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**Minnesotans Get Raw Deal**

Minnesota insurers got a special deal and Minnesotans got a raw deal. The insurers were all planning to exit the government exchange, so the State agreed to give them what they wanted. The State allowed them to significantly raise premiums on individuals and families, and agreed to let them cap enrollment. One health plan is only willing to enroll 1,700 individuals. The health plans agreed to this for only one year.

If the plans leave, the Minnesota exchange, which is in dismal shape, will collapse. The state should let it happen. In 2017, individuals and families will pay premium increases of 50 to 67 percent. That’s a very steep price to pay to keep the failing exchange open.

“Individual health plan premiums to jump at least 50 percent in Minn.” Christopher Snowbeck, Star Tribune, October 1, 2016.