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Subject: Comments to the Governor

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
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Issue: State employees' health care premiums

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Message: State employees received a health plan update earlier this month giving us the increased premiums for our health insurance. As is every state employee, I am concerned with ever increasing costs and decreasing benefits. I was much upset to learn that with this premium increase married employees who insure both spouse and one child were targeted for discrimination. The premium for one child only was reduced to \$87 monthly. The premium for coverage for a spouse and one child has increased to \$325. Because the premium for a spouse only is \$216, this makes the premium for one child when the spouse is covered

\$109. I have always felt it was unfair to charge the same rate to employees with children regardless of whether one child or ten children were covered. I am happy to see some improvement made for the cost of dependent coverage when only one child is covered. I do feel that the current resolution offers improvement to only employees who are single parents or those who do not elect coverage for a spouse. It seems we have reached a time when our federal government is making an effort to stop penalizing people for being married. I do not feel that my state government is giving me the same consideration. I have been a state employee for 20 years. I feel the health plan that was designed to help me is constantly finding ways to penalize me.

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