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**To: LHP Policyholders**

**From: Leah Barron, CEO**

**RE: Legislative Update**

**Date: July 1, 2010**

The final version of the Appropriations bill did **NOT** include any funding for the High Risk Health Insurance Pool.

What is the impact of loss of the \$2 million?

1. Lowered number of new enrollees in the High Risk Pool
2. Decrease in the "Reserves" for long term claims payment
3. Possible increases in premiums

The Board of Directors has worked diligently over the last several years to maintain premiums at current levels or, when possible, decrease premiums. This has been based on policyholder needs, one-time federal grants, and funding from the legislature.

Every effort will be made to control the cost of premiums. However, new federal regulations and diminished grant funding may increase rates. Because federal regulations are not finalized and grants not issued, we cannot make a determination as to the impact on premiums at this time.

For those of you with web access, you can receive updates at our website:  
[www.lahealthplan.org](http://www.lahealthplan.org).

Thank you. We appreciate your interest and will do all that we can to ensure reasonable premiums and fiscal responsibility.