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From: Brackbill, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:47 AM
To: 'Chronister, Ronald'
Subject: Highmark/UPE Form A Filing: Public Comment Received from Ms. Peg Bittner

Mr. Chronister,

The following public comment concerning the subject filing is being forwarded to you for appropriate response.

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To: Brackbill, Robert
Subject: Promise kept

Good Morning Robert,

I have a concern and I know there are other former employees that have had this thought and concern go through their heads as well. I am hoping you can get Highmark to give you and us an honest in plain simple English writing an answer on one matter.

Back in 2010 there were company wide meetings about medical benefits for potential retirees. There were a number of people who were older and creeping up on retirement age but not enough time to benefit from retiree benefits. So the company came up with a new benefit that was if you had 10 or more years as of a certain date and were 45 years old the company would set aside for you $9,000 in medical benefits money for each year you were there. I personally have well over $100,000.00 in my nest egg. So once my unemployment and COBRA ran out, my medical coverage is being paid for out of that $100,000.00. When I reach Medicare eligible then I can use that nest egg for my supplement as long as I use one of Highmark's plans.

Now with all these investments and spending they are doing I along with many others are nervous that these funds will not be around when we need them. We do not get any statements or notifications on how much is in there and what has been used to date. I feel that we should be kept up to date since we were promised it and are counting on that for our real retirement years.

Is there anyway a report can be generated by person to indicate the balances or confirm what each of us has in there?

Highmark keeps spending and bailing out places that they are not concerning themselves with the people who enabled them to have the means to do that. They are not thinking or concentrating on their insurance members or retirees. Business practices and quality is at the all time lowest. Who they eliminated are the ones who are irritating the members the most. Yet, those positions were looked at as ones not in direct contact with the members according to Highmark. I wonder what floor they checked on?

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Thank you Robert

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