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I cannot express strongly enough how much I am opposed to this conversion of BCBSLA to a for profit organization. Since qualifying for Medicare 12 years ago, I have thanked my lucky stars for finding BCBS to provide backup to my Medicare coverage. Since then I seldom have to pay anything for my medical care. Now that is all about to change because the board of directors have figured out a way to enrich themselves by selling the organization and setting up a non-profit that of course they will run and have access to those funds anytime they please. But back to BCBS, in my career as an environmental scientist/consultant, I have been through several corporate sales, mergers and take-overs, and none have turned out to be good for the company being taken over. Elevance has a board of directors and stock holders to please and the only way to do that is to increase profits. How do they do that? Cutting costs is the obvious answer. How do they do that? Cutting back on the amount of benefits paid out is the obvious answer. They are taking a page out of politicians' playbooks by promising the moon and stars and devlivering dust. So, let's call a spade a spade - the only winners out of this debacle is Elevance. The losers? All of Louisiana. Please stamp this thing "NOT APPROVED". Please convey to the BCBSLA board of directors that they have to figure out another way to enrich themselves beside screwing the BCBS members.Thank you.