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PLEASE, look at this catastrophic state of affairs and do something to prevent the mass exodus of physicians from our state. Especially for those of us on the border with another state, it will happen if we cannot be insured in our state.

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