

Representative Primavera,
Health insurance companies are preventing their insured clients from getting the treatments, prescriptions, and or having their coverage canceled altogether to save their bottom line even though the out of state companies they have hired are denying services and have never examined the patients.

Conneceticut General Life Insurance Company (CIGNA) receives \$15,600/year for my wife and I through her employer for health insurance with Cigna. My wife works at a Denver Hospital.

I have gone through intensive testing at National Jewish Hospital in Denver and had an endoscopic exam by my gastrointestinal doctor. It has been determined I have a three conditions that can be maintained with one medication. JUST ONE PILL, 2X/DAY!! I have acid reflux greater than Five (5) times that of a normal person my age. I also have a hiatal hernia and a condition called Barrett's esophagus. If those are not treated with Nexium then gastrointestinal fluid drains into my lungs and makes it difficult to breathe. Also if Barrett's esophagus is not treated, cancer of the esophagus may develop in the future. Otherwise I'm a healthy person who has had no expensive claims such as hospitalization or chronic illnesses that require seeing a doctor for other than routine exams.

Cigna has previously allowed me to get this medication. Now they are denying me the drug. My condition has not improved. They also are denying a similar drug, Asophex. Cigna has hired a company in Illinois, SXC Health Solutions. They are the ones denying my claim. I have never been examined by any of their doctors. My doctors have written to this company to emphasize the seriousness of this condition to get this drug approved. I also believe Cigna gives bonuses to SXC Health for denying medical claims and canceling coverage if they find out a person has a condition that could cost them money in the future.

Why are companies who have never examined me making the medical decisions I pay my doctor to make? By denying me Nexium 2x/ day which has been recommended by TWO (2) licensed Colorado doctors is putting my health in jeopardy and is unreasonable under Colorado law!!!

STOP INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM CONTROLLING THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY!

Please help! SUPPORT SENATOR MORGAN CARROLL'S SENATE BILL 09-061

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