

DLP Wants You to Pay More for Health Care

North Carolina deserves high quality care and more sustainable costs

DLP is seeking **significant rate increases of more than triple digits** over three years, which would double what North Carolina residents pay for their health care. Rising medical costs are one of the most urgent issues facing North Carolina families, and while many hospitals across the state are helping slow these unsustainable cost increases, DLP would rather cut off UnitedHealthcare patients from their doctors by demanding outrageous rates.

The History

For the last several months, we've made efforts to renew the hospital and physician contracts for our commercial and Medicare Advantage health plans.

UnitedHealthcare's interest in renewing its relationships with the DLP-owned hospitals and physicians has always been the same: make sure that our members and local employers have access to **quality and affordable health care**.

DLP has shown more interest in putting our members in the middle of this negotiation than reaching an agreement. While we provided a formal proposal to DLP in early August, the health system waited until Nov. 1 to provide its first proposal, several months after our negotiation efforts had begun.

The Facts



More Money Coming from Your Pocket

If you have a deductible or coinsurance to pay, covering your portion of your medical bill will take more money out of your pocket.

- For example, agreeing to DLP's demands would mean the cost of a C-Section would increase **by more than \$13,000** at Frye Regional Medical Center, a DLP-owned facility that is impacted by this negotiation.



Multi-Million Dollar Impact to the Communities

DLP's current demands mean local employers would pay almost **\$46 million more** in health care costs over the next three years for their employees' care at the hospitals and physicians affected by this negotiation.

- Our analysis also shows this increase could cost our largest employer groups an **additional \$1 million to \$2.8 million** over the next three years.



Local Jobs at Risk

Agreeing to DLP's rate demands would raise the cost of health care to an unsustainable level and put the local communities and business environment at risk.

- Higher insurance costs would put financial pressure on city budgets and companies who employ thousands of local residents.

