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I have spent my whole career in the medical field and dealt with many different insurance companies. Out of all of them, Blue Cross/Blue Shield has always been dependable/fair and a top notch company to deal with. There is never an issue with BC/BS policies and payments and always in a timely manner. I am vehemently OPPOSED to the sale of BC/BS to Elevance which is a for profit company. For profit medical companies ALWAYS put profit above the safe healthcare of the patients. A non profit will start bidding out for cheaper supplies to be used which means lesser quality and less reliability which in turn could jeopardize the lives of some patients. Imagine if you was scheduled to have a heart valve put in and your insurance told you they would only pay for the cheaper 'high percentage known to fail' valve/stint instead of the reliable ;proven safe over time' valve/stint. And their reason is because they dont think the better one is needed because bottom line is it would cost them more money for you to get that one?? I have seen this scenario in the past. Along with surgeries needed that would not be paid for because it would cost the company too much money or a patient needing an extra test or day in the hospital that the company refused to pay because the bill has reached a certain amount. Worst is when a patient has a medical emergency (like a heart attack or cancer diagnosis) that hinders the life and income of a patient and the insurance company pays over a certain amount- then insurance company raises the rates to where the patient cannot afford health insurance anymore. There has been so much discussion over people not being able to afford health insurance and suffering because of it. I feel if BC/BS is allowed to sell to this other company there will be MANY people in Louisiana that within a few years will NOT be able to afford their rates and will have to drop their health insurance which in turn will be a death sentence for some!!!! In that case, the state of Louisiana will be liable....