

# **RISE Delaware Update: Alert! Amendment 2 to HB 281 needs your strong opposition!**

From Sen. Karen Peterson (ret.), Legislative Liaison for RISE:

Representative Yearick has proposed Amendment 2 to HB 281 which would allow Medicare Advantage to be offered to State employees who **RETIRE** on or after January 1, 2028. We all know how such "offers" work. WE NEED TO OPPOSE THIS AMENDMENT 2!

Rep. Paul Baumbach - who drafted HB281 to carry out a key recommendation of the RHBAS (#6) that any changes to plan design (so that certainly includes Medicare Advantage which represents a massive change in plan design) should be limited to employees **HIRED** on or after January 1, 2025 - has told us that Amendment 2 "directly violates RHBAS recommendations." We expect that Rep. Baumbach will not support Amendment 2.

The Synopsis of Amendment 2 states:

"This Amendment allows a plan under Medicare part C, a Medicare Advantage Plan, as an option for eligible pensioners who retire on or after January 1, 2028."

You can find the amendment here:

<https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail?legislationId=140932>

You can find the members of the House Administration Committee here:

<https://legis.delaware.gov/CommitteeDetail?committeeld=581>

**Write the members of the House Administration Committee and tell them that you oppose Rep. Yearick's Amendment 2 to HB 281 as contrary to the recommendations of the RHBAS!**

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