

11/18/13: Anthony Weil, Letter To The Editor: "I Bought A Plan That Costs Less Than What That 50 Percent -Increase Insurer Had Offered Me For 2013, And It Had Better Coverage, A Better Deductible, A Better Out-Of-Pocket Max, Better Co-Pays, A Better Prescription Plan... So If You're Reading This, Don't Let The Troubled Site Hold You Back. Keep Trying. You Won't Regret It."

"I retired in 2007 and paid for a private -insurance plan from 2009 to 2013. In 2012, I was paying about \$800 per month. And in 2013, my insurance company sent me a letter saying that they were raising my premium by nearly 50 percent to almost \$1,200 per month. I'd be paying almost \$400 more per month for the same plan. I was pretty upset. I knew I had enough money to get by, but a 50 percent increase was going to make things tight. I had to make a choice; pay an exorbitant premium, which would seriously impact my finances, or downsize my insurance plan. So I dropped them and joined what I call a 'catastrophic plan' just to have some type of security...But I knew Obamacare was coming. I was waiting for it. So when enrollment started at midnight on Oct. 1, I was on healthcare.gov at 1 a.m. As I said before, the site takes patience. I was frustrated at first, but I wanted it to work. So I kept trying. And when I got in and completed my application on Oct. 5, I was delighted by the options and premiums. I bought a plan that costs less than what that 50 percent-increase insurer had offered me for 2013, and it had better coverage, a better deductible, a better out-of-pocket max, better co-pays, a better prescription plan. It was just better. I got a lot more for a lot less. I'd been suffering every year watching my premiums rise until I was tiptoeing around trying to dodge sickness. And that's all over now. So if you're reading this, don't let the troubled site hold you back. Keep trying. You won't regret it ... Anthony Weil PISCATAWAY."

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