health Bureau - Rate Adj. —

re: United Healthcare Ins. rates

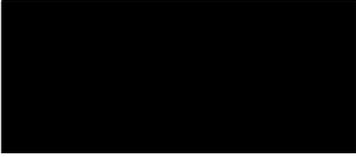
If Medicare covers 80% of my medical  
for \$104.90 per month

It is unreasonable and unfair for  
United Healthcare to charge me \$156.50  
per month to cover 20% of the bill.

United Healthcare should be limited  
to the same amount as Medicare —  
or really less for the 20%.

Of course, the C.E.O. of United makes  
a few million more than anyone at  
Medicare.

Please help.  
Thank you!



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Dear Sir or Ms.

My health care supplemental insurance company, United Health Care Insurance Company, is proposing a rate increase effective April 2014.

I wish to enter this comment **against** the proposed rate increase. Since I enrolled in the AARP Supplemental health plan, the monthly rates have been increased from \$193.00 in November 2010 to \$206.50 this past April of 2013. The new proposed rate increase for April 2014 is for \$209.75 per month. For me, this is an increase in health care of over \$200 a year in only 3 years.

I am on a fixed income of retirement and social security, and this seems like too much of an increase in this amount of time.

I tried to enter this comment on the [dfs.ny.gov](http://dfs.ny.gov) website and it was not clear how to do this. When I called United Health Care, they had no knowledge about how to help me enter the comment on your site, which United told me to use in their letter. So I am feeling a little frustrated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  


g...y...e, Pa. 10330-1012  
Re: Your letter dated July 25, 2013

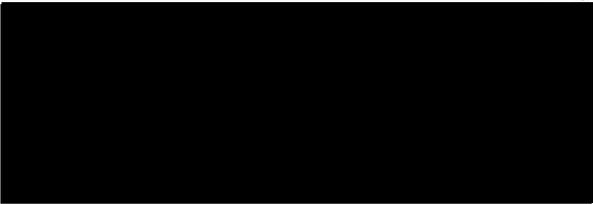
 - Health Ins. Rate Information

Dear 

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and, again, wish to voice my objection to the proposed rate increase of 1.6%, to take effect April 1, 2014.

I am 74 years old, retired, single, and on a fixed income, which has decreased steadily over the past several years. I am also faced with an 8% rent increase, food cost and utilities have escalated; and I feel very strongly that no increase should take place in 2014.

A copy of my letter will be sent to the New York State Insurance Department in the hope that this proposed increase will be denied.

  
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Health Bureau - Premium Rate Adjustments  
N.Y. State Dept of Financial Services  
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Albany, N.Y. 12257.

Dear Sir:

I was very upset upon receiving your letter concerning the raise in rates by the United Health Ins. Co.

I'm an 87 year old widow living alone and trying to maintain my home. My Social Security check is \$864.00 and my dividends (which fluctuate monthly) are around \$200.00. It seems like everything is increasing in price, but our income. There is no joy in living anymore. It's an everyday struggle.

I grew up during the depression and now I feel I'm back there again.

Please consider the seniors. They aren't the ones causing all the problems with the drugs, the shortages, the stealing, etc. and yet they are the ones being punished.

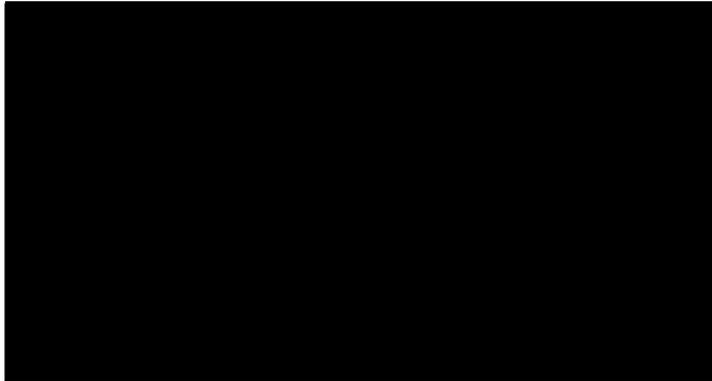


Aug. 12, 2013

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to object to the proposed "expected increased benefit costs" which United Healthcare is submitting to New York State as of 4/1/14 to increase our rates for obvious reasons. They seem to be increased every April.

Thank You,



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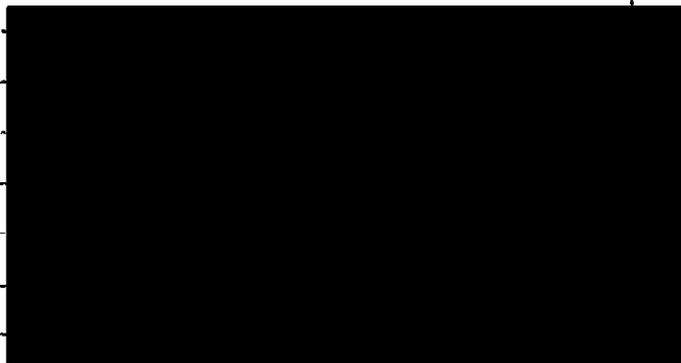
Re: United Health Care Proposed Increase

I am writing to you because I paid a \$6.00 increase last year in my monthly premium and now they are proposing a \$3.75 per month increase.

I am in Plan G and my AARP number is [REDACTED]

I do not believe this proposed increase should be approved. I also called United Healthcare and voiced my objections. Now that Obamacare will become effective ~~in~~<sup>in</sup> 2014 and rates should be decreased for healthcare, why should AARP be approval for another increase?

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From Member - I remember Ady.  
my Dept of Health

I object to any increase in VHCare  
insurance.

During the course of a year  
I receive multiple mailings  
re our RX service which I  
don't want and also other mailings  
which are costly and of no interest  
to me - all unnecessary costs  
which I don't need or want.

The insurance company is not  
my doctor(s) and should not  
be giving me medical advice  
which I get from my doctors!

Very truly yours  
VHealth Care  
Ins Co member

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August 7, 2013

Health Bureau-Premium Rate Adjustments  
New York State Dept. Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, NY 12257

Re:



Gentlemen:

Received a notification from UnitedHealth Care requesting a rate increase.

Seems that they request and get a rate increase every year in small increments which add up over time.

Being 73 and having limited resources I would suggest that you deny this request and let "United" seek economics elsewhere.

Its time that we catch a break and were without premium increases every year.

Very truly yours,



*[Faint, illegible text at the bottom of the page, possibly bleed-through or a second page of a letter.]*

Dear Tracy DiMatteo,

In reference to the proposed increase from United Health Care for my Supplement coverage-

This is a terrible burden on me and my neighbors. We are in on 70-<sup>5</sup> percent, and with these annual increases as each year goes by, we won't be able to afford any supplement coverage at all.

What ever you can do to help, would be appreciated -

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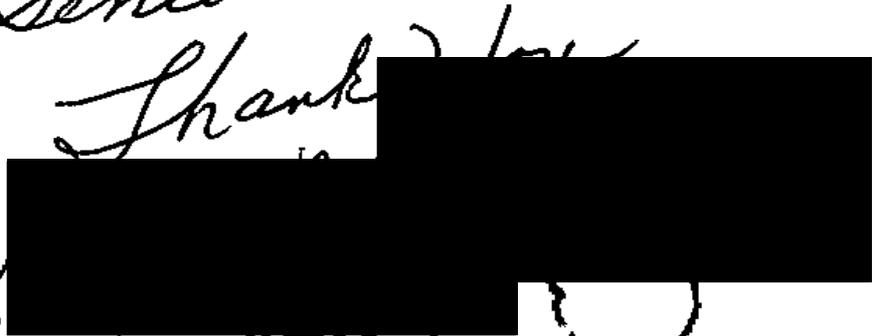


To whom it may concern.

Rates may be changing  
in 2014

I should read Rates will  
be changing in 2014

United Health care, you are  
making it harder on health  
care for the seniors -  
Thank you



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to object to the  
2014 proposed Medicare Supplement  
plan increase in the rates.  
It is a \$4.00 increase. I was  
increased by \$7.00 last year.

I am 80 years old and  
live on a very small fixed income. I  
would appreciate you opposing  
this increase. Thank you,

It Always The old ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup> that  
 are on Social Security  
~~are~~ We have to paid medicare \$104.90  
 a month. So For Both of them  
 a  $\$206.50$  right now  
 $\$104.90$  a month For medicare  
 $\underline{\$311.40}$  a month together for one

IF They rise it to  
 $209.75$  a month in april  
 $104.90$  For medicare  
 $\underline{314.65}$  a month together for  
 one

add this up For year  $311.40$   
 Come to  $3736.88$  +  $100.09$   
 $3836.97$

add this up if They rise ~~this~~ it  
 in april we will Be paid  
 For one  $3775.8$

Thank you



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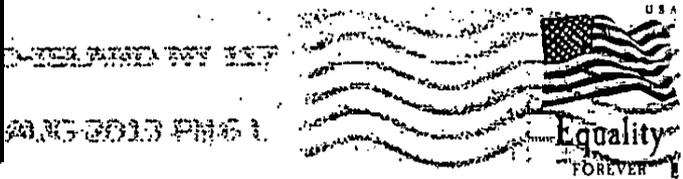
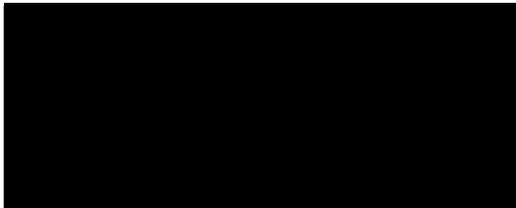
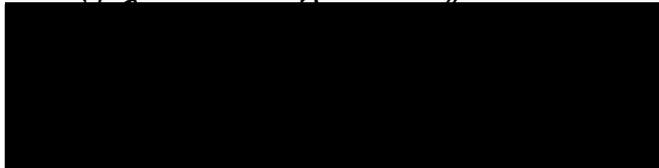


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Why are rates being raised again?

Answer: QARP is in the pocket of that [redacted] who is ruining the USA. When will it end?

God help our grandchildren!



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Aug 5 2013

United Health Care

I am writing re:  
proposed plan rate in 2014.

I understand some of  
these things are necessary with  
the additional work load +  
over use of papers.

I am willing to accept  
the \$5.50 increase and I'm  
grateful for the care we've  
been given.

As difficult as it is at  
93 I'm willing to meet our  
2014 payments of \$361. with a  
\$5.50 increase over our present  
payment of \$355.50.

Yours very truly  
[Redacted Signature]

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August 6, 2013

Health Bureau - Premium Rate Adjustments  
New York State Dept. of Financial Services  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, New York 12257

Gentlemen:

Subject: United Health Care Proposed Insurance  
Rate Increase of "2014"

I am enclosing a copy of United Health Care's  
letter of July 25, 2013 proposing an insurance  
rate increase for "2014" of 1.6% or \$3.50 per  
month. This would bring my monthly premium  
up from \$219.00 per month to \$222.50 per  
month or \$2,670 per year.

Since my yearly income is only  
\$15,226.00, this represents a large chunk of  
my income as the remaining \$12,556.00 has to  
cover the cost of Rent - Utilities - Phone - Pre-  
scription Drugs - Misc. Medical Costs - Food -  
Transportation - And - the - Charter Drugs - non-  
food items - Medical Co-payments - personal  
items & various miscellaneous costs. As you

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see, the "left over" \$12,556.00 is wholly inadequate  
with out adding increasing insurance premiums  
to it.

United Health care was granted a premium  
increase of 2.5% for "2013" or \$4.25 per  
month. Except for one year, they have re-  
corded yearly increases ever since I applied  
for coverage in "1995" when my premium was  
\$68.50 per month & now with the proposed  
increase for "2014" will go up to \$222.50 an  
annual increase of \$154.00. Meanwhile, my  
Social Security yearly increases have been  
minimal and for two years no increase  
was granted to us. My personal private pen-  
sion from my working days is extremely small  
& remains fixed & does <sup>not</sup> increase but remains  
at the same amount. No increase there either!

I realize medical costs have increased  
through the years due to medical science &  
the population living longer. We have all had  
to adjust ~~and~~ and cut from incomes.  
United Health care had to do the same.

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Just because health-care costs keep going up is no reason for executives to secure six figure salary increases, bonuses, put managers expense accounts, etc. living in "posh" homes & apartments while their premium holders are struggling to meet next month's rent. They should be ashamed of themselves for being large off the sweat of the sick & elderly. It is time for them to absorb some of these so-called increasing health care costs instead of raising the rates whenever they want a new <sup>car</sup> ~~house~~ or their wives feel they need a new fur coat.

It is impossible for us seniors to manage with all these increases & I for one have already cut my spending costs down to the bone. I have even had to resort to taking my prescription drugs every other day instead of every day & in some instances cutting the pills in half to make them last longer. My food costs can't be cut any further. I have already resorted to

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to having only two meals per day instead of  
the normal three. I no longer know what  
it is like to have a meal in a restaurant +  
the \$2.30 for a slice of pizza or \$1.50 for  
a "hot dog" is beyond my budget means.  
Is this living or existing??

Therefore, I am humbly begging you to  
"deny" United Health Care's request for a  
"2014" premium rate increase + let the  
"2013" rates remain in effect. I am quite  
certain they will not go bankrupt by doing  
so. We are certainly tightening our belts to  
the point where it hurts + the United Health-  
Care can certainly do the same by cutting the  
"pork" in their program + the excesses being  
enjoyed by their executives, staff + stock-  
holders at our expense.

Please, I ask you again, do not grant  
the "2014" increase.

Thank you.

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*This is absolutely ridiculous. How do you expect someone on a fixed budget to afford this? You take money from SS, and then we have to pay more. Take care of the Americans who have worked all their*

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New York State Dept. of Financial Services  
Albany, NY 12257

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a current subscriber United Healthcare  
Insurance Company since 2009 - as my secondary health  
insurance - Medicare first.

Each year the cost has risen. I was  
notified the rate is going up again - United  
Healthcare is requesting a change due to increased  
benefit costs expected within the plan. I quote  
from their correspondence - "Benefits <sup>not increase</sup> must get <sup>be</sup>

I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income  
and paying at present \$ <sup>257.00</sup> 257.20 for this coverage  
and it is going up again. I will have to drop it  
as I cannot afford another rise for the coverage.

Who is helping the senior citizens? Why  
is the coverage so expensive, when does  
it stop?

Please, New York Department of Financial  
Services Superintendent, you and your  
constituents <sup>try</sup> to help the senior

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Citizens of New York State. I Health Care  
premiums ~~are~~ are ludicrous for me and  
all participants.

I do not have internet or E-mail -  
I cannot afford it. Please don't try  
to reply via the internet.

Thank you for your attention and  
consideration in this very important  
matter. May I have the form of  
receipt and a reply of this letter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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## 2014 Medicare Supplement Rate Increase

The rate of my AARP insurance increased \$7.00 beginning April 2013. Now

I'm being notified of another increase of 1.670.

It's difficult to maintain a budget when there are constant increases in everyday costs of items needed by people on a fixed income.

Therefore, I object to another <sup>proposed</sup> increase so soon after the implementation in April 2013.

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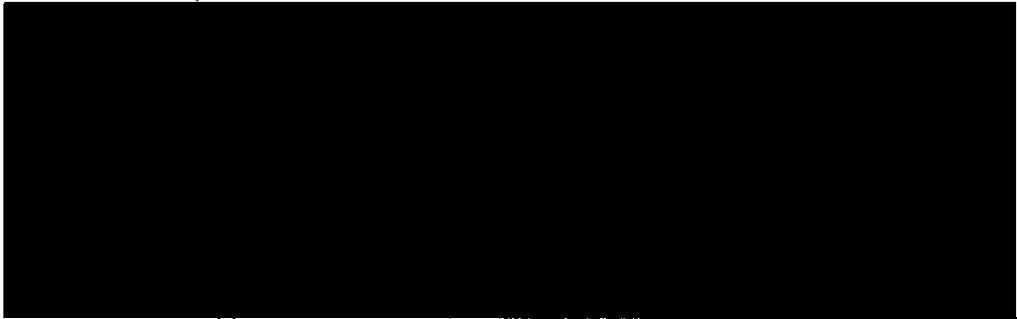
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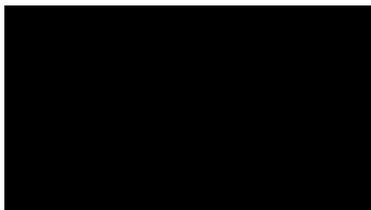
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To Whom It May Concern.

Our Rate is high already between  
my husband and I we pay \$19.50 <sup>a month</sup> not including  
our prescription drug which is almost \$90.00  
a month. Then co-pays. Some in the donut  
hole and some co pay are a 176.00. We really  
feel that we are to the limit of our  
expensive with health premium. I hope  
New York State will not grant the increase  
Thank you for hearing us out

  
We are with United Health Care  
Insurance Co. AAFP  




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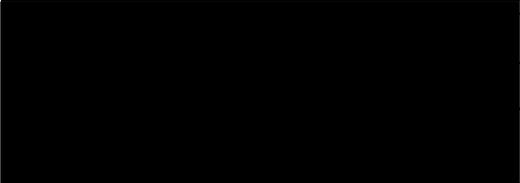
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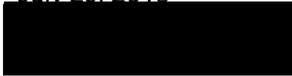


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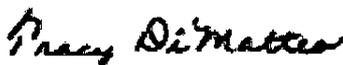
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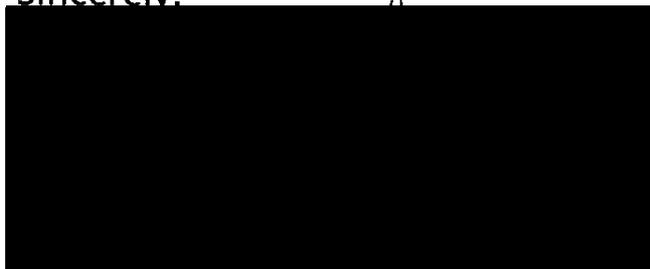
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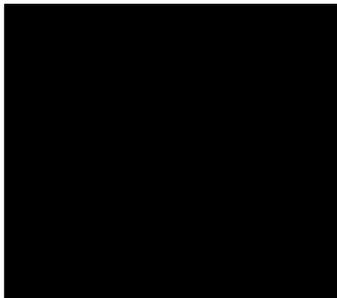
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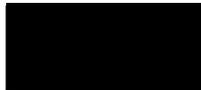
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Att: Tracy Di Matteo, Director, Operations Ins. Solutions United Healthcare

Re: 

Dear Ms. Di Matteo:

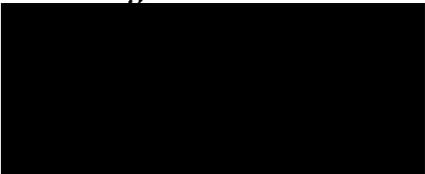
This is in response to your letter regarding the possible rate change in 2014. How many times can you continue to raise the rates????? In 2012 it went from \$231. To \$237; in 2013. the drug plan went from \$40.30 to \$43.70. This may seem menial to you but it keeps adding up. We seniors are on fixed incomes and these continued increases are causing a hardship due to other rising costs .

I have been an AARP member since 1988 and have been insured through United Healthcare for many years, in addition to having the Drug Plan. I am wondering if it's time to switch to Blue Cross, with "O" premium, which many, many of my friends have done.

I write this letter on behalf of many of my friends, who like me, are insured through United Healthcare and are considering switching if your rates continue to increase.

I look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience so we know where we stand in changing insurance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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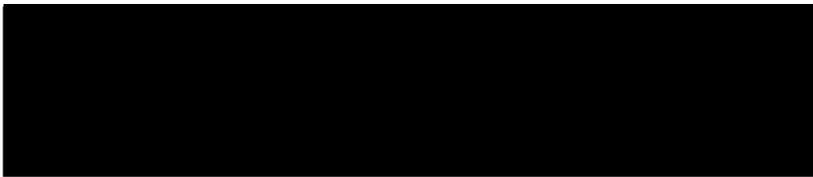
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Comments in response to letter pertaining to a rate change requested by AARP supplemental and Personal Health Plans insured by United Healthcare Insurance Company (NAIC# 60093)

The request as stated, for a rate change, should be more explicit. The insurance company is requesting an increase and it should be so stated. As a stakeholder in this change, I would like to be given the facts and figures that justify the need for this increase. I am aware there are circumstances that prompt business to increase pricing, but it should be incumbent on them to make enough information available so that clients can make an informed decision about purchasing their services.



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Member Name	Plan Code	Current Rate*	Proposed Rate*	Proposed % Change
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[REDACTED]	E	\$239.00	\$242.50	1.5%
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WHY DONT YOU PROPOSE TO INCREASE THE RATE BY AT LEAST 50% AND DO NOT WORRY, IT'S GOING TO BE ME WHO WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO BUY A LOAF OF BREAD OR A CHIP ASPERINE (GOD BLESS U.S.A.)

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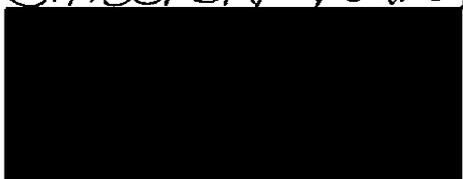
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To whom it may concern:

Please do not increase our health insurance rates in the year 2014. We cannot afford an increase as we are seniors and we live on a fixed income. We have UnitedHealthcare AARP as our secondary insurance. Medicare is our primary health insurance.

Thank you for assisting us. Thank you for sending us a letter about this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Re - United Healthcare Ins. Co Medicare  
supplement increase rate request  
from \$257.00/mo. to \$261.00/mo. for 2014

I began purchasing this insurance  
in 2006. The rates per month from  
2006 to the present are as follows:

2006	—	205.50/mo	=	\$2466.00 yr.
2007	—	220.75/mo	=	\$2649.00 yr
2008	—	227.00/mo.	=	\$2724.00 —"
2009	—	233.50/mo.	=	\$2802.00 —"
2010	—	250.75/mo	=	\$3009.00 —"
2011	—	250.75/mo.	—	"
2012	—	250.75/mo.	—	"
2013	—	257.00/mo	=	\$3084.00 — yr

This represents an increase of \$51.50  
for each month and with the new  
request would be a \$55.50 increase per  
month & \$666.00 per year.

I am sure these are tiny amounts

to all of you with your large salaries. but these are very large numbers to those of us on fixed incomes. I receive three (3) small pensions & S.S. This number is approx \$526.50 higher than one pension & \$78.01 higher than one other pension per month. The other pension is only about \$3.00 more per month than United Healthcare wants.

I also pay \$43.70/mo. for Medicare D & \$99.90/mo. currently for Medicare A & B. The grand total each month now is \$400.00. Are you & the insurance companies not going to be happy until you take every penny I & others worked hard to earn just to support your greed with your salaries & bonuses? I thought politicians promised that with Obama care - ins. rates would be less - I'm not dumb, I know that was impossible & the rate increases here are also related to that. You will not take less - you will bleed us dry instead - Don't be like that - Don't grant another increase!

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July 25, 2013



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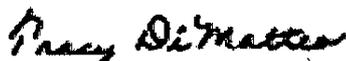
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