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Your Message	<p>BCBS acquisition - I voted against and think the state should as well. Coincidentally, I am sure the terms block the purchaser from raising premiums for a period of time so assume that the notice I received this week from BCBS raising my premium \$120 a month had nothing to do with this deal. I believe I read somewhere there was a no increase premium period, just can not recall where. How many of the BCBS insured received the same letter. 2 million insured X \$?????= what. They just increased revenues. Why, right before the vote. Purchaser wanted them to. Articles mentioned that it will provide better service, better outcomes. Not sure how this will improve as no plan to do so was introduced to my knowledge or at least do not recall reading anything. The following quote "Steven Udvarhelyi, president of Blue</p>

	<p>Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, noted the state is among the highest for health care costs and among the lowest for outcomes." Who negotiates the fees paid, Not me or any other insured. Renegotiate. articles were on either WBRZ or Hayride article.(goggle search) AS BCBS just sent me a new increased premium notice, Quote:"I would suggest that the status quo in health care is not working in Louisiana. We are paying more and getting less than other states," he said. "We are proposing this plan of reorganization because it will allow Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana to offer its policy holders lower premium costs in the future." If this in fact is not the case then who will be responsible for paying those higher premiums, certainly not STEVE. I believe fees will be raised as soon as possible or within the terms of the agreement which I have no idea what they are. I received a rebate from BCBS in 2023 because of some statue i believe which equaled to a little more than one month of premiums. Lawmakers and the Insurance commission can amend statue to increase the profit overnight of BCBS. This is one of my largest monthly expenses. Premiums will increase as soon as allowed.</p>
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