

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Ms. Maryellen V. Hanwacker
50 Mainecock Avenue
East Islip, NY 11730

Dear Ms. Hanwacker:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns about your ability to continue to see your doctor under the President's proposal for health care reform. One of the fundamental principles of the President's plan is consumer choice -- choice of health plans and doctors.

Today, only 3 out of every 10 employers with fewer than 500 employees offer any choice of health plan to their employees. Under the President's approach, individuals, rather than employers, will choose their health plans, expanding the range of choice for many Americans. Health plans will be required to provide understandable information to consumers about consumer satisfaction and health outcomes so that individuals can make informed choices among plans. You, like all Americans, will be offered at least one fee-for-service plan and a point-of-service option in all managed care plans to ensure that you can see any doctor you choose.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: The Honorable Rick Lazio