

Dear Oregon Senators,

I am 84, white, and on Medicare with an Advantage Plan. But my grandchildren can't afford any insurance, like so many other hard-working people. I write on their behalf. Insurance companies are focused on profits, not on helping people very much. Example: I just had to pay \$200 for a drug to treat my recurrent UTIs which are resistant to nearly everything. The next step would be to get IV drugs in hospital, not a great option. Yet Health Net refused to pay a decent amount on the only-effective drug because it is "not on their formulary, or is subject to certain limits". Yet the doctor at urgent care said his relative working in Afghanistan or some poor country, uses the same drug regularly BECAUSE IT IS THE CHEAPEST ONE THERE! THIS IS A CRUEL GAME; DRUG PRICES CAN BE WHATEVER THEY CAN GET!

Oregon's citizens deserve cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care without having to hassle with an insurance company.