

SUPPORT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTH PLAN WITH PUBLIC OPTION *and protest insurance abuses!*

Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 12:00 noon

Two rallies at United Healthcare,
the top for-profit insurer in Maryland

- Rockville: 6 Taft Court – *United's reg'l HQ*
- Owings Mills: 10045 Red Run Blvd

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Why Are We Protesting United Healthcare?

BIG INSURANCE

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- United Healthcare is one of the nation's two biggest for-profit health insurance companies.
- In 2007, United posted profits of \$4.65 billion, up from \$1.66 billion in 2003.
- UnitedHealth Group's CEO Stephen J. Hemsley's total compensation to date: \$750 million
- United's previous CEO William McGuire cashed in hundreds of millions in stock options when he stepped down in 2006, on top of the over \$500 million he had already been paid.
- United and the rest of the health care industry is spending \$1.4 million a day to kill or weaken the health care reform legislation now moving through Congress.
- In Maryland, United is the #1 for-profit health insurer, controlling over 20% of the market
- In Maryland, where United purchased Mid-Atlantic Medical Services (MAMSI) in 2004, the company has been subject to hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines by the Maryland Insurance Commission for illegal denial of claims and other abusive practices.
- United has paid millions in penalties for similar violations in other states, including Texas, California, and New York.
- New York Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo accused the company of defrauding consumers by manipulating reimbursement rates. United settled with Cuomo and paid \$400 million.
- United is under investigation in CA for denying 40% of claims.
- Consumer Watchdog requested that the Attorney General in CA investigate whether UnitedHealth Group broke state law by pressuring their employees to oppose health reform.
- 3,000 Americans die every two months from denial of care by our profit-driven health insurance system – the same number that died in the terrorist attacks on our soil eight years ago this month.