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**Subject:** Public Comment: Health Insurance Rate Review

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Douglas Keleher

Affiliation: Vermonter

Town/City: Woodstock

Topic: Health Insurance Rate Review

Comment: Last year, Blue Cross was allowed a large increase in premiums they charge to its members. Now, Blue Cross is back saying they need an even larger increase only one year later. As a retired State employee, I earned a pension. After deducting the medical insurance, I receive \$50 per month. If this new increase is granted, I will need to reimburse the State for the shortfall, using funds from my Social Security payment. At 70 years old, I am still working part time to pay all the taxes and bills. Board Members, please deny the Blue Cross request. Work to identify reasonable cost reductions in Vermont's health care system and enforce compliance. Thanks for reading.

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