

To Plan Administrator:

I recently learned that my dermatology provider from Hudson Dermatology will no longer be in-network with UnitedHealth Medicare. This is very disappointing to me. I have been a patient of Hudson Dermatology for a number of years and have been very pleased with my care. Hudson Dermatology physicians are knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate.

Hudson Dermatology is one of the few independent dermatology practices in our area, and is the only provider of specialty skin cancer care in Dutchess, Ulster, and Columbia Counties. It is sad that UnitedHealthcare does not support independent groups, despite its astronomical profits. While choking off our access to independent doctors, UnitedHealthcare is channeling our taxpayer Medicare dollars into buying and corporatizing physician groups in our area! This is an appalling and shameful conflict of interest.

I worked hard for my retirement health benefits; do not let UnitedHealthcare take them away from me! I urge you to call on UnitedHealthcare to make accommodation that will permit me to continue seeing my chosen dermatologist.

Sincerely,