## Sabotage by Health Care Industry & Conservative Politicians True Cause of Rising Health Premiums

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Blaming ObamaCare is a political gambit, not health policy. A robust public option and controlling prescription drug costs essential.

STATEWIDE - The 2017 health insurance premium rates <u>released by the Walker</u>

<u>Administration</u> present an incomplete picture.

While the release of rates by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is a step forward from last year, when <u>Wisconsin was the only state not to release premium prices</u> in advance, the agency's press release is silent on the causes of health insurance inflation. This silence has muddled this critical public policy question and left the door open to misleading explanations that won't help us make health care more affordable.

Rising health insurance premiums are not being driven by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but by the reemergence of health insurance industry discrimination and price gouging by pharmaceutical corporations and medical service providers.