



NJ HORIZON WATCH COALITION

Working for Quality and Affordable Health Care for All

Call NJ Senate President Richard Codey and tell him to post S2532 for a vote now!

Call Senator Codey: (973) 731-6770

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield - New Jersey's *largest* and *only* non-profit health insurer - wants to become a for-profit company and become even wealthier than they are right now.

NJ regulators are considering Horizon's petition. We need to make sure when it comes to our health, this process is open and transparent and any decision about granting or denying Horizon's petition is made based on the public interest, including our health.

S2532, sponsored by Senator Loretta Weinberg, requires that state regulators **conduct a health impact study** to determine if Horizon's bid to go for-profit would hurt our help us when it comes to insurance premiums, access to quality health care and competition among insurance companies. An independent health impact study, the results of which will be available to the public, will also ensure that politicians don't cut a backroom deal with this insurance company to the detriment of our health.

This bill has broad support and has already passed in the State Assembly and in the Senate Commerce Committee. We need Senate President Codey to protect the health care needs of all New Jerseyans, including consumers and post this bill for a vote.

For more information on Horizon's conversion petition go to www.njforhealthcare.org or www.njcitizenaction.org.

Horizon Watch Coalition Partner Organizations: AARP NJ, Alliance for Disabled in Action, Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities, Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council AFL-CIO, Bergen Peace and Justice Coalition, BlueWave NJ, Community Catalyst, Consumers for Civil Justice, Consumers Union, Council of NJ State College Locals AFT, CWA District 1, CWA Local 1032, CWA Local 1037, Elder Rights Alliance, Family Voices NJ, Gray Panthers of South Jersey, Health Care for All-NJ, Health Professionals and Allied Employees, Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministries of NJ, National Association of Social Workers NJ Chapter, NEXT STEP, NJ Appleseed Public Interest Law Center, NJ Citizen Action, NJ Citizen Action Education Fund, NJ Primary Care Association, NJ Public Health Institute, NJ Public Interest Research Group, NJ Working Families Alliance, Rutgers AAUP-AFT, South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul Chapter, Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

