

Why We're Asking For A Fair Deal.

People sometimes ask why a doctor talks about reimbursement rates. Here's why.

Reimbursement is not an accounting term. It is the overnight nurse. It is the trauma bay that never closes. It is the clinic that stays open in a neighborhood where staying open is not profitable. Every dollar that Independence Blue Cross decides to keep instead of fairly sharing is really a decision about who they believe deserves care.

And it's wrong.

With runaway inflation, the cost of delivering care keeps climbing, but IBX refuses to keep pace. Pennsylvania families pay about 3% more than the national average for coverage, while Pennsylvania hospitals are paid 14% below it, and in southeastern Pennsylvania, it's even more dire, as hospitals are paid an unsustainable 39 percent below the national average.

Consistent with this underpayment, it comes as no surprise that

Independence Blue Cross has chosen to pay Jefferson roughly 40% below the national average.

We are not asking for a 40% increase. We are asking that more of the premiums families pay actually go towards their care and not IBX's bottom line.

Not more than our share, just a fair share.

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