



The Senate

STATE OF IOWA
Eighty-sixth General Assembly
STATEHOUSE
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

November 29, 2017

The Honorable Kim Reynolds
Governor, State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds,

We are writing to you today to express our grave concerns about Medicaid. The loss of AmeriHealth Caritas and the inability of Amerigroup to take new members leaves too many Iowans without choice.

It is a fundamental, legal requirement to offer Medicaid beneficiaries a choice of managed care plans. It is completely unfair to offer the fee-for-service system to only those members that were able to make a choice before November 16.

Due to the lack of timely notice, more than 200,000 Iowans are being assigned to United Healthcare, regardless of their preference.

In the name of fairness and choice, we are requesting that you grant an additional 30 days for former AmeriHealth members to choose either United or the fee-for-service system.

Thank you for considering this reasonable option for Iowans. Please let us know your decision as soon as possible.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Ragan".

Senator Amanda Ragan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Mathis".

Senator Liz Mathis