

Comments by Representative John Kowalko sent on October 11th to all Delaware General Assembly members:

After reviewing this proposal and its intentions I am forced to conclude that this legislation appears to be an attempt by G.A. leadership to avoid/ignore their responsibilities to retirees and position themselves as absolved of any responsibilities in this matter.

1. The bill makes absolutely no attempt to define the reality that Medicare Advantage plans are privatization
2. Makes no attempt to reject this proposal
3. Makes no attempt to delay the implementation of this privatization proposal
4. Makes no attempt to confront or address the total lack of transparency in this process
5. Makes no attempt to address or acknowledge the responsibilities and obligations that the GA has toward its employees and retirees
6. Condone the behavior of Secretary DeMatteis who consistently and persistently misled and misinformed the public
7. Supports Secretary DeMatteis's behavior by placing an "oversight" officer in the Department of Human Resources that she heads.
8. Supports the "false flag" contention made by Sec. Geisenberger, that this mandate is the "only" option to control health care arrearage costs
9. Makes no attempt to extend existing choices for Medicare supplement plans (Medicfill) to retirees, while this mandated contrivance is examined with the engagement of those retirees.
10. Insults the intelligence of every retiree by pretending that the GA is interested in upholding its contractual promises and obligations to its retirees and future retirees when, in fact, it has chosen to allow those promises to be broken.
11. Sends a chilling message that every legislator who supports this is only interested in ensuring their own reelection as opposed to their obligations to retirees
12. Fails to acknowledge that no retirees were involved in crafting this administration's abuse of power and the public trust when constructing this "Advantage" plan

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