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Hi,

I'm submitting the following letter on behalf of the CEO of the National Association of Health Underwriters, Janet Trautwein. Is there any chance you might be able to run it?

Best,  
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Dear Editor,

A recent article reported that health insurers will have to rebate \$1.3 billion to consumers and employers because they spent too much on administration under the terms of the federal healthcare law ("Health insurers to pay \$1.3 billion in rebates: study," April 26). That may sound like good news, but the rules have driven insurers out of several states -- and thereby limited consumers' healthcare options.

Aetna has withdrawn from Colorado because of concerns about its ability to comply with the new rules. Consequently, some 22,000 customers had to find new coverage. Three thousand Virginians fared similarly when UniCare decided to leave the state. And in neighboring Indiana, 10 percent of the state's insurers have exited because they cannot comply with the rules.

Other states could soon suffer the same fate -- fewer insurance choices and eventually, higher premiums.

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