Petition to HealthSource RI Insurers: Don't impose a mandatory abortion fee!

To: Peter Andruszkiewicz, President & CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI
Stephen J. Hemsley, President & CEO of UnitedHealth Group
James A. Hooley, President & CEO of Neighborhood Health Plans of RI

It is unconscionable that a mandatory abortion fee will be charged to all individuals and organizations purchasing health insurance through HealthSource RI. Governor Lincoln Chafee has laid the blame for this decision on your company. "The plans the insurance companies chose to submit covered abortion," Christine Hunsinger told the Providence Journal.

Do you care so little about pro-life customers like myself that you could not submit plans that exclude coverage for elective abortion and, therefore, do not require a mandatory abortion fee? Did you not consider the burden this would place on the consciences of those who understand that abortion takes the life of an innocent human being? Your decision is particularly egregious because many struggling families will be turning to the exchange to avail of the affordability credits. What gives you the right to force them to choose between their consciences and the needs of their families?

I urge you to immediately make plans available through HealthSource RI that do not cover elective abortion and, thus, do not require a mandatory abortion fee. And I hope you will explain your involvement in this outrageous coercion and discrimination against so many pro-life citizens of Rhode Island.

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